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CHANCERY OF THE ORDER OF SAINT  
MICHAEL AND SAINT GEORGE.

6th November, 1942.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give directions for the undermentioned appointment to the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, for exceptional devotion to duty in a theatre of war:—

*To be an additional Member of the Third Class, or Companion, of the said Most Distinguished Order.*

William Sydney Marchant, Esq., O.B.E., Colonial Administrative Service, Resident Commissioner, British Solomon Islands Protectorate (Lieutenant-Colonel British Solomon Islands Protectorate Defence Force). (Appointment to be dated 14th October, 1942.)

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS  
OF KNIGHTHOOD.

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

6th November, 1942.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the undermentioned appointments to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, for the following awards of the British Empire Medal, and for the publication in the London Gazette of the names of the persons specially shown below as having received an expression of Commendation for their brave conduct:—

*To be additional Commanders of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:—*

Walter Leslie Forster, Anglo-Egyptian Oilfields Limited, Cairo.

Mr. Forster went to Burma to give expert advice on oil denial schemes. It was due to his zeal and personal example that the schemes, which were of the very highest importance, were pressed forward in the short time available.

The great measure of success which resulted in the denial of Burma oil to the Japanese, was due to his courage, skill and perseverance.

John Morton, lately Manager, The Irrawaddy Flotilla Company, Burma.

Throughout the Burma campaign Mr. Morton toured the country by air, rail, river and road in order to keep in touch with the staff of his widely distributed organisation. It was in no small measure due to his personality, powers of organisation, ability and leadership that the essential needs of the army were met as regards the transportation of men and materials by river, and tens of thousands of civilian lives were saved.

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

Edward Ernest Bullen, Accountant, Shell-Mex Company, Nigeria.

In recognition of gallant conduct in carrying out hazardous work in a very brave manner.

*Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—*

David Archer, Special Coast Watcher, Malta.

Archer, who is aged 15, has displayed courage, devotion to duty and efficiency under prolonged and intense bombing. His enthusiasm has been such that, although ordered to leave the signal tower in the course of heavy attacks, he has on many occasions returned at once to resume his duties. He has been an example not only to the other Coast Watchers, but to all with whom he has come in contact.

John Baylis, Police Constable, Malta Police Force.

A time-bomb demolished a house and a number of people were buried in the debris. It was necessary to remove the bomb so that efforts could be made to rescue the trapped

persons, and Constable Baylis helped to clear a way for its passage. Attempts were made to tow the bomb away by means of a rope twelve feet long attached to a truck. The first attempt failed owing to the bomb becoming stuck in the debris. Baylis then volunteered to drive the truck whilst the Bomb Disposal Officer guided the bomb. In this manner the operation was completed.

Baylis showed great courage without regard for his own safety.

Daniel Pule, Clerk, British Solomon Islands Protectorate.

Launganibaea, Corporal of Police, British Solomon Islands Protectorate.

For exceptional devotion to duty in a theatre of war.

Leslie John Robbins, Inspector of Engine Fitters, H.M. Dockyard, Malta.

During intensive air attacks on Malta, Inspector Robbins continuously did most outstanding work on the salvage of various ships. He showed courage and devotion to duty, remaining at his post day and night in the most trying conditions without regard for his personal safety.

#### COMMENDATIONS.

Those named below have been Commended for brave conduct:—

Joseph Agius, Fuelling Assistant, H.M. Dockyard, Malta.

Harold William Beane, Inspector of Electrical Fitters, H.M. Dockyard, Malta.

Pacifico Calleja, Coxswain, H.M. Dockyard, Malta.

Percy Henry Pearce, Chargeman of Fitters, H.M. Dockyard, Malta.

Kenneth Cecil Powis, Chargeman of Electrical Fitters, H.M. Dockyard, Malta.

Joseph Saliba, Storehouseman, H.M. Dockyard, Malta.

Francis Wellard, Chargeman of Engine Fitters, H.M. Dockyard, Malta.

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

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1.*  
6th November, 1942.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the undermentioned awards of the George Medal and of the British Empire Medal, and for the publication in the London Gazette of the names of the persons specially shown below as having received an expression of Commendation for their brave conduct in Civil Defence:—

#### *Awarded the George Medal:—*

Walter Kenney, Superintendent of Police, H.M. Dockyard, Malta.

During enemy air attacks Superintendent Kenney has led the Dockyard Fire Brigade in fighting fires afloat and ashore. His brave leadership and devotion to duty have contributed largely to the success that has attended the Brigade's almost continuous and very dangerous work.

