

**Joseph James LEE, Constable, Liverpool City Police. 23rd April 1963**

In the early hours of the morning a seaman fell from the Georges Landing Stage at a point near to the Seacombe Ferry berth, and was swept by the force of the ebbing tide beneath the Princess Landing Stage. He could not swim, but managed to grasp the Staging and shout for help. The cries were heard by Constable Lee and a Sergeant and two other men. Lee removed part of his clothing for immediate action and with one of the others made his way to a point just south of the Floating Roadway and climbed down onto a Pontoon. By the beam of a hand torch directed between the water and the under part of the Stage, they saw the man hanging on to the Stage with both hands. Constable .Lee lowered himself into the water and a rope was tied under his armpits. A lifebelt with a rope attached was thrown into the water alongside the Constable. The Constable then ducked beneath the Staging, there being only about 18 inches between the water and the Stage at this time, and pulled himself along sideways towards the immersed man, whose head he could see some 15 to 20 yards away, towards ,the centre of the Stage. Lee edged himself along until he could reach the man with his left hand and gripping him commenced to make his way back. The .men at the other end of the rope pulled slowly and firmly until both rescuer and rescued were pulled clear of the Stage.