

into operation a total of 57 relay lines of hose thereby ensuring substantial water supplies, without which it would have been impossible to combat the fires.

COMMENDATIONS

Those named below have been Commended for brave conduct in Civil Defence:—

William Derrick, Member, Civil Defence Rescue Service, Bath.

Stanley Howard Humphrey, Police Constable, Isle of Wight Constabulary (Cowes Section).

James Jameson Lee, Fireman, Belfast Auxiliary Fire Service.

Oliver William Markwell, Leading Fireman, (Ipswich), No. 13 Fire Force Area, National Fire Service.

Arthur Joseph Moody, Senior Warden, Civil Defence Wardens Service, Bath.

James Stanford Tong, Senior Warden, Civil Defence Wardens Service, Lindsey, Lincs.

Sydney Ernest Van den Broek, Motor Cycle Despatch Rider, Civil Defence Rescue Service, Bath.

The announcement relative to A. E. Fallon, on page 4706 of the London Gazette of 15th August, 1941, is cancelled.

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

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

28th August, 1942.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the undermentioned appointment to the Most Excellent Order of The British Empire and for the following award of the British Empire Medal for services in the Middle East:—

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

Hector Archibald Tankersley, Leader, Mobile Service Unit, Young Men's Christian Association, with the British Forces, Middle East.

Three days before Tobruk was besieged Mr. Tankersley became concerned in the running of the Y.M.C.A. there. During the siege he was instrumental in establishing two centres and introduced a small cinema, presenting programmes in tunnels and elsewhere. With his Mobile Service Unit he visited hospitals and assisted in securing radio sets, games and other amenities for the patients. For a time he was in charge of the centre and, after the relief of Tobruk, was relieved for forward work.

He then advanced beyond Derna and established a centre. Later he took charge of a Mobile Service Unit and advanced forward to the Benghazi area. He was wounded when his car was bombed but on recovery returned to duty beyond Tobruk.

Mr. Tankersley has shown great courage, energy and zeal with complete disregard of his own safety.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

James Liddell, Constable, Palestine Police Force.

Constable Liddell was a member of the Palestine Police Motor Transport Company serving with the British Forces in Syria. Two sections of this Company, together with some military transport came under heavy artillery fire. Personnel were ordered to leave their vehicles and take cover behind a ridge. When the shelling ceased they returned to their vehicles to remove them to a place of greater safety. Whilst so doing heavy artillery fire was again directed on the transport. Having driven his vehicle to safety, Liddell found that his Section Commander was missing. He went back under heavy shell fire, found the Sergeant, who was unable to move, placed him in an army truck and drove him behind the ridge. Constable Liddell had not driven this type of truck before and had great difficulty in starting it but, despite heavy and accurate enemy fire, he persisted and, by his gallant efforts, saved the life of the Sergeant.

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The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the undermentioned award of the British Empire Medal and for the publication in the London Gazette of the name of the person specially shown below as having received an expression of Commendation for brave conduct:—

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Charles Henry Montague, Service Layer and Joiner, Maidenhead and Uxbridge Gas Company.

When an aircraft caught fire and crashed in flames Montague, at great personal risk, crawled under the wing of the machine, which was well alight. He succeeded in dragging the unconscious pilot to a place of comparative safety before being overcome by the heat and smoke.

Montague showed great courage and by his prompt action saved the life of the pilot.

COMMENDATION

The individual named below has been Commended for brave conduct when attacked by marauding tribesmen:—

William Keir (deceased), Colonial Administrative Service, District Officer, Kenya.

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