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## CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD,

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

16th October, 1945.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the undermentioned appointments to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, for the following awards of the George Medal and 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.

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

Michael BALFOUR, Employed in a Department of the Foreign Office.

Richard Howard Stafford CROSSMAN, M.P., lately employed in a Department of the Foreign Office.

For services in connection with military operations.

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

Miss Odette Marie ERNEST, British resident in Paris.

For services to the Forces in France.

The Reverend Father John Joseph FLANAGAN, D.D., British resident in Rome.

The Reverend Father Owen Noel SNEDDEN, D.D., British resident in Rome.

For services to the Forces in Italy.

### *To be an Additional Member of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:—*

William John MCONIE, Surveyor, Royal Ordnance Factory, Bishopton.

#### *Awarded the George Medal:—*

James BRYCE, Process Worker, Royal Ordnance Factory, Bishopton.

A violent explosion occurred during the loading of an incorporator. The explosion

demolished a building and set fire to tons of explosive. Bryce, who was working 100 yards away, rushed to the shattered building although he well knew that further explosions might take place. He searched for survivors and found a man nearly covered by a mass of debris. He managed to free the injured man whom he carried to a place of safety. But for Bryce's gallant conduct his comrade would have lost his life by fire and exposure to noxious fumes.

Bryce again returned, alone as he thought, to the burning building. He searched the debris-scattered central corridor until, overcome by heat, fumes, shock and the strain of his exertions, he collapsed completely.

McOnie, who had seen Bryce re-enter the wrecked building, had followed him. Although fires were still burning and there was danger from falling masonry, as well as the possibility of further explosions, he also searched the building for survivors. Finding Bryce in an unconscious condition, McOnie picked him up and carried him from the danger zone. McOnie showed courage without thought for his own safety.

### *To be an Additional Member of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:—*

Flora Livingstone, Mrs. MACDONALD, M.B., Ch.B., Medical Practitioner, Aros, Mull.

### *Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—*

Archibald CATTANACH, Estate Worker, Tiroran, Mull.

Donald ROSS, Ploughman, Aros, Mull.

William WALKER, Tractor Foreman, Aros, Mull.

An aircraft crashed near the summit of Ben Talaidh, Mull, in very bad flying weather. The aircraft struck the mountain obliquely, at about 2,300 feet, slid downwards some 300 feet, and came to rest on snow in a highly precarious position. Any disturbance of its balance would have caused it to crash into a rocky gorge. There were

eight occupants of the machine. One was thrown out at the high level and killed, another was crushed under the aircraft, a third was injured dangerously and died during the rescue work. One injured passenger managed to get down to a cottage to give particulars. The remaining four occupants were all seriously injured and unable to help themselves. Distress signals were sent up and rescue parties were organised. Cattanaach was the leader of one party. Snow and ice lay everywhere, with deep drifts. The river was in flood and the banks treacherous. Dr. MacDonald's leg was cut in the ascent and at one time she was waist deep in icy water and had to be pulled out. When they reached the aircraft she gave first-aid to the injured and the others searched for one of the occupants of the aircraft who was missing.

Another search party, with stretchers, set out but having no knowledge of the whereabouts of the aircraft, they returned. Cattanaach and Walker, who had seen their lights, went down the hill to lead the party to the scene of the crash. The stretcher party were now becoming exhausted and Cattanaach and Walker who were leading them did most of the heavy work with the stretchers.

It had become known that one body lay where the crash first occurred. Ross had tried this climb, up a very steep and dangerous face, but failed in the darkness. A further effort was made in daylight, by Walker and Ross, who climbed up successfully, reached the body, and brought it down. By the determination of the rescue parties four lives were saved. In particular Cattanaach, Ross, Walker and Dr. Macdonald displayed courage and endurance of the highest order.

*Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—*

Viola Mary, Mrs. COSGRAVE, Driver, British Red Cross Society, East Riding of Yorkshire.

Olive Elsie, Mrs. PAYNE, Driver, British Red Cross Society, Huntingdonshire.

An aircraft crashed and caught fire. Mrs. Cosgrave and Mrs. Payne raced ahead across country from an ambulance which had become bogged half a mile from the wreck, dashed into the burning debris of the aircraft and dragged two men from the flames. Mrs. Cosgrave and Mrs. Payne showed courage and devotion to duty without regard for their own safety.

**KING'S COMMENDATIONS.**

Those named below have been Commended for brave conduct.

When aircraft crashed:—

George Robert BEALE, Aros, Mull.

