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TUESDAY, 24 DECEMBER, 1940

Westminster, 19th December, 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, authorized 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:—

- Scottish Fisheries Advisory Council Act, 1940.
- Expiring Laws Continuance Act, 1940.
- Local Elections and Register of Electors (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1940.
- Naval and Marine Forces (Temporary Release from Service) Act, 1940.
- Railways Agreement (Powers) Act, 1940.

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

St. James's Palace, S.W.1,
24th December, 1940.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the GEORGE CROSS, for most conspicuous gallantry in carrying out very hazardous work, to:—

Captain (Ordnance Officer 4th Class) Robert Llewellyn Jephson Jones, Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

Lieutenant William Marsden Eastman, Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

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

Awarded the George Medal.

513955 Sergeant Douglas Jobson, Royal Air Force.
139753 Driver Eric Owen Gurnham, Royal Army Service Corps.

On 14th July, 1940, Sergeant Jobson and Driver Gurnham displayed great coolness and gallantry when a Battle aircraft crashed, and burst into flames outside an aerodrome. Driver Gurnham was the first on the scene of the accident, followed by Sergeant Jobson about one minute later. Despite the flames and ammunition which was bursting in all directions, the two men climbed on to the wreckage and succeeded in extricating the pilot who had a broken leg. A petrol tank exploded just after the rescue had been effected. Sergeant Jobson and Driver Gurnham, with complete disregard for their personal safety, undoubtedly saved the life of the pilot.

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

St. James's Palace, S.W.1,
24th December, 1940.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following promotions in the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India:—

To be Additional Knights Commanders of the said Most Exalted Order:—

Sir Bertrand James Glancy, K.C.I.E., C.S.I., Indian Civil Service, Governor-Designate of the Punjab.

Sir William Hawthorne Lewis, K.C.I.E., C.S.I., Indian Civil Service, Governor-Designate of Orissa.

Hugh Dow, Esq., C.S.I., C.I.E., Indian Civil Service, Governor-Designate of Sind.