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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

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