

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. "Danegarth" (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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