

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1.**8th July, 1941.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the George Medal, in recognition of conspicuous gallantry in carrying out hazardous work in a very brave manner, to the undermentioned:—

No. 3780970 Private Charles ADAMS, The King's Regiment (Liverpool). (Middleton, Lancashire.)

Platoon Commander (now Captain) Alexander BALLANTYNE, Home Guard.

No. 2694195 Corporal (acting Lance-Sergeant) William CARRUTHERS, Scots Guards. (Gals-ton, Ayrshire.)

No. 1654660 Gunner David John EDWARDS, Royal Regiment of Artillery. (Roath, Cardiff.)

No. 2075187 Lance-Sergeant Harry Fred HARDY, Corps of Royal Engineers. (Hastings).

No. 5719780 Company Sergeant-Major (acting Regimental Sergeant-Major) Ernest Joseph LEGG, The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey). (Dorchester).

Captain (Temporary Major) Arthur Henry Musgrave MORRIS, M.C. (30546), Corps of Royal Engineers.

Lieutenant Brian Leolin RICHARDS (152176), Corps of Royal Engineers.

Second-Lieutenant John Frankish TINGEY (16346), Royal Regiment of Artillery.

Major (Temporary Lieutenant-Colonel) William Alexander Camac WILKINSON, M.C. (8856), Coldstream Guards (Reserve of Officers).

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The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the George Medal to the undermentioned:—

568020 Corporal John William Deacon, Royal Air Force.

2046864 Gunner Tony Gage, Royal Artillery.

One evening in February, 1941, an aircraft crashed into the side of a hill near an aerodrome and caught fire. Corporal Deacon, Gunner Gage and another soldier ran to the scene of the accident and found one member of the crew on the main plane. They dragged this airman to safety. The airman then informed his rescuers that three other members of the crew remained in the aircraft. Deacon and his companions immediately returned to the burning aircraft and, despite the added danger from exploding cannon shells and small arms ammunition, they succeeded in dragging clear the other members of the crew.

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522912 Sergeant Morris BELL, Royal Air Force.

One night in February, 1941, an aircraft crashed and burst into flames. The pilot was

found, with his clothing on fire, by Sergeant Bell who dashed through the flames from the burning wreckage and, with his own jacket, extinguished the flames from the pilot's clothing which was soaked with petrol. This action was performed in spite of the further danger from constantly exploding cartridges. Sergeant Bell also directed his team of orderlies and ambulances so well that the injured pilot was receiving attention in hospital within 22 minutes from the time of the crash. Unfortunately the pilot subsequently died of his injuries. This is the second occasion Sergeant Bell has displayed great courage and efficiency. Previously his promptitude was responsible for saving one of the crew of a burning aircraft.

1004798 Aircraftman 2nd Class Charles Leonard WHEATLEY, Royal Air Force.

When an aircraft carrying a full load of bombs crashed this airman, with the help of the fire picquet, tried valiantly to prevent the fire from the port engine and petrol tank spreading to a large high explosive bomb. The success of his efforts was due to his complete disregard for his personal safety for, standing as he did two yards in front of the bomb, he was aware that it was likely to explode at any time.

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The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards of the British Empire Medal (Military Division), in recognition of gallant conduct in carrying out hazardous work in a very brave manner:—

No. 2194034 Lance-Sergeant Arthur Andrew CLARK, Corps of Royal Engineers. (Formby, Lancashire).

Volunteer Albert Edward PRITCHARD, Home Guard. (South Norwood, London).

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The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointment to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:—

To be an Additional Member of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order:—

Acting Flight Lieutenant William Richard HARDEMAN (35382), Royal Air Force.

When an aircraft loaded with four 250 lb. bombs was set on fire, there was grave danger to nearby aircraft and hangers. The bomb release gear was damaged and in order to remove the bombs, Flight Lieutenant Hardeman successfully sawed through and wrenched the carriers from the burning aircraft. On another occasion he removed the bombs from a burnt out aircraft which had crashed. During the early part of the war Flight Lieutenant Hardeman was dealing with an unexploded bomb when an enemy aircraft dropped bombs on the working party, killing two of the party and wounding others. Flight Lieutenant Hardeman summoned