On one occasion when he was in charge of fire-fighting on a vessel, further heavy attacks were made but, despite this, the fire was put out and many tons of valuable cargo saved. From that ship he went to

another and, although there was grave risk of the explosion of ammunition that formed part of the cargo, continued to fight the fires.

#### *Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—*

Hartas Crispin Brignall, Inspector of Engine Fitters, H.M. Dockyard, Malta.

During intense air raids Brignall has done exceptional and outstanding work on dock pumping and cranes, and in fire-fighting by day and night.

He has willingly faced danger and long hours and by his courage and devotion to duty has kept essential services in operation.

Miss Emmelina Kate Gafford, Supervising Telephonist, Post Office, Deal.

Miss Gafford, by her courage and devotion to duty, has set a fine example to her staff.

Throughout the period of frequent air raids she has maintained an efficient telephone service during periods of constant danger.

William Vernon Jones, Clerk of Works, Air Ministry Works Department, Malta.

During a period of intensive bombing attacks, Jones under difficult and hazardous conditions, succeeded in keeping the landing ground of an aerodrome serviceable with the minimum of interruption. On one occasion while superintending the repair of the aerodrome, he was rendered unconscious by bomb blast but despite injury to his lungs he resumed duty the following day. His devotion and outstanding personal courage inspired those under his control to carry on their vital work in the face of great danger.

Alfred Martin, M.M., Stableman-in-Charge, London and North Eastern Railway.

During an air raid a shower of incendiaries set fire to some stables.

In spite of the smoke and fire Martin succeeded in getting nine horses out safely and they were led to vacant ground and let loose. The stable loft was burning furiously but, with help, he was able to rescue the rest of the horses and none of the animals was burnt or injured.

After the horses had been removed, efforts were made to save the harness and equipment, and the flames were held in check until a trailer pump crew arrived and took charge.

Martin showed courage and devotion to duty in dealing with the situation.

Walter Nitsch, Mechanic Examiner, H.M. Dockyard, Malta.

Sydney James Howard Squire, Inspector of Founders, H.M. Dockyard, Malta.

During a period of heavy bombing attacks Nitsch and Squire showed great gallantry and initiative in leading fire parties, organising salvage operations on sinking ships and dealing with many other emergencies by day and night, often without proper food or sleep.

By their devotion to duty, courage and leadership they set an outstanding example.

Arthur Scibberas, Clerk of Works, Air Ministry Works Department, Malta.

During a period of intense air raids Scibberas was responsible for the maintenance of an aerodrome surface and buildings. In carrying out this highly important work he showed complete disregard of his

personal safety. His high courage in keeping the aerodrome in use during repeated bombing attacks was a fine example to all concerned and enabled the R.A.F. squadrons stationed there to continue operating at a time when every aircraft was urgently required.

James Sims, Police Constable, H.M. Dockyard, Malta.

Throughout the period of heavy bombing Sims has repeatedly shown great gallantry, courage and resource in fighting fires. He did particularly good service when a vessel was damaged, staying on board and transferring hoses to various holds despite further heavy attacks. On another occasion when fighting a fire in a ship he fell through a bomb hole and was injured. Nevertheless he carried on and did most valuable work.

#### COMMENDATIONS.

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

Amos Stuart Asquith, Police Constable, London and North Eastern Railway.

James Byrne, Officer in Charge, Works Fire Fighting Service, Wolverhampton.

Albert Edward Cade, Acting Class 1 Yard Foreman, London and North Eastern Railway.

John Cassar, Boy Labourer, H.M. Dockyard, Malta.

Harold Wilfred Craven, Van Setter, London and North Eastern Railway.

Victor John Hudson, Blacksmith, London and North Eastern Railway.

David William Jenkins (deceased), Foreman, Royal Ordnance Factory, Ministry of Supply.

Richard Lyon, M.M., Assistant Station Master, London and North Eastern Railway.

William Milner (deceased), Acting Class 2 Station Foreman, London and North Eastern Railway.

Gaetano Pisani, Skilled Labourer, H.M. Dockyard, Malta.

Albert Mitchell Simpson, Signaller, London and North Eastern Railway.

Francis Vella, Chargeman of Engine Fitters, H.M. Dockyard, Malta.

John Peter Walton (deceased), Police Sergeant, H.M. Dockyard, Malta.

Edward Roland Young, Foreman of Laboratory, H.M. Dockyard, Malta.

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