Thomas DEAN, Police Constable, Cheshire County Constabulary.

Herbert HALLEWELL, Solderer, Timperley, Cheshire.

Reginald Norman MACDONALD, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S.Ed., L.R.F.P.S., Medical Practitioner, Aros, Mull.

Thomas MACDONALD, Shepherd, Aros, Mull.

John MACDOUGALL, Ploughman, Aros, Mull.

Donald MACLEAN, Shepherd, Aros, Mull.

The Reverend Alexander Duncan MACRAE, M.A., Aros, Mull.

Geoffrey WISE, Able Seaman, s.s. "Eddystone" (Clyde Shipping Company, Ltd.).  
Walter Yardley WISEMAN, Gas Stoker, Timperley, Cheshire.

When explosions occurred in ships in dock:—

Thomas Albert CHAMBERS, Second Officer, s.s. "Empire Duchess" (H. Hogarth and Sons).

George Herbert DAVIDS, O.B.E., Chief Engineer Officer, s.s. "Flimston" (Picton Steamship Company, Ltd.).

Captain Samuel Philip LLOYD, M.B.E., Master, s.s. "Flimston" (Picton Steamship Company, Ltd.).

Captain John Watson McMUNAGLE, Master, s.s. "Empire Duchess" (H. Hogarth and Sons).

Maurice MIDDLETON, Third Engineer Officer, "Empire Duchess" (H. Hogarth and Sons).

George Leonard ROBSON, Chief Officer, s.s. "Empire Duchess" (H. Hogarth and Sons).

Captain John Ainsley ROBSON, Master, s.s. "Coulbeg" (Dornoch Shipping Company Ltd.).

When m.v. "Longwood" (Oil and Molasses Tankers, Ltd.) broke down at sea:—

Paul BERNIER, Fireman

Captain Theodore BLANCH, Master.

Frederick BOLINGBROKE, Third Officer.

Roderick Webster CURRIE, First Radio Officer.

George DOUGLAS, Chief Engineer Officer.

Alexander McBAIN, Chief Steward.

James PATERSON, Assistant Engineer Officer.

Brian PLATT, Second Officer.

William John POWELL, Fireman.

Herbert TWEEDIE, Ship's Cook.

Harry WHITESIDE, Carpenter.

John Stanley WILLIAMS, Chief Officer.

When m.v. "Geo. W. McKnight" (Anglo-American Oil Company, Ltd.) caught fire after a collision at sea:—

Adrian Hugh ALLEN, Carpenter.

Anthony Grenfell EDWARDS, Chief Officer.

Captain Robert Edward HOPKINS, O.B.E., Master.

Vernon REDFORD, Second Engineer Officer.

Richard VINER, O.B.E., Chief Engineer Officer.

When rendering help to the Allied cause:—

Helene, Mrs. GILL, British resident in Paris.

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

*16th October, 1945.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the undermentioned appointments to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, and for the following award of the British Empire Medal, for services to the Forces in connection with the Burma Campaign, 16th August to 15th November, 1944.

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

Eric Sidney KAYE, Joint Agent, River Steam Navigation and Indian General Steam Navigation and Railway Company, Ltd. (Incorporated in England), Dibrugarh.

John Howard Fry WILLIAMS, Assam Police.

*Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—*

Arulmani George DRAVIAM, Secretary, Young Men's Christian Association, Chittagong.

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16th October, 1945.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the undermentioned appointments 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 Additional Officers of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:—*

Captain George Edward Oxley GIRLING, Master, m.v. "G.S. Walden" (Anglo-American Oil Company Ltd.).

The m.v. "G.S. Walden," sailing in convoy from Italy, was torpedoed. The torpedo struck forward and the fore peak and fore deep tanks at once flooded. The bulkhead held however and the ship proceeded under her own power to Oran where temporary repairs were carried out.

The vessel had been previously torpedoed in the North Atlantic and badly damaged. On that occasion the ship was awash to the main cylinder tops in the engine room and down considerably by the stern but in spite of the damage she was brought safely to port.

Captain Girling was also in command when the m.v. "James Maguire" was mined. The ship commenced to settle by the head but remained afloat sufficiently to return to port under her own power.

It was mainly due to Captain Girling's courage and sound seamanship that both the vessels were brought safely to port.

Captain James Goodall DONALD, Master.

Captain James REEVE, D.S.C., Master.

Captain William WILSON, Master.

