



1974 Mountbatten Medal – Bernard Robins

At about 2.50 AM on the 2nd March 1974, a young woman, Mrs. Fice, was seen to jump off the river bridge at Totnes, Devon. The police were alerted and Sergeant Robins and Constable Daniel arrived to find that Mrs. Fice had been carried downstream by a strong current. She was located by torch light and appeared to be floating on her back. While Constable Daniel kept her face spotlighted, Sergeant Robins stripped and swam out. He secured Mrs. Fice, who was then semi-conscious, and towed her to the opposite bank. The rescue was over a distance of 75 yards and the air temperature was below freezing. Mrs Fice recovered.