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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

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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 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:—

Kenneth Graeme GAIRDNER, lately British subject resident in Thailand.

Edward Peter HEATH, The Borneo Company Ltd.

Richard Davey HEMPSON, The Anglo-Thai Corporation Ltd.

For services to British prisoners of war in the Far East.

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

William Archibald BALHETCHET, L.M.S., Medical Officer, Malayan Medical Service.

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

YEOH BOK CHOON, L.M.S., Tutor in Surgery, College of Medicine, Singapore.

For services at the Tan Tock Seng Hospital, Singapore, during the enemy occupation.

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

Elizabeth, Mrs. BUTLER, British subject resident in Greece.

For services to the Military Forces during the enemy occupation of Greece.

Nora, Mrs. CHOWNS, British subject resident in Perak.

For services to fellow internees in Malaya during the enemy occupation.

Fred HARVEY, Major, Salvation Army.

For services to fellow internees at Ayer Hitam Camp, Penang Island, during the enemy occupation.

Adele Jeanne, Mrs. LAMING, British subject resident in the Netherlands.

For services to the Forces in North West Europe prior to 8th May, 1945.

Awarded the George Medal:—

Patrick CORR, Potato Inspector, Ministry of Agriculture, Northern Ireland.

A glider crashed on a hillside in an inaccessible part of the Downhill Gliding Site near Coleraine, Northern Ireland, and the pilot was seriously injured.

The main rescue party was unable to approach nearer to the wreck than a point 50 feet above it. An attempt was made to reach the pilot with ropes but the tackle broke and the rescuer fell 30 feet to a ledge below, which was only a few feet from the edge of a precipice on the one side and from a waterfall on the other.

Although fully aware of this accident and of the dangers involved in climbing the cliff at night, Patrick Corr, without hesitation, volunteered to be lowered to the rescue of the two men. He showed courage without thought for himself well knowing that the rope might not hold. The rope broke and Corr fell to a ledge washed by the waterfall, where he was stranded until the following morning.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

LIM AH BEE, Land and Survey Department, Sarawak.

ABANG MUSTAPHA BIN ABANG HAJI ABDUL GAPAR, District Officer, Limbang.

JUGAH ANAK LAPOK, Penghulu, Musa River, Batang Katibas, Sarawak.

PETER LIEW SHONG MENG, Chief Draftsman,
Land and Survey Department, Sarawak.

For services to the Forces during military operations in Sarawak prior to 2nd September 1945.

LALA RAM CHAND, Clerk, Office of the Executive Engineer, Irrigation, Baluchistan, Quetta.

On the 16th September, 1947, Lala Ram Chand volunteered to enter a bungalow which was burning furiously and in which a three year old child had been left. In order to reach the child he had to pass through two blazing rooms. He received burns on both arms and suffered from inhaling smoke, but after some time he found and rescued the child. Shortly afterwards the whole building collapsed. Lala Ram Chand displayed courage without regard for his personal safety.

HARI CHARAN DAS, Telephone Supervisor,
Burma Telecommunications.

For services during enemy air attacks on Rangoon.

Richard GLOYNE, Van Driver, Carter Paterson & Company Ltd., London.

For brave conduct when assisting the Police in making the arrest of an armed criminal.

Henry Edward KLYNE, Hospital Assistant,
Spécial Grade, Singapore.

For services during the enemy occupation of Singapore.

Samuel LUDLAM, Contract Worker, Bullcroft Main Colliery, Yorkshire.

William LUKE, Contract Worker, Bullcroft Main Colliery, Yorkshire.

Donald SMITH, Contract Worker, Bullcroft Main Colliery, Yorkshire.

A huge fall of roof occurred at Bullcroft Main Colliery and two men were buried by small stones and coal.

Ludlam, Luke and Smith volunteered to assist in the rescue of the trapped men and, after working for some time, uncovered the head and shoulders of both men.

At this stage the fall place itself became very uneasy and as any further attempt to remove the fall would have resulted in completely re-burying the two men, it was decided to work through to them from the back. A small hole had to be cut through coal and wire bags. Only two men were able to work in the hole at a time, and the work was carried out in relays by Smith, Luke, and Ludlam. Three hours later one of the men was released. The other man could be released only by supporting him while one of the rescuers went under his body to cut away the wire bag and take the floor dirt from under his feet. This was done by

hand and, after working for more than four hours, the trapped man was released.

Ludlam, Luke and Smith, by their courage and determination, saved the lives of their fellow workers.

LI PING, Ward Boy, Medical Department,
Hong Kong.

For services during the enemy occupation of Hong Kong.

John Peter SCUFFHAM, Assistant Surveyor,
Barnsley Main Colliery, Yorkshire.

When an explosion occurred in Barnsley Main Colliery, Scuffham, who is only 16 years of age, was in charge of three other boys engaged on surveying work. They were within a few yards of the face when the explosion occurred. Scuffham saw a flame coming towards him through an open door and he and all his party were burnt, some very severely. In darkness Scuffham acted with great presence of mind and despite his injuries he took charge of the situation. One boy was trapped under some over-turned tubs but Scuffham, with help, extricated him and took him a distance of over 200 yards where he received attention. Scuffham showed courage and leadership.

BADUR BIN SHAMSUDIN, Corporal, 3481,
Malayan Union Police Force.

For services to the Forces during military operations in South-East Asia prior to 2nd September, 1945.

KING'S COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT.

Wilfred ALLSOP, Packer, Bullcroft Main Colliery Yorkshire.

Walter SAVOURY, Packer, Bullcroft Main Colliery, Yorkshire.

For services when an accident occurred in a mine.

William H. HAIGH, Deputy, Barnsley Main Colliery Yorkshire.

For services when an explosion occurred in a mine.

James McARTHUR, Member of Rescue Team,
Burngrange Mine, Midlothian.

For services when an explosion and fire occurred in a mine.

MOER BIN RAHMAN, Small-holder, Singapore.

For services to the Forces during military operations in South-East Asia prior to 2nd September, 1945.

The announcement relative to Captain Gerald Edward McDONALD on page 2594 of Gazette No. 37977 dated 12th June, 1947, is hereby cancelled, his appointment as M.B.E. having been already announced in Gazette No. 37536