



1969 Mountbatten Medal – Ronald Heslop

On the afternoon of 14th August, 1969, Nicholas Weir aged 8 and Alison Weir, aged 9, were playing on an old raft about 30 yards from the shore at Balmedie Beach, Aberdeenshire, when the raft capsized. Although both children were able to swim, they could make no headway against the current and were being swept out to sea. Ronald Heslop waded out and carried the boy ashore. By this time, the girl had been carried 300 yards from shore. Heslop swam out with a rubber tube and towed the girl ashore with much difficulty. Two men waded in to assist over the last stage.

There was a heavy inshore swell and a strong ebb tide.