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**CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS
 OF KNIGHTHOOD.**

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25th April, 1950.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the undermentioned appointment 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 an Additional Member of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:—

William SUDBURY, Shanghai Pilot.

For outstanding services as Pilot of H.M.S. London when she was on her way to help H.M.S. Amethyst in the Yangtze River on 20th-21st April, 1949.

Awarded the George Medal:—

Arthur Bernard ANSTEY, Foreman, Mount Morgan Mine, Queensland, Australia.

At the 750 foot level of the Mount Morgan Mine, three miners were firing a round of 18 holes to strip a face for the commencement of a large cross cut. Anstey visited the working place and the men commenced to light the charges. There was a delay as some fuses were difficult to ignite. Anstey realised that the men were dwelling too long and that they might be caught in the explosion from the holes already alight, so he ordered them to leave the face. When they were about fifteen feet back from the face however, the first explosion occurred and they were hurled to the ground but managed

to scramble to their feet and make for safety. In doing this they had to pass close to the holes and in direct line with them and the blast from a second explosion again hurled them to the ground. Two of them were able to get up and make their escape. Anstey heard the third man calling out in pain and immediately returned to where he lay a few feet from the face and in direct line with the shots that would go off at any moment. Anstey knew that by remaining behind he faced the risk of death or severe injury but with no thought of self he dragged the helpless man out of the danger zone to safety.

Anstey displayed extreme courage in effecting the rescue of the injured miner whose life he undoubtedly saved.

Leo Lewis CLARKE, Stoker, Refuse Destructor Works, Edmonton Borough Council. (London, N.9.)

Clarke, with two other stokers, was raking out the red hot clinker from one of the furnaces at the refuse disposal works at Edmonton. The men were using heavy rakes and drags to draw out the clinker into a large steel barrow.

Clarke noticed in the middle of the barrow a cylindrical object, resembling an incendiary bomb or small shell, which was giving off a hissing noise. He realised that this was an explosive of some kind and that it would probably explode at any moment. Without hesitation he snatched the cylinder from the barrow, rushed out with it to the open yard and threw it from him. The shell exploded almost at once and Clarke sustained injuries.

Although fully aware of the dangers involved, Clarke did not hesitate to risk his life in order to save his fellow workmen from injury.

Eric Vincent LILEY, lately Dumper Driver, Scalby Road Quarry, Scarborough, Yorkshire.

Donal SUTHERLAND, Foreman, Scalby Road Quarry, Scarborough, Yorkshire.

Sutherland and Liley, with the Manager of the Scalby Road Quarry, were engaged in lighting the fuses of fourteen shots so placed about 3 feet apart that they would blast away a bed of shale at the foot of the quarry face and thus bring down a large quantity of the overlying clay ready for filling on the quarry floor. Just as the last fuse was lit a fall of about 3 tons of clay from the upper part of the face, probably dislodged by the rain, struck the Manager, knocking him unconscious to the floor and burying his legs and the lower part of his body. Sutherland and Liley, who were about to take shelter from the shots, immediately sprang to his assistance. They were well aware of the very real risk of serious injury from the shots and of being buried alive beneath the fall of clay which they knew was imminent. They were unable to pull the man from beneath the weight of clay, so started removing it with their hands. As they were doing so the first of the shots exploded. The blast blew them down but also blew most of the clay off the Manager. They picked themselves up and dragged him along the quarry floor towards the nearest place of refuge, behind a pile of stones about 20 yards away. They were struck, but fortunately not injured, by material projected from other shots and they had barely reached safety when the expected fall of about 300 tons of clay occurred covering the floor, where the Manager had been lying, to a depth of several feet. Had he not been dragged clear he would certainly have been killed, and in making their successful attempt to save him, both Sutherland and Liley knowingly risked their lives.

*Awarded the British Empire Medal
(Civil Division)*

Richard PARSONS, Sub-Officer, Kent Fire Brigade. (Ramsgate.)

A fire broke out at Addington Street Sub Post Office, Ramsgate, and the Sub-Postmaster and his wife were trapped in the front bedroom on the first floor.

Sub-Officer Parsons entered the bedroom through the window, dragged the woman away from the door near the fiercely burning staircase. As it was not possible for her to be taken down the escape he covered her with bedclothes which prevented her from being seriously burned. He then assisted the man down the fire escape. Flames were enveloping the front of the building and as the two men reached the bottom of the escape it became completely covered in flames and was put out of action.

Under cover of a jet and using a 30 foot extension ladder, Parsons re-entered the bedroom and removed the woman by way of the blazing staircase. He was met by other firemen who had fought their way into the ground floor and with their help carried her to safety.

Sub-Officer Parsons showed courage and determination in effecting the rescues.

**KING'S COMMENDATIONS FOR
BRAVE CONDUCT**

Henry Christopher Ajuluchuku AGWUEGBO, Coal-cutter operator, Government Colliery, Enugu, Nigeria.

Jackson Anamelechi OPARAGU, Shot Firer, Government Colliery, Enugu, Nigeria.

For services when an accident occurred in a mine.

William Thomas BROOKS, M.B.E., Assistant Chief Constable, Wiltshire County Constabulary. (Devizes.)

Reginald Charles YEOMAN, Detective Superintendent, Wiltshire County Constabulary. (Devizes.)

Douglas John Rean HUGHES, Police Constable, Wiltshire County Constabulary. (Devizes.)

For services when arresting a drunken man armed with a loaded revolver.

Hugh Cameron CRANSTON, Police Constable, Glasgow City Police Force. (Glasgow, C.5.)

Robert DICKSON, Police Constable, Glasgow City Police Force. (Glasgow, E.1.)

Colin FRASER, Police Constable, Glasgow City Police Force. (Glasgow, S.E.)

Thomas MITCHELL, Police Constable, Glasgow City Police Force. (Glasgow, W.2.)

For services when arresting armed criminals.

Lilian Jane DAVIES, Woman Police Constable, Wolverhampton Borough Police Force. (Wolverhampton.)

For services when arresting a criminal.

James Cuthbert HARRISON, Farm Worker, Winster, Westmorland. (Kendal.)

For services when a farmer was attacked by a bull.

Owen Llewellyn JONES (deceased), Assistant Teacher, The Moat Boys' School, Leicester.

For saving his pupils from injury when a van mounted the pavement.

John Henry MAUNTON, Timber Carrier, Salford, Lancashire.

For services when a fire occurred in a dwelling house.

Ernest Sidney MOBBS, Constable, British Transport Police, Eastern Area. (Pentney, Norfolk.)

For services when apprehending an armed poacher.

Samuel William Edward ROSE, Lorry Driver, Old Sawley, Derbyshire.

For services when rescuing the crew of a crashed aircraft.

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