

Constable Dade was on his way to duty by motorcycle when he was told that a man had attempted to break into a house and had threatened to shoot the occupier. The Constable took a youth from the house on the pillion of his machine and the youth pointed out the man. Dade called to the man who immediately pulled a pistol from his pocket, aimed it at the officer and threatened to shoot him. The Constable got off his machine and went towards the man, telling him to drop the gun but the man continued to point it at the officers head and said he would kill him. The man backed towards a field, still threatening to shoot the officer, who edged towards the man and drew his baton with the intention of throwing it at him. When Dade was only a few feet away the man threw a mackintosh over the Constables head, Dade threw his baton in the direction of the man and tore the coat from his head and gave chase after his assailant, over two fields, through two barb wire fences, across a river and over a railway line but then lost sight of the man due to failing light in the wooded countryside. The man was later arrested by two other Constables.