

- No. 7596769 Sergeant William Glendenen Bailey, Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (Lingdale, Yorks).
- No. SL.26003 Warrant Officer Class I (Regimental Sergeant-Major) Bokari Farandugu, Sierra Leone Regiment.
- No. 7660108 Bombardier (acting Sergeant) Maurice Robert Cantwell, Royal Regiment of Artillery (London, N.21).
- No. 3595470 Sergeant Thomas Collins, The Border Regiment (Carlisle).
- No. 1585373 Sergeant Thomas Cook, Royal Regiment of Artillery (attd. West African Artillery) (Gateshead).
- No. 7388043 Sergeant Wilfred Ellis, Royal Army Medical Corps (York).
- No. 360503 Private Douglas Watson Irving, The Border Regiment (Carlisle).
- No. GC.12601 Sergeant Issaka Moshi, West African Artillery.
- No. 1871668 Sergeant Leslie Thomas William Kent, Corps of Royal Engineers (Southall, Midd'x).
- No. GC.10641 Battery Sergeant-Major Kodjo Konkomba, West African Artillery.
- No. SL.3111 Battery Sergeant-Major Saidu Koroma, West African Artillery.
- No. 4617947 Sergeant Cecil Harold Edgar Leahy, Corps of Royal Engineers (Glyncorrwg, Glam).
- No. 21647 Naik Munshi Khan, Corps of Indian Engineers.
- No. NA.25140 Battery Sergeant-Major Osene Marko, West African Artillery.
- No. 5058274 Sergeant Clive Howard Pearl, The North Staffordshire Regiment (The Prince of Wales's) (attd. Indian Army Corps of Clerks) (Calcutta).
- No. W.14 Havildar Saw Aung Zang, Burma Signal Corps.
- No. NA.26722 Sergeant Warma Senechi, West African Artillery.
- No. 44377 Ward Servant Shabaz Khan, Indian Army Medical Corps.
- No. 5444427 Sergeant William Thomas Archer Tyler, Royal Army Ordnance Corps (attd. Indian Army Ordnance Corps) (London, W.13).
- No. 1503851 Corporal Robert Walker, Corps of Royal Engineers.
- No. S/125428 Sergeant Clifton Webster, Royal Army Service Corps (attd. Indian Army Corps of Clerks) (Sheffield, 9).
- No. 1520137 Sergeant William Charles Wort, Royal Regiment of Artillery (Christchurch, Hants).

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

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

8th February, 1945.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointments to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, in recognition of gallant conduct after an explosion following an outbreak of fire at the Bombay Docks in April, 1944:—

To be Additional Members of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order:—

Captain Godfrey Eric Leech (2277 R), Indian Army Ordnance Corps.

This officer, realizing that a ship which was on fire might blow up at any moment, nevertheless remained in a position of great danger in order to try to disperse the crowds and get them to a place of safety outside the docks. When the explosion occurred he was hurled towards the dock gates but he picked himself up and finding another officer who had been badly injured he was instrumental in saving his life by rendering immediate first aid. He then assisted in the collection and evacuation of casualties until he finally collapsed himself from shock and exhaustion.

Lieutenant (Temporary Captain) Brinley Thomas Oberst (1893), The Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment).

This officer, after issuing orders for all not directly employed in fire fighting to get clear of the danger area himself remained on board the blazing ship and helped to fight the flames until the side of the ship became red hot and it was clear that an explosion was imminent. He then rode his motor cycle round the docks ordering everyone to run for safety. He was finally blown off the machine by the force of the explosion. In spite of his cuts, bruises and burns he played a leading part in evacuating the wounded.

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

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

8th February, 1945.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the George Medal, in recognition of conspicuous gallantry after an explosion following an outbreak of fire at the Bombay Docks in April, 1944, to:—

Captain (Temporary Major) John Edward Dale (53560), Corps of Royal Engineers.

As a result of an explosion the complete stern of a ship was blown into a main road in the docks area and fell against a building which was already on fire. This pile of steel, weighing about 20 tons, contained the ship's magazine with live shells and ammunition inside.

It became urgently necessary to remove the shells to make the road safe for traffic and this officer working with an oxy-acetylene cutter, successfully accomplished this hazardous task, although several shells exploded within a few feet of him and the whole magazine might have exploded at any time from the heat of the fire underneath.

The work continued for eight days under exceedingly dangerous and adverse conditions and throughout the operation this officer's coolness, courage and devotion to duty were outstanding.

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

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

8th February, 1945.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the British Empire Medal (Military Division) in recognition of gallant conduct after an explosion following an outbreak of fire at the Bombay Docks in April, 1944, to:—

No. 3977219 Sergeant William Jones, Corps of Indian Engineers.

No. 112607 Sepoy Rinchen, Corps of Indian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers.

These two soldiers showed great bravery and devotion to duty when helping to remove live shells from the ship's magazine after a vessel had been blown up by an explosion. They well knew that the magazine might have exploded at any time from the heat of the fire underneath, but in spite of the danger, they remained at their posts until the task was successfully accomplished.

No. 6207913 Sergeant Rosslyn Roger Lindsay Young, G.M., Royal Regiment of Artillery.

After the explosion this soldier helped to evacuate casualties and organised a fire fighting party which succeeded in saving a valuable cargo on another ship. He also put out a fire on board another vessel, broke open the ship's magazine and dumped the ammunition overboard, and remained on board all night to deal with any further outbreaks of fire. He showed courage, initiative and resource of a high order.

War Office, 8th February, 1945.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in Italy:—

Bar to the Distinguished Service Order.

Major-General (temporary) John Ledlie Inglis Hawkesworth, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O. (22835), late The East Yorkshire Regiment (The Duke of York's Own).

Brigadier (temporary) Archer Francis Lawrence Clive, D.S.O., M.C. (23788), Grenadier Guards (London, N.W.1).

Major (temporary Lieutenant-Colonel) Aubrey Donald Miller, D.S.O. (44706), The East Yorkshire Regiment (The Duke of York's Own) (London, S.W.16).

Major (temporary Lieutenant-Colonel) Sydney James Linden Kelly, D.S.O. (62436), The Lancashire Fusiliers (Bournemouth).

Brigadier (temporary) Charles Hamilton Boucher, C.B.E., D.S.O. (106 IA), 3rd Queen Alexandra's Own Gurkha Rifles, Indian Army.

The Distinguished Service Order.

Brigadier (temporary) Edward Barrington de Fonblanque (8388), late Royal Regiment of Artillery.