Charles DOBSON, Esq., Chief Engineer Officer.

For gallantry and initiative in hazardous circumstances.

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

Captain Winston Stanley Charles MERSER, Master, s.s. "San Tirso" (Anglo Saxon Petroleum Company, Ltd.).

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

Ernest Charles SCALES, Esq., Chief Officer, s.s. "Scottish American."

Robert Owen WILLIAMS, Esq., Chief Officer, m.v. "British Freedom" (British Tanker Company, Ltd.).

Colin McKellan YOUNG, Esq., Chief Officer, s.s. "San Tirso" (Anglo Saxon Petroleum Company, Ltd.).

For brave conduct in hazardous circumstances during oiling operations in the North Atlantic.

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

Captain Herbert Harold HENSON, Master, s.s. "Oranmore" (John Kelly Ltd.).

The s.s. "Oranmore" was mined about ten miles off the Normandy coast. Though the explosion damaged the steering gear, it was found that the ship could still be navigated, though with some difficulty, and she was kept working towards the beaches where she was anchored. Later the vessel was taken into port and the cargo discharged.

Captain Henson displayed great courage and coolness. He handled the situation with determination and, in spite of the many hazards, brought his ship to safety with her valuable and dangerous cargo of cased oil and octane spirit.

## KING'S COMMENDATIONS.

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

Osman ABOO, Seaman, s.s. "British Fusilier" (British Tanker Company, Ltd.).

William Hay ALLAN, Esq., Chief Officer, s.s. "Director" (Charente Steamship Company, Ltd.).

Captain Joseph BOLGER, Master, s.s. "British Fusilier" (British Tanker Company, Ltd.).  
Edgar Henry BRADSHAW, Esq., Second Radio Officer, s.s. "Port Brisbane" (Port Line, Ltd.).

Captain William Ott BURNS, O.B.E., Master, m.v. "British Freedom" (British Tanker Company, Ltd.).

George Dallas DOBSON, Esq., Chief Officer, s.s. "Empire Gold" (Common Bros., Ltd.).

Captain James Domic DONOVAN, O.B.E., Master, s.s. "Scottish American."

Norris Vivian DUFF, Esq., Chief Engineer Officer, s.s. "Director" (Charente Steamship Company, Ltd.).

John Kirk EWING, Able Seaman, s.s. "Gothland" (Currie Line, Ltd.).

Walter Frederick Clarence FRENCH, Esq., Third Officer, s.s. "Empire Cromwell" (Lambert Bros., Ltd.).

John GALAGHER, Esq., Third Engineer Officer, s.s. "Fort Louisbourg" (W. Thomson & Company).

Captain James Barnes Sprot GILHOME, Master, s.s. "Empire Blessing" (W. Runciman & Company, Ltd.).

Ernest William GRESLEY, Esq., Chief Engineer Officer, s.s. "Cranmore" (John Kelly, Ltd.).

Lawrence Gordon HADDEN, Esq., First Radio Officer, s.s. "Samsip" (New Zealand Shipping Company, Ltd.).

Captain John Henry HARPER, Master, s.s. "Samselbu" (Walter Runciman & Company, Ltd.).

Donald Stephen HARRIES, Esq., Third Officer, s.s. "British Fusilier" (British Tanker Company, Ltd.).

William HARRISON, Esq., Chief Radio Officer, s.s. "Empire Blessing" (W. Runciman & Company, Ltd.).

David HEATON, Esq., Second Officer, s.s. "Samselbu" (Walter Runciman & Company, Ltd.).

Ernest Roy LUPTON, Esq. (deceased), Second Officer, s.s. "Empire Cromwell" (Lambert Bros., Ltd.).

Peter MACARTHUR, Able Seaman, s.s. "Gothland" (Currie Line, Ltd.).

James McDONALD, Assistant Steward, s.s. "Gothland" (Currie Line, Ltd.).

John Hamilton MAGEE, Esq. (deceased), Senior Radio Officer, s.s. "Port Brisbane" (Port Line, Ltd.).

Captain Frederick Llewellyn MORRIS, Master, m.v. "British Freedom" (British Tanker Company, Ltd.).

John Thomson OGG, Esq., Chief Engineer Officer, m.v. "British Freedom" (British Tanker Company, Ltd.).

Samuel THOMPSON, Esq., Chief Officer, s.s. "Oranmore" (John Kelly, Ltd.).

Captain William WEATHERALL, Master, s.s. "Director" (Charente Steamship Company, Ltd.).

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