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**CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS
OF KNIGHTHOOD.**

St. James's Palace, S.W.1.

4th April, 1944.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the undermentioned appointments to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, in the Merchant Navy, and for the publication in the London Gazette of the names of those specially shown below as having received an expression of Commendation for their brave conduct.

To be Additional Officers of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:—

Captain Alexander Bell, Master.

The ship, sailing alone, was attacked by an enemy submarine. The first indication of attack was a violent explosion close to the ship but later the submarine was seen on the surface of the sea. Immediately the ship opened fire on the enemy and course and maximum speed were maintained. Three hours later the conning tower of the enemy was again sighted. Course was immediately altered but the enemy gave chase, shelling the ship continuously. Although some damage was sustained by the ship owing to the excessive pressure put on the engines, the enemy was shaken off and the vessel brought safely to port.

The Master displayed exceptional coolness and judgment throughout and, by his courage, skill and seamanship, beat off a determined attack by the enemy, so saving a valuable ship and cargo.

Captain Thomas West, Master.

The ship, sailing in convoy, was torpedoed. Although she was badly damaged the Master decided that she could be saved. The engines were used intermittently throughout the night and the ship was kept in a safe position in the convoy. The following day an escort vessel took her in tow but, as both ships were in danger of drifting on to

sandbanks near by, the tow had to be slipped and the ship, by the skilful use of her engines, kept clear until a tug arrived and took her in tow again.

Captain West displayed courage and skill of a high order throughout and, by his determination and seamanship, kept his ship clear of danger until she was taken in tow and brought safely back to port.

To be Additional Members of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:—

Frederick Alfred Armitage, Esq., Second Officer.

Shortly after arriving in port and before her cargo could be unloaded, the ship was attacked by enemy aircraft. Bombs hit the vessel and almost immediately she was a mass of flames. The fire spread so rapidly that it was possible to lower only one of the boats and as the survivors jumped into the water they were picked up by this boat and a launch which had put off from shore.

The Second Officer showed great courage when the ship was hit. Although injured himself, Mr. Armitage carried an officer through the flames to the comparative safety of the fore-castle head. Afterwards he mustered the survivors forward and directed them to safety during the abandonment and, by his leadership and example, did much to keep up their spirits.

Sidney Herbert Chilcott, Esq., Second Engineer Officer. (Award dated 26th November, 1943. Since deceased.)

The ship, sailing in convoy, was torpedoed and badly damaged. She immediately began to sink by the head, but efforts made by the crew to save her proved successful and the ship was brought safely to port.

The Second Engineer Officer displayed outstanding courage and devotion to duty. After the ship was hit he remained at his post in the engine-room ready to comply with any orders from the bridge, and this materially

assisted in the saving of the ship. He left his post only on instructions from his superior officer when the critical point had been passed.

Edward Collins Martyn, Esq., Chief Officer.

The ship, sailing alone, was torpedoed and sustained heavy damage. The propeller dropped off and she began to sink rapidly. It was realised that the position was hopeless and orders for abandonment were given. The crew managed to leave in two boats, one of which reached land after nine days sailing. The occupants of the other were rescued after five days.

The Chief Officer showed great courage and leadership throughout. He took charge of and navigated one of the boats for a voyage of nine days during which a distance of 750 miles was covered. He made a good landfall and it was due to his outstanding skill and seamanship that the occupants of the boat were brought to safety.

COMMENDATIONS.

Those named below have been Commended for brave conduct when their ships encountered enemy ships, submarines, aircraft or mines:—

Joseph Henry Cooper, Esq., Chief Officer.

Philip John Darwin, Esq., First Radio Officer.

Benjamin Bernard John Derry, Esq., Second Officer.

Dugald McFarlane, Esq., Chief Engineer Officer.

Captain John Waring, Master.

James Mills Young, Esq., Chief Officer.

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

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4th April, 1944.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the undermentioned awards of the George Medal and of the British Empire Medal, and for the publication in the London Gazette of the names of the persons specially shown below as having received an expression of Commendation for their brave conduct.

Awarded the George Medal:—

Robert Brinley Jenkins, Mechanical Maintenance Fitter, Royal Ordnance Factory, Ministry of Supply.

An explosion occurred at a factory. Fire broke out immediately and the building was filled by blinding smoke of a chemical origin.

Another explosion followed quickly on the first. It wrecked the roof of the building and heavy beams fell in and large pieces of masonry were hurled from the walls and door arches.

Jenkins, who was about fifty yards away, immediately ran to the wrecked and burning building and was the first man to enter. Firemen provided a water curtain which alone made this possible. Single-handed he rescued four men and later, with the help of others, recovered the body of a man buried under masonry and helped to carry it from the building.

Only when he was satisfied that all casualties were out, did he actually get clear of the building.

