

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.