

the wreckage which was burning furiously. R.A.F. assistance had by then arrived, and Miss Herring, who was suffering from shock, was led away. Palfrey continued to assist in rescue efforts until it was clear his help was no longer needed.

Miss Herring and Palfrey showed courage without regard for their own safety.

Mrs. Sophie Janinata Apolska MEESON, British Resident in Budapest.

For services to members of the British Forces in Hungary.

Peter PRITCHARD, Company Officer, National Fire Service (Assistant Fire Officer, Ministry of War Transport, Mediterranean Area).

A ship which was discharging bombs at Bari blew up with a great explosion.

Among the damaged ships was the Italian s.s. "Lucia C" which was carrying petrol. Fire at once broke out in this ship and volunteer parties were formed to try to save her and her company.

Mr. Pritchard boarded the vessel and took charge of operations. Under his direction the fire was kept under control until the vessel could be beached and allowed to burn out.

Mr. Pritchard showed courage and devotion to duty without regard for his own safety.

KING'S COMMENDATIONS.

Those named below have been Commended for brave conduct.

When aircraft crashed and caught fire:—

Levi ROGERS, Jobbing Gardener, Burton, Bradstock, Dorset.

When rescuing an American airman from the sea:—

John P. de la HAYE, St. Brelade, Jersey.

When rescuing children from a burning house:—

William KEAY, Constable, Perthshire and Kinross-shire Constabulary.

When engaged in rescue work in Antwerp:—

Thomas James PARKINSON (deceased), Group Sergeant, Civil Defence Reserve, 242, No. 1 Overseas Column.

When an ammunition train caught fire:—

Thomas Henry POPPLEWELL, Class III Yard Inspector (Gascoigne Wood), London and North Eastern Railway Company.

John TALBOT, Locomotive Fireman (Selby), London and North Eastern Railway Company.

When explosions occurred at the Royal Ordnance Factory, Kirkby:—

Patrick Stephen BYRNE, Employee of Thos. Bates & Son, Ltd., Demolition Contractors.

Anthony CARTER, Senior Overlooker.

Miss Margaret COONEY, Process Worker.

Robert Henry DONEVAN (deceased), Danger Building Visitor.

Miss Thora Tracie HADDEN, Process Worker.

Miss Doris Kathleen HINTON, Junior Overlooker.

Phyllis Mrs. KNIGHT, Senior Overlooker.

Benjamin MYNETT, Gang Leader, Thos. Bates & Son, Ltd., Demolition Contractors.

Leon PEDLEY, Foreman.

Miss Marjorie PENLINGTON, Process Worker.

William VERNON, Works Fire Brigade Officer.

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD,

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

18th September, 1945.

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 for services to the Forces in connection with military operations in the South-West Pacific Area.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

MACKELLI (since deceased), Lemakot, Kavieng, New Ireland. (Award dated 14th September, 1944.)

Alan Fogo SCOTT, Representative, Young Men's Christian Association, (attached 8 Australian Infantry Brigade).

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18th September, 1945.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the publication in the London Gazette of the names of the persons specially shown below as having been granted a King's Commendation for their brave conduct in Civil Defence:—

Cyril BLEAZARD, Engineer, Ilford.

Leslie George HILL-COTTINGHAM, Sergeant, "K" Division, Metropolitan Police.

David DUNDAS, Constable, "K" Division, Metropolitan Police.

Clarence Leonard DYSON, Constable, "K" Division, Metropolitan Police.

Edward Raymond GOODGE, Constable, "K" Division, Metropolitan Police.

Richard SALEY, Station Sergeant, "K" Division, Metropolitan Police.

Arthur TROLOPE, Constable, "K" Division, Metropolitan Police.

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18th September, 1945.

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

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

Captain David RANKINE, Master, s.s. "Conakrian" (Elmina Line).

The s.s. "Conakrian," sailing in convoy, struck a mine. She was severely damaged and took a considerable list to starboard.