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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

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

3rd August, 1948.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders 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.

Awarded the George Medal:—

Hugh Edmund WATTS, M.B.E., B.Sc., F.R.I.C., H.M. Chief Inspector of Explosives, Home Office.

Mr. Watts has been responsible for opening, examining and dismantling a large number of letter bombs addressed to various prominent people.

Each of these bombs has contained sufficient explosive to cause fatal injuries if detonated at close quarters and they were so constructed that even under expert handling they were liable to explode immediately the package was opened.

Mr. Watts had seen the effects of the explosion of one of these bombs which resulted in the death of the recipient of the package and well knew the danger to which he exposed himself but with courage and devotion to duty of the highest order he has persisted in his investigations.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

John SILCOCK, Collier, Maypole Colliery, Lancashire. (Bickershaw, near Wigan.)

A fall of roof occurred at Maypole Colliery, Lancashire, on 13th November, 1947, and a collier was trapped in a narrow space by a large stone which fell from a roof slip and

pinned him to the floor. Shortly afterwards a second fall of roof occurred which completely buried the man.

Aid arrived quickly, but only two men could work in the narrow cul-de-sac. Silcock stood up in the cavity holding back the sides, and protecting with his body the men who worked below him to liberate the buried collier.

After an hour the man's body was extricated. During this period, owing to the time which would have been taken in any attempt to secure the roof, even temporarily, the work was carried on under an unsupported and uneasy roof.

Silcock was exposed throughout to any further falls that might have occurred, and showed great courage without regard for his personal safety.

KING'S COMMENDATIONS FOR BRAVE CONDUCT.

Edward DICK, Constable, Glasgow City Police Force.

For services when stopping a runaway horse.

Robert SILCOCK, Fireman, Maypole Colliery, Lancashire. (Orrell, near Wigan.)

James YATES, Collier, Maypole Colliery, Lancashire. (Higher Ince, near Wigan.)

For services when an accident occurred in a mine.

Government House, New Delhi.

3rd August, 1948.

The KING has been graciously pleased, on the advice of His Majesty's Indian Ministers, to award the King's Police and Fire Services Medal, for Gallantry, to the undermentioned Officer of Police:—

Pandit NIDHI NATH (Deceased), Sub-Inspector of Police, Delhi Province.