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BRO. BARRIE THOMAS BURRILL WARD (1934-2004) NEWSPAPER PHOTOGRAPHER

Two of Barrie Ward's more obvious character traits were his charm and sense of adventure. These qualities often worked well for the photographer, who has died aged 70; sometimes not so well.

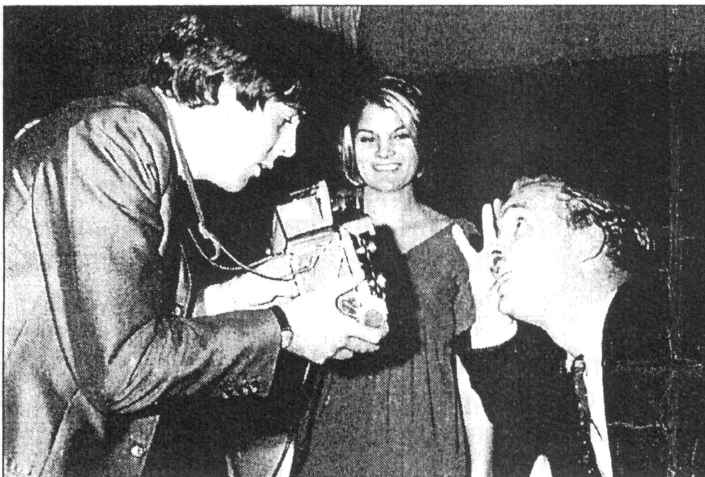
Working on the old *Daily Mirror* in 1965, Ward went to Sydney Hospital to photograph a patient who claimed police had bashed him. He entered an off-limits ward, quickly shot his pictures and made for the fire escape, ahead of challengers. He fell on the last flight of stairs and broke an ankle but a colleague, Alan Funnell, helped him to a waiting car. Rather than try their luck at the hospital's casualty department, Funnell dropped Ward at St Vincent's Hospital in Darlinghurst before delivering the film to their newspaper office.

Ward's picture made the front page. But those were the cut-throat days of Sydney afternoon newspapers, with intense rivalry between the *Mirror* and *The Sun*.

Zell Rabin, the legendary editor of the *Mirror*, chided Funnell for dropping his mate at St Vincent's, thereby running the risk of missing an edition.

Rabin showed his appreciation later by presenting Ward with a framed photograph of the front page, with inserted type, "Barrie Ward, world's greatest photographer".

Ward's charm proved useful during the Beatles' tour of Australia in 1964. Paul McCartney turned 22 in Sydney and the *Mirror* thoughtfully selected a group of young women to attend a birthday party for him. Ward photographed the Beatles and McCartney photographed Ward.



Centre of events ... Ward's adventures brought him into contact with both glamour and war. Left, photographed by Paul McCartney in 1964.