By his promptness in running to the rescue at the sound of the first explosion, his cool courage in groping his way into the building not only once, but again and again, and the speed with which he worked, Mr. Jenkins saved the lives of four men.

Nathaniel Mayer Victor, Baron Rothschild, Ph.D., Administrative Assistant, War Office.

For dangerous work in hazardous circumstances.

Awarded the George Medal:—

Harry Hudson, Foreman, Royal Ordnance Factory, Ministry of Supply.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Rowell Hall, Overlooker, Royal Ordnance Factory, Ministry of Supply.

Foreman Hudson and Overlooker Hall were in a building in charge of the mixing of explosives. This process starts with the mixing and heating of high explosive in an incorporator. During a test Hall saw flames coming from under the charging door of the incorporator. He called Hudson who, having verified that the mixture was on fire, sent the operatives from the building and ordered Hall to bring sand. Hudson stood on the platform of the incorporator and, helped by Hall, threw the sand on the fire as it was brought to him. To do this it was necessary practically to bend over the fire. The mixture was liable to explode at any moment and had the fire spread the building would, without any doubt, have been wrecked. These men voluntarily faced great danger in remaining in a building containing a large quantity of explosives, but they continued until the flames were subdued and the fire was finally extinguished.

It was due to the cool courage of Hudson and Hall that the building with its valuable equipment and stock of explosives was saved.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Thomas Herbert Daniels, Company Officer, No. 40 (Birmingham) Area, National Fire Service.

A fire occurred in a dwelling house and two children were trapped in a room on the first floor. Company Officer Daniels ascended a ladder but was unable to get into the room on account of the intense heat and smoke. However, despite the fact that the downstairs living room was by this time well ablaze and flames were issuing towards the stairs, Daniels managed to get up the staircase and found a child. He carried her to the window and handed her to a fireman but he then collapsed and had to be helped down the ladder and taken to hospital where he was detained suffering from severe burns.

Company Officer Daniels showed courage and devotion to duty.

COMMENDATIONS.

Those named below have been Commended for brave conduct:—

When rescuing children from a burning house:—

Archibald Fraser, Column Officer, No. 40 (Birmingham) Area, National Fire Service.

When aircraft crashed and caught fire:—

Russell Obed Brooks, Motor Engineer,
Ludham, Norfolk.
Miss Iris Kemp, Member of the Women's Land
Army, Ipsden, Oxfordshire.
Clifford Lambie, Tractor Driver, Ipsden,
Oxfordshire.
Stephen Moylan, Sorting Clerk and Tele-
graphist, Winesham, East Suffolk.
Alfred George Osborne, Grocer's Assistant,
Swilland, East Suffolk.
James Rowell, Master Butcher, Amble,
Northumberland.
Cyril Albert Thrower, Grocer, Ludham,
Norfolk.
Robert Wilson Utting, General Labourer,
Martham, Norfolk.
Miss Eva Wise, Member of the Women's Land
Army, Ipsden, Oxfordshire.

When helping to rescue a man trapped in
a burning building:—

Vincent Brown, Fireman, Work's Fire Brigade,
Manchester.
Frederick Rigby, Fireman, Work's Fire
Brigade, Manchester.
John Sanderson, Leading Fireman, Work's
Fire Brigade, Manchester.

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*St. James's Palace, S.W.1,
4th April, 1944.*

The KING has been graciously pleased on
the advice of His Majesty's Australian Ministers
to give orders for the following award:—

Awarded the George Medal:—

Iaking Iwagu, Sergeant, Royal Papuan
Constabulary.

For outstanding courage when serving with
the Australian Military Forces in New
Guinea.

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the British Empire Medal, and for the publica-
tion in the London Gazette of the name of the
person specially shown below as having
received an expression of Commendation for
brave conduct in Civil Defence.

*Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil
Division):—*

Mohadeb Chandra Manna, Goods Clerk, Com-
mercial Traffic Manager's Office, Bengal
Nagpur Railway, Calcutta, Bengal.

Manna was on duty during an air raid and
although wounded in the head, he refused to
be taken to hospital but went back to the
goods shed, collected cash and vouchers,
sealed it in bags and took it to safety. He
then returned to duty. Manna's devotion to
duty provided a striking example to all the
staff during a period of extreme danger.

Selamatullah, Lascar, King George's Dock,
Calcutta, Bengal.

Selamatullah and others were attending the
lines of a vessel, which was being berthed.
When an air attack developed he refused to
go to cover with the others, but continued
with his work. After bombing had started,
he swam out to secure a line and, in spite
of repeated orders to take cover, refused to
leave until the vessel had been safely moored.

Selamatullah showed courage and devotion
to duty, without thought for his own safety.

COMMENDATION.

The individual named below has been
Commended for brave conduct in Civil
Defence:—

William Yeomans, Member, Civil Defence-
Rescue Service, Orpington.

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