

two of the crew who had been injured, to safety and helping to fight the fires, he climbed through an opening in the ship's side on to a ladder from the boat deck and with help lowered one of the boats which had been isolated by the fire. This action enabled nearly thirty of the personnel who had been trapped by the flames to embark in the boat and reach safety.

COMMENDATIONS

Those named below have been Commended for brave conduct when their ships encountered enemy ships, aircraft, submarines or mines:—

William McIver Blackwood, Esq., Third Engineer Officer.
 Arthur Brown, Able Seaman.
 John Charlton, Able Seaman.
 Captain John Reginald Copping, Master.
 James Patrick Donovan, Extra Second Steward.
 Henry Ambridge Elkins, Esq., Third Officer.
 Captain John Newby Gibson, Master.
 Leonard Gollings, Esq., Second Officer.
 Christopher Hull, Chief Steward.
 Captain Matthew Hunter (deceased), Master.
 Alexander Pirie Irvine, Esq., Second Engineer Officer.
 Robert Arnold Johnson, Esq., Second Officer.
 Phirojshaw Hormusjee Khursigara, Esq., Third Engineer Officer.
 Andrew Henry Gillan March, Apprentice.
 Captain Peter McNab Mirrlees, Master.
 Captain Thomas Cecil Pearsall, Master.
 Walter Bernard Shepherd, Able Seaman.
 Thomas Joseph Swalwell, Cook.
 Charles Fletcher Townend, Esq., Fourth Electrician.
 Alfred Frank Walker, Second Cook.

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*St. James's Palace, S.W.1.
 27th June, 1944.*

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):—

Albert Groves Calow, Process Worker, Palterton, Nr. Chesterfield.
 George Rolston Calow, Colliery Fitter, Palterton, Nr. Ghesterfield.

When an aircraft crashed and caught fire George Calow immediately went to the scene. Hearing cries for help coming from inside the nose end of the machine which was burning furiously, he tried to enter the plane by breaking a hole through the fuselage but failed. He then found an opening about 18 inches high underneath the centre gun turret. Removing the wreckage which was

in his way he reached a man whose clothes were on fire. Calow endeavoured to lift him but was unable to do so. Albert Calow then arrived and came to his brother's aid. Together they smothered the flames which enveloped the man and dragged him towards the hole. By this time ammunition was exploding inside the machine and the fire was becoming more fierce. They removed exploding ammunition belts and other debris from their path and were then able to drag the man head first through the hole underneath the 'plane and carried him to safety.

Albert and George Calow, who were badly burned during the rescue work, showed courage and determination without regard for their own safety.

COMMENDATIONS

Those named below have been Commended for brave conduct.

When aircraft crashed and caught fire:—
 Andrew Thompson Bell, Column Officer, No. 10 (Grimsby) Area, National Fire Service.
 Phillip Helyar Chapman, Farmer, Petworth, Sussex.
 Frederick Thomas Denyer, Cowman, Petworth, Sussex.
 Henry Privett, Bricklayer, Duncton Hill, Petworth, Sussex.
 George Scutt, Tractor Driver, Duncton Hill, Petworth, Sussex.

When rescuing men from a land mine-field:—

John William Arnold, Fitter's Mate, Dover Harbour Board.
 William Henry Shingleton, Leading Compressor Driver, Dover Harbour Board.

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Reginald William Green, Lengthman, London Passenger Transport Board.

The announcement relative to B.36001 Corporal B. Andrews, Veterans Guard of Canada, on page 2658 of Gazette No. 36545, dated 8th June, 1944, is cancelled, the award to him of the B.E.M. having been already announced in Gazette No. 36310, dated 1st January, 1944.

The names of the undermentioned are as now described and not as stated in Gazette No. 36547 dated 10th June, 1944:—

Sidney James Beamish, page 2676.
 John Harrop, page 2678.
 Patrick Millar, page 2679.
 Percival Simm, page 2681.
 Margaret, Mrs. Tolley, page 2681.

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