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TUESDAY, 31st MARCH 1970

## State Intelligence

Lord Chamberlain's Office,  
St. James's Palace, London S.W.1.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to make the following Appointments to Her Majesty's Household:

To be a Physician to Her Majesty:

Richard Ian Samuel Bayliss, Esquire, M.D., F.R.C.P., in the room of William Neville Mann, Esquire, M.D., F.R.C.P., resigned.

To be a Physician to the Household:

John Charles Batten, Esquire, M.D., F.R.C.P., in the room of Richard Ian Samuel Bayliss, Esquire, M.D., F.R.C.P.,

20th March 1970.

the elderly Chief Engineer whom he knew to be asleep in another part of the ship and not to be very agile. When he reached the Chief Engineer's cabin, Bye realised that, because of the spread of the fire the only possible means of escape was through the small 12 inch portholes of the cabin. Bye made several attempts to force the Chief Engineer through a porthole until he was overcome by smoke and flames. The bodies of the Chief Engineer and Bye were later found jammed in adjacent portholes.

The late First Officer Bye displayed great personal courage, cool headedness and a complete disregard for his own safety in attempting to save the life of a fellow crew member.

### CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

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

31st March 1970.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased, on the advice of Her Majesty's Australian Ministers, to approve the award of the George Medal to the undermentioned:

(To be dated 26th March 1970)

Robert SILIKO, of Nissan Island, Territory of Papua and New Guinea.

Mr. Robert Siliko was a member of the crew of the M.V. Frisia which was moored in Rabaul harbour on the night of 2nd-3rd May 1968. He and another member of the crew were asleep in a cabin, next to that of the Chief Engineer below deck, when a fire broke out at approximately 4 a.m. and rapidly spread throughout the ship, completely cutting off the approaches to the sleeping quarters of the officers and crew and finally destroying the ship with the loss of three lives.

Siliko woke to find his cabin extremely hot. As the heat increased it broke the glass panel in the door to the cabin and smoke and flames broke through. He woke his cabin mate who immediately went to open the door. Siliko prevented him from doing this and calmed him, then told him to undress and wet his body to make it easier for him to

## HONOURS AND AWARDS

### CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

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

31st March 1970.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased, on the advice of Her Majesty's Australian Ministers, to approve the award of the Albert Medal to the undermentioned:

(To be dated 26th March 1970)

First Officer Geoffrey Clifford BYE (deceased), of Boolaroo, New South Wales.

Geoffrey Clifford Bye was First Officer aboard the M.V. Frisia which was moored in Rabaul harbour on the night of 2nd-3rd May 1968. He was asleep in his cabin below deck when a fire broke out at approximately 4 a.m. and rapidly spread throughout the ship, completely cutting off the approaches to the sleeping quarters of the officers and crew and finally destroying the ship with the loss of three lives.

Being awoken by the heat Bye, instead of taking advantage of two escape routes which were then available to him, by-passed these to go to the aid of