

received an expression of Commendation for their brave conduct.

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

John William Barnett, Esq., Second Officer, Merchant Navy.

The ship was discharging cargo when a fire broke out in one of the magazines which had not been discharged. Fire-fighting operations were immediately begun but the situation became extremely dangerous and after all but essential crew had been taken off, the vessel was towed out into the bay. Although tugs and lighters took out extra fire-fighting appliances and another ship manoeuvred alongside with hoses, the fire rapidly became beyond control and shortly afterwards the vessel blew up.

The Second Officer displayed outstanding devotion to duty and coolness throughout. With complete disregard of his own safety he remained in the ship to fight the fire in exceedingly dangerous circumstances and set an excellent example to all by his courage and determination.

Arthur Harry Bird, Esq., Third Officer, Merchant Navy.

For gallant and distinguished services.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division).

George Thomas Mutimer, Farm Manager, Westwick, Nr. Norwich.

An aircraft crashed and burst into flames. Mutimer at once rushed to the scene and, with assistance, rescued one of the crew who was trapped in the wreckage. By this time the port side of the aircraft was burning

fiercely, the fire was spreading to the fuselage and ammunition was exploding. Mutimer, although warned that explosions were imminent, climbed into the nose of the machine and, with assistance, succeeded in rescuing two other trapped and injured members of the crew. Mutimer showed courage and coolness and it was largely due to his leadership that all the injured were rescued from the aircraft.

COMMENDATIONS.

Those named below have been Commended for brave conduct:—

When aircraft crashed and caught fire:—

Reginald Emmerson, Police Constable, Norfolk Constabulary.

James Harley, Police Constable, West Riding of Yorkshire Constabulary.

When working in dangerous circumstances:—

Henry Gough, Cranedriver, Newhaven, Southern Railway Company.

When fire broke out in a magazine in a ship:—

Edgar Stenstrom Anholm, Esq., M.B.E. (deceased), Chief Officer, Merchant Navy.

John Anderson, Esq., O.B.E. (deceased), Chief Engineer Officer, Merchant Navy.

Clarence Victor Leonard (deceased), Carpenter, Merchant Navy.

Francis Lander Brabin Smith, Esq., (deceased), Third Officer, Merchant Navy.

The name of Jesse Peppiatt is as now described and not as stated in Gazette No. 36547, dated 10th June, 1944, page 2680.

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