

20 SEP 1922

17A

Sir,

I have to acquaint you for the information of the Secretary of State, that on the occasion of the murder of the late Field-Marshal Sir Henry Wilson on the 22nd June 1922, one [REDACTED], aged [REDACTED], of [REDACTED], rendered valuable assistance in connection with the arrest of the murderers [REDACTED], who was in Eaton Place with a motor car at the time of the occurrence, drove towards the murderers who, seeing that they were being followed, threatened to shoot and pointed their revolvers at him. Despite this he continued to follow them and eventually endeavoured to secure one of the men who thereupon fired at him, the bullet entering his thigh, thereby causing a serious wound which necessitated [REDACTED] detention in hospital for five weeks.

The case is one in which [REDACTED] should, in my opinion, receive a substantial reward, and I have accordingly to recommend that the Secretary of State may be pleased to sanction a special grant to him of not less than £25 from the Police Fund.

I would at the same time refer to the Secretary of State's letter of the 31st January 1911, No. 202212/5, relative to the grant of a similar amount to a private person who assisted Police in connection with the arrest of an armed burglar.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

The Under Secretary of State,
etc. etc.,
Home Office,
S.W.1.

W. Howard
The Commissioner of Police
of the Metropolis

MEMORANDUM

Acc.

In December 1910, a police officer was endeavouring to overpower an armed burglar who had fired four shots at him.

[redacted], the [redacted],
with a [redacted] of [redacted] and also [redacted],
a [redacted], went to the officer's assistance,
whereby the prisoner was eventually secured. [redacted]
[redacted] was very slightly injured.

The Commissioner recommended to the Home Office that the following rewards be paid from the Police Fund :-

[redacted] £25
[redacted] £5

The Secretary of State (202215/5 dated 31/1/1911) authorised :-

[redacted] £25
[redacted] £10 and a gold watch value £10.

Each of these persons also received the sum of £48 from a fund inaugurated by the Mayor of Southwark.

This case governed my idea when I suggested £25 - The total received by [redacted] would be the equivalent of what is suggested [redacted] is not a taxi driver & is not licensed by Police. He is a [redacted]

As you wished I have kept the letter till now - you want to speak to the Comd

A.H. 9/12/22

No. 728.
(Unruled).

Metropolitan Police.

13B

Walton Street

STATION.

"B"

DIVISION.

15th September

1922.

Reference to Papers.

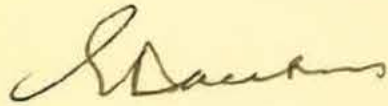
A.3. Memo.
201/SHW/58.
dated 12/9/22.

With reference to Memorandum quoted in margin.

I beg to report that P.C's March, Sayers, Bush and Duff, have been warned to attend before the Chief Magistrate at Bow Street Police Court, on Monday next at 2.p.m.

P.C. Sayer has been supplied with a Railway Pass and states that he does not require an ambulance to convey him from Victoria Station to Bow Street Police Court.

Letters from P.C's March and Sayer attached.



SUPERINTENDENT.

A.3.

C.O. Reference.	Divisional Reference.	Division.	Chief Constable's Reference.
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SUBJECT. REWARDS.

Submits report re P.C's March, Sayer, Bush and Duff, warned to attend
Bow Street Police Court on 18th September 1922.

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[REDACTED]
14th September, 1922

To Superintendent Bacchus, "B" Divn.

I beg to reply that I have received the memo., dated 13th September, 1922, warning me to attend Bow Street Police Court at 2 p.m., Monday 18th September.

Pleased to report that I am feeling much better.

W. March, P.C. 411^B.

Police Seaside Home,

Hove.

14th, September 1922.

Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 13th inst,
and in reference to same will attend at Bow
Street Police Court at 2pm the 18th as requested.

I shall not require the ambulance.

Yours Obediently,
C. C. Laver

201/SHW/58.(A3).

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Commissioner's Office,
12th September, 1922.

MEMORANDUM.

The Chief Magistrate, Bow Street Police Court, wishes to present rewards to Constables March, Sayers, Bush, and Duff, at 2p.m. on Monday next, 18th September, at Bow Street Police Court.

As regards P.C.March, it is understood that he will be returning to Town on Friday next, but he should be acquainted at once by letter to ensure his attendance.

Similar arrangements are to be made to notify P.C.Sayers who is now at the Convalescent Home, Hove, and a railway pass should be forwarded to him for his use. If an ambulance is required to convey this officer from Victoria Railway Station, the necessary arrangements can be made.

Will you please submit a further report in due course.

By order,

Superintendent.

Supt. Bacchus,

B Division.

No. 781.

METROPOLITAN POLICE. 11 a

Walton Street STATION.

SPECIAL REPORT.

"B" DIVISION.

SUBJECT 9th. day of September 19 22.

Commendations.

(1).

To Superintendent.

REFERENCE TO PAPERS.

I beg to report that in June 1922,

201/SHW/58.

was rented furnished by a

of

was employed by this lady as a chef and it is

believed he and his wife have now returned to Scotland with

A. V. Burston

D.D. Insp. r.

