

Death seemed certain for the Delhi defenders!



The odds were too great, and the relief could never arrive in time



It was Conductor Scully of the Ordnance Corps who volunteered to fire the train. For him, death was certain!

The blowing up of the Delhi magazine, an act of sheer, cold-blooded heroism, sent a thrill through the whole Empire.



A thousand mutineers and five Englishmen died in the explosion. The other four... Willoughby, Raynor, Buckley and Forrest... escaped, though Willoughby was killed later that day. Raynor, Buckley and Forrest survived to receive richly-deserved Victoria Crosses. The others got nothing, for the V.C. was not then a posthumous award. William Raynor (he died on December 13, 1860, at Ferozepore) is believed to be the oldest man to have received the nation's highest battle honour.

NEXT TUESDAY—Read of the day of glory when the South Wales Borderers won seven VC's.