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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

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

21st December, 1943.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointments to the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire for services in connection with the Burma Campaign, 21st May, 1942, to 20th June, 1943:—

To be Additional Companions of the said Most Eminent Order:—

Charles Ridley Pawsey, M.C., Deputy Commissioner, Naga Hills, Assam.
Lieutenant-Colonel (honorary Colonel) Alan Humphrey Pilcher, M.C., E.D., Auxiliary Force (India). Chief Liaison Officer for the Indian Tea Association.

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

Richard Charles Harvard Gwinett, Indian Tea Association.
Andrew Bonar Lindsay, M.D., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Medical Officer, Indian Tea Association.
Robert Walker, Chief Civil Liaison Officer, South India Labour Force.

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

John Lees, Indian Tea Association.
Thomas Houston Rutherford, Indian Tea Association.
Asghar Ali Shah, Sub-Divisional Officer, Indian Civil Service.
Robert Charles Shaw, Indian Tea Association.

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The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the undermentioned 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.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

John Andrew Phillips, Collier, Monk Bretton Colliery, West Riding of Yorkshire.

Phillips was in a cage which was being lowered in a shaft 180 yards deep when an accident occurred and the cage struck the bottom with considerable violence. When the dust had cleared it was seen that most of the men were injured and they were carried out of the cage on to the landing.

Phillips was the only First Aid man present and, although suffering from severe and painful injuries, he directed the rescue work.

Before other skilled help arrived he had attended to three men for fractures. He continued to help and would not leave until all the injured men had been moved.

Phillips showed great fortitude and resolution.

Alfred Charles Willett, Fitter, Royal Air Force Maintenance Unit.

A fire broke out in an oxygen generating plant and immediately it became a mass of flame. Large quantities of highly-compressed oxygen were released and the sudden surge of gas blew a man out of the plant. A second lay injured and helpless inside. Willett, who was working nearby, at once rang the fire alarm and seized a fire-extinguisher which he started to play on the flames. He then realised that a man was trapped inside. Although fully aware of the serious nature of an oxygen-fed fire, he tried to pull the man out by his feet, but was not successful. He then went right inside and, despite the smoke and heat, which nearly overcame him, he managed to carry the injured man to another opening. Then he ran round the outside, got the injured man out and tore off his burning clothing. When the fire had subsided a little Willett re-entered and turned off the engine of the generating plant, which was still running.

Willett, who showed courage and great promptitude, was burned on his hands and arms in carrying out the rescue.

COMMENDATIONS.

Those named below have been Commended for brave conduct when an aircraft crashed:—

Thomas John Cook, Foreman, Ashley Combe Estate, Porlock.

Henry John Pollard, Woodman, Ashley Combe Estate, Porlock.

Hamilton Jack Ridler, Fisherman, Porlock.

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The KING has been graciously pleased on the advice of His Majesty's Australian Ministers to give orders for the undermentioned awards of the British Empire Medal.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Corporal Arwesor (now Sergeant), Royal Papuan Constabulary.

Corporal Merire, Royal Papuan Constabulary.

For gallantry and devotion to duty when serving with the Australian Military Forces in Papua.

Gomeri, Rai Coast, Madang, Territory of New Guinea.

Sirip, Harengan Village, Manus, Admiralty Islands.

For courage when rendering assistance to the Australian Military Forces during operations in New Guinea.

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