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FRIDAY, 26 APRIL, 1940

Westminster, 26th April, 1940.

This day, the Lords being met, a message was sent to the Honourable House of Commons, by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them that *The Lords, authorised by virtue of a Commission under the Great Seal, signed by His Majesty, for declaring his Royal Assent to the Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate attendance of the Honourable House in the House of Peers to hear the Commission read;* and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, empowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, and several other Lords therein named, do declare and notify the Royal Assent to the said Acts, was read accordingly, and the Royal Assent given to:—

Solicitors (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1940.
Special Enactments (Extension of Time) Act, 1940.
Agricultural Wages (Regulation) Amendment Act, 1940.
Army and Air Force (Annual) Act, 1940.
Societies (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1940.
Ely Cathedral Canonries Act, 1940.
Newcastle and Gateshead Waterworks Act, 1940.
Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1940.
The King Edward the Seventh Welsh National Memorial Association Act, 1940.

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

St. James's Palace, S.W.1.
26th April, 1940.

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

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

No. 1479435 Gunner Hugo O'Hear, Royal Artillery, Territorial Army.

In the course of December, 1939, a gunner, whilst attempting to board a ship tied to Harwich pier, so as to get into the duty boat on the further side, slipped and fell between the pier and the ship, striking his head and becoming unconscious.

Gunner O'Hear jumped into the sea, succeeded in getting hold of the gunner, and, supporting his head above water until a ladder was lowered, assisted in getting him out of the water.

The accident occurring during complete darkness, at a time when the sea was rough and the wind high, Gunner O'Hear undoubtedly saved the man's life.

No. 5337086 Private George Robert Storey, The Royal Berkshire Regiment (Princess Charlotte of Wales's), Territorial Army.

In the course of January, 1940, the "Royal Crown", damaged by enemy bombs