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

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8th October, 1957.

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

Arnold Eric HUGHES, Cargo Supervisor, Esso Petroleum Company, Ltd. (Liverpool.)

Two men were overcome by petrol vapour in the pump-room of a coastal tanker which was loading motor spirit. Mr. Hughes was on a vessel about 500 yards away and hearing that something was wrong he immediately boarded the tanker and helped members of the crew to bring up from the pump-room the Chief Engineer and Third Engineer who had been overcome by a heavy concentration of petrol vapour, caused apparently by a leak. Mr. Hughes made his way down the ladder and helped to haul up the Chief Engineer. He then went below again to search for the second man in the dimly lit pump-room, about 15 feet below main deck level, and found him lying unconscious but alive about 10 feet from the ladder. Although he was feeling the increasing effects of the fumes, Hughes succeeded with great difficulty in securing a rope around the unconscious man. He then dragged him on to the foot of the ladder and gave the signal for him to be hauled out. Hughes was by that time so much affected by the fumes he was obliged to come up on deck to recover. Other difficulties

arose and it was not until Mr. Hughes had been down into the pump-room yet again and fastened another rope around the man that it finally became possible to haul him up.

Mr. Hughes persisted over a period of an hour and forty minutes in his three rescue attempts with the utmost determination and without regard for his own safety.

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

Captain James Henry DAVIES, Master, Port Services Tug, Trinidad.

Awarded the George Medal:—

David Frederick Alfred BLOOM, Assistant Superintendent, Marine Branch, Trinidad and Tobago Police Force.

Ronald Godfrey COX, Chief Fire Officer, Trinidad and Tobago Fire Services.

One night a wooden schooner with a cargo of 8,000 gallons of highly inflammable fuel caught fire in the Port of Spain harbour. The schooner was anchored in a heavily congested part of the port area, about fifty feet from the seawall against which two ships were tied. At the time there were not less than a dozen ships in this small part of the port. The Port Services fire tug, under the command of Captain Davies, took off the crew of the schooner and commenced fire fighting operations. The Police launch under the command of Assistant Superintendent Bloom then went alongside the tug and Mr. Bloom went on board. A few minutes later, the Chief Fire Officer, Mr. Cox, went aboard the burning vessel with a fire crew and assumed command of operations. At this stage of the incident the probability of the schooner blowing up with its hazardous cargo made it imperative that the ship should be moved at once from the crowded anchorage to some safer place where an explosion would cause less loss