

Walter Alan BONNER, Constable, Liverpool City Police. 25th September 1962

A man entered a bank, grasped hold of the only customer, a woman, pressed a revolver into her temple and threatened to kill her unless money was handed over. The cashier fearing for the safety of the customer pushed over a bundle of five pound notes. The man grabbed the money and ran out of the door brandishing the revolver. The alarm was sounded and two policemen and members of the Bank staff went in pursuit of the gunman. As his pursuers turned a corner after him the gunman turned as he ran and fired one shot at them. No one was hurt and the chase continued. Others joined in the chase and more shots were fired. Constable Bonner was driving a police motor cycle when he heard a shot and the sound of people screaming and shouting. He saw the man running with the revolver in his hand being chased by the constables and others. Constable Bonner then accelerated his machine and drove it straight at the man whom he hit and knocked to the ground. The motor cycle fell over and Constable Bonner jumped on top of the criminal and held him until the other Police Officers arrived and took him into custody.