9/9/22

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Supt
9/9/22

No. 728.
(Unruled).

Metropolitan Police. 11 B

WALTON STREET STATION. "B" DIVISION.

7th Sept: 19 22 .

Reference to Papers.

MURDER.

201/SHW/58.

To A/D. D. Inspector.

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I beg to report that [redacted] of [redacted] made a statement to police in connection with the murder of Sir Henry Wilson, but it was not material to the issue and he was not called as a witness at the inquest, police court, or the trial of Dunn and O'Sullivan, and his name was not mentioned at all in the proceedings against the two men.

Observation has been kept on him from time to time when leaving home for his employment, but no persons have been seen watching his movements.

His fears that he has been followed by persons connected with Sinn Fein propaganda are entirely groundless, and purely imaginary.

We shall keep in touch with him, and anything transpiring will be acted upon and facts reported.

Albert Markham Det. Sergt.

(2).

To Superintendent.

Submitted. I have also seen [redacted] respecting this matter and the only conclusion I can come to is that his fears are entirely imaginary.

To A. B. C.

J. Hedley a/D.D. Insp.

Submitted
Sept. 8
7. 9. 22

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Aug 23rd

6 REGISTERED
24 AUG 22-10 --

EM/SHW/SB

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 22nd inst, and am only too pleased to have been of any assistance to a member of your force
Yours faithfully



To the Commission of Police

201/SHW/58 (c.2.)

Aug 23rd/22

24 AUG 22 110am

Sir // I am in receipt of your letter dated Aug 22nd thanking me for services rendered on June the 22nd last, with thanks, I did only my duty as an Englishman

I remain Sir

Yours Obediently

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201/SW/59.(A3).

5th September, 1922.

Dear Gellington,

In reply to your letter of 4th September, I have ascertained that Constables Bush and Duff will be available to attend on Saturday next. Constables March and Sayers will not, however, be able to be present as they are now on convalescent leave and the date of their return to Town is uncertain.

Yours faithfully,

(sd) G. Edwards

[Handwritten mark]

W. C. 2

4th September 1922.

Dear Mr. Kendall,

A report, (No 201/SHW/58(A3) of 24 August 1922) has been received respecting the courageous conduct of Police Constables March, Sayer, Bush and Duff of the 'B' Division in securing the arrest of the two armed murderers of Sir Henry Wilson on 22nd June last; and Sir Chartres Biron considers that the action of the officers is well worthy of reward from the Bow Street Police Court Reward Fund.

A convenient time for Sir Chartres to make the presentations would be on Saturday next, 9th instant, at 2. 0 p.m. Perhaps you will be so good as to inform me whether it could be conveniently arranged for the officers to attend then.

Yours faithfully,

G. Collington

W.H.Kendall Esq., O.B.E.,

Commissioner's Office,

New Scotland Yard.

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201/SHW/58.(A3).

24th August, 1928.

Sir,

I have to forward herewith, in case you may desire to award the officers concerned from the Bow Street Police Court Reward Fund, particulars of the courageous actions of Police Constables March, Sayer, Bush and Duff, of the "B" Division, who by their conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty were largely instrumental in securing the arrest of the two armed murderers of the late Field Marshal Sir Henry Wilson on 22nd June, 1922. Many other officers assisted in the pursuit of the assailants, but of the number concerned, the above mentioned officers incurred the gravest risk.

Constables March and Sayers, who were both shot at and hit by the desperadoes, were subsequently conveyed to hospital, and although the injuries sustained by the officers were of a serious nature, I am glad to be able to say that both have progressed favourably.

I consider that the tenacity of purpose and gallantry displayed by these four constables, which resulted in the trial and finally the execution of the two criminals, to be worthy of the utmost praise and in keeping with the highest traditions of the Metropolitan Police Force.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Handwritten mark

W. J. J. J. J.

of Commissioner of Police
of the Metropolis.

Sir H.C. Biron,
Chief Magistrate,
Bow Street Police Court,
Bow Street,
W.C.2.

Police Constable 411 "B" March.

At 2-20 p.m. 22nd June, the Constable was at the corner of Eaton Terrace and Cliveden Place and heard the sound of police whistles coming from Eaton Place. He ran towards West Eaton Place, and just prior to reaching Eaton Terrace, saw two men walking towards him. Someone shouted, "There they are". As they approached him, both raised their right hands and levelled revolvers at him. Although he was unarmed and had already heard shots fired, P.C. March did not hesitate one second but sprang at the taller man. A shot was fired and he felt pain along the bottom rib on right side. The shot was apparently fired by the shorter man. He grappled with the tall man, the other standing and pointing his weapon at him. He collapsed and fell. The men ran along Eaton Terrace. Another P.C. came and he (March), although badly wounded, still showed devotion to duty by telling him which way the men had gone. Two ladies attended to his wounds and accompanied him to the hospital where it was found that he had been shot through the lower part of the body, but fortunately the intestines were not penetrated. He has since made good headway towards recovery.
