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

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The QUEEN 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 Members of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:—

Arthur Townsend GREENE, Installation Manager, Shell-Mex and B.P., Ltd., Portslade.

A vessel was discharging a full cargo of motor spirit at the Portslade Depot in Shoreham Harbour when a slight leakage of spirit occurred on board. It was seen by Mr. Greene who drew the attention of the Master. Pumping was stopped immediately and the Master and three members of the crew descended into the ship's pump-room. Shortly afterwards Mr. Greene saw a man, obviously affected by petrol fumes. He immediately carried out an investigation and discovered that the four men in the pump-room had been rendered unconscious by the concentration of fumes. He grabbed a line which was handy and went below, instructing one of his men to call the fire brigade. Whilst endeavouring to place the line around a man at the foot of the ladder Mr. Greene became affected by the fumes. Almost unconscious he managed to reach the deck and summoned the Fire, Police and Ambulance services. Eventually all the men were rescued by firemen equipped with breathing apparatus. Mr. Greene displayed

courage in entering the pump-room and by his prompt actions averted a serious explosion and possible loss of life.

Charalambos MIDDLETON, Assistant Forest Officer, Cyprus.

Mr. Middleton was directing operations in fighting a forest fire near Peravassa, Paphos district. During the course of the fire the wind changed and the fatal outburst was seen to move quickly up the gully towards the position where troops were stationed. Mr. Middleton, who was further up the hill, moved down into the area to exhort the troops and civilian workers to move out at once and directed as many of them as he could to positions of safety. He remained until the last possible second, doing all he could to evacuate the area. Later he played a leading role in bringing out the dead and injured. He helped to move a burning vehicle off the road in spite of the danger of exploding ammunition and the possibility that the petrol tank of the vehicle might explode. The fire near Peravassa came at the end of four weeks in which there had been 29 forest fires, in most of which Mr. Middleton had directed the fire fighting operations. During these fires he gave himself unstintingly to his work and set an outstanding example by his selfless devotion to duty during long periods of gruelling exertion and lack of sleep.

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

Bernard HOWARD, Chief Engineer, John Halstead, Ltd., Whitefield, Manchester.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Jack Wilson HUGHES, Transport Manager, John Halstead, Ltd., Whitefield, Manchester.

Maintenance work on a range of Lancashire boilers was being undertaken when a