

Commander Edward Templeton Grayston, D.S.C., R.D., R.N.R. (retired), Master, s.s. "Karamea" (Messrs. Shaw, Savill and Albion Company, Limited, London).

This ship was not armed. She was chased for four hours by the U-boat which sank "Bretagne". The enemy fired at least 30 shells, many of which fell within a few feet of her hull. She surfaced so near that it was made difficult for "Karamea" to avoid ramming her. On this account and from her merciless treatment of "Bretagne", the Master felt that he could expect no quarter. He therefore made up his mind to defy the enemy and to attempt escape. He was supported by the whole crew in this courageous, if reckless, resolve. His only hope was the intervention of one of H.M. Ships or Aircraft. His act of faith was justified in the event and saved his ship.

Captain Albert Angel White, Master, s.s. "Stonepool" (Sir R. Ropner and Company, West Hartlepool).

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Aihman Sing Dhanwar, Mahout, Forest Department, Jalpaiguri, Rajshahi Division, Bengal.

Aihman Sing assisted Mr. A. V. Pullan, Manager of Kartick Tea Estate, to follow up a tigress that had been wounded and had mauled one of the coolies on Turturi Tea Estate.

The tigress, which was lying up in dense jungle, leapt out unexpectedly at close quarters and put to flight the elephant on which Mr. Pullan was riding. In the course of its flight the elephant stumbled and threw off her mahout and Mr. Pullan who was seized and badly mauled by the tigress.

The second elephant, driven by Aihman Sing mahout, also took fright and bolted. Aihman Sing pulled her up in a short distance and brought her back towards the scene of the accident. He was unable to bring her right up to Mr. Pullan. By a great effort the latter, although suffering from a fractured leg and arm and other injuries, managed to crawl towards Aihman Sing who seated his elephant and hauled him on to the pad and thus got him away to safety.

The tigress meanwhile attempted to get at the other mahout who had climbed a small tree. Having delivered Mr. Pullan to safety Aihman Sing returned to the scene and rescued the other mahout by running his elephant under the tree and so enabling him to leap on to the pad.

Aihman Sing Dhanwar undoubtedly saved the life of Mr. Pullan and possibly also of the other mahout.

#### CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

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

*1st December, 1939.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the following Awards:—

*The Medal of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, for Meritorious Service:—*

Frederick George Hayter, Able Seaman (Pensioner), Gunlayer, s.s. "Stonepool" (Sir R. Ropner and Company, West Hartlepool).

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*28th November, 1939.*

A Writ dated the 28th day of November, 1939, directed to Aroon Kumar Sinha summoning him to the Upper House of Parliament, by the name, style and title of Baron Sinha of Raipur in the Presidency of Bengal, has been passed under the Great Seal pursuant to a Warrant under His Majesty's Sign Manual.

*Crown Office,*

*House of Lords, S.W.1.*

*29th November, 1939.*

The KING has been pleased by Warrants under His Sign Manual dated the 10th day of November, 1939, to make the following appointments, in accordance with the provisions of the Administration of Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1938:—

Sir Robert Geoffrey Ellis, Bart.	...	...	Chairman	...	...	County of York (West Riding) Quarter Sessions.
Edward Everard Earle Welby-Everard Esquire	}	}	Chairman	...	}	County of Lincoln (Parts of Holland) Quarter Sessions.
William Fitzalan Howard, Esquire			...	Deputy Chairman		