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**CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS
OF KNIGHTHOOD**

*St James's Palace S W 1
19th February 1946*

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the undermentioned promotion in and appointments to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire for the following awards 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 Commanders of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire —

William Maurice LAING Chairman (21st Army Group) Young Men's Christian Association

For services to the Forces in North-West Europe

Walter Emerson WATERWORTH M B E
Chairman, No 2 Group Council of Voluntary War Work

For services to the Forces in the Mediterranean Area

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

Miss Blanche CHARLET

For services in France during the enemy occupation

Miss Eileen Mary NEARNE, First Aid Nursing Yeomanry

For services in France during the enemy occupation

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division) —

John Stanley SMITHSON Farm Manager, Easingwold Yorkshire

John Raymond TAYLOR, Farm Labourer, Easingwold Yorkshire

An aircraft returning from bombing operations crashed and caught fire in a field. The main bomb load had been dropped but a large amount of ammunition and incendiary bombs carried by the aircraft exploded intermittently.

Smithson and Taylor hurried to the scene of the crash and regardless of the intense heat and the danger from the exploding ammunition and bombs rushed into the burning wreckage in response to cries for help. Lying clear of the fuselage itself but amidst the burning debris, they found one member of the crew whom they carried to safety. After giving the injured man first-aid treatment they returned to the wreckage and found and extricated the body of another member of the crew. They then continued to search amongst the wreckage for the rest of the aircrew but were unable to rescue any others. Smithson and Taylor showed courage without thought for their own safety.

KING'S COMMENDATIONS FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

Jess Henry BEARD Driver (Colwick), London and North Eastern Railway Company

Thomas Robert GIBBONS Passed Fireman (Gorton), London and North Eastern Railway Company

Paul HALL, Driver (Gorton), London and North Eastern Railway Company

Frederick HODGES Fireman (Gorton), London and North Eastern Railway Company

Albert LAWSON Passed Fireman (Colwick), London and North Eastern Railway Company

Alfred MATHER, Driver (Gorton), London and North Eastern Railway Company.

William SPENDLOVE, Guard (Colwick), London and North Eastern Railway Company.

For services when ammunition trains caught fire.

Captain Hilary LLOYD, Master s.t. "Dane-garth" (R. & J. H. Rea, Ltd.).

Renault ROGERS, Fireman, s.t. "Steelopolis" (The Commonwealth Steam Tug Company, Ltd.).

For attempting to save a man from drowning.

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD,

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

19th February, 1946.

The KING has been graciously pleased on the advice of His Majesty's Australian Ministers to give orders for the following award:—

The George Medal.

Gordon William KNOWLES, Rockdale, New South Wales.

An aircraft, with a complement of twelve, crashed a short distance from Mascot aerodrome, New South Wales, immediately after take-off. The fuselage finally came to rest beneath a viaduct and immediately burst into flames. Blazing petrol escaping from the damaged fuel tanks spread over the water in which the wreck was partially submerged, entirely surrounding it with an area of fire.

Mr. Knowles rushed to the scene of the crash and extricated one body from the wreckage. With some assistance he succeeded in extricating two more. After

removal of the third body, Knowles was in such an exhausted condition as a result of burns, immersion and carbon monoxide poisoning that he collapsed and was taken to hospital.

Mr. Knowles showed courage and utter disregard of his own safety in an endeavour to save the lives of the victims.

*Ministry of War Transport,
Berkeley Square, W.1.*

19th February, 1946.

The KING has been graciously pleased, on the recommendation of the Minister of War Transport, to make the following award:—

The Bronze Medal for Gallantry in Saving Life at Sea:—

Brian Herbert BRADLEY, Mate, s.t. "Steelopolis" (The Commonwealth Steam Tug Company, Ltd.).

The Steam Tug "Danegarth" was endeavouring to recover a 100 ton lockgate, which had broken adrift in a heavy sea in the Bristol Channel, when she sustained under-water damage and immediately began to sink. As there was insufficient time for the life-boats to be launched, a raft and lifebuoys were thrown overboard and the crew of six jumped into the sea. About half an hour later the tug "Steelopolis" came to the rescue of the crew. Those on the raft had become helpless from exposure and Mate Bradley, seeing their desperate plight, jumped overboard with a line and swam about 100 yards through a rough sea. On reaching the raft he held on to the line with one hand and on to the raft with the other, while the crew of the "Steelopolis" pulled the raft alongside.

Mate Bradley displayed great courage in going to the rescue of fellow seafarers, who owe their lives to his gallant action.

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