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Whitehall, July 29, 1939.

His Majesty The KING has been graciously pleased to award the Edward Medal to Bernard Fisher, in recognition of his gallantry in the following circumstances:—

In the early morning of April 26th, 1939, a fire occurred in the cabin of an electrically driven gantry crane running at a height of about 55 feet above the ground level in the Templeborough Steel Melting Shop of Messrs. Steel, Peech & Tozer Ltd., Sheffield. The driver—William Hird—shouted and then lost consciousness. Fisher, who was the driver of a travelling jib crane in the same department, heard the shout and saw the fire. He promptly climbed from his own box and ascended the ladder to the crane track. He crossed the 80 feet span of the gantry and descended the vertical ladder into the cabin, which by that time was blazing. He carried Hird through a trap door and up a vertical ladder for a distance of approximately 12 feet. Fisher's action, which was carried out at great risk to himself and showed intelligence and initiative, almost certainly saved Hird's life.

Whitehall, August 12, 1939.

The KING has been pleased, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the Realm, bearing date the 3rd instant, to confer the honour of Knighthood upon Benegal Rama Rao, Esq., C.I.E., Indian Civil Service, Agent-General for India in the Union of South Africa.

[His Majesty's approval of this Knighthood was signified on the 8th June, 1939.]

Whitehall, August, 12, 1939.

The KING has been pleased, by Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, bearing date the 5th instant, to appoint William Elliott Batt, Esq., C.M.G., Barrister-at-Law, to be Stipendiary Magistrate for the Borough of East Ham, in the room of William Reginald Howard, Esq., who has been appointed a Metropolitan Police Magistrate.

Whitehall, August 12, 1939.

The KING has been pleased to give and grant unto General Sir Walter Mervyn St. George Kirke, G.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., A.D.C., His Majesty's Royal licence and authority to wear the Grand Cross of the Order of the White Rose of Finland, which Decoration was conferred upon him by the President of the Republic of Finland on the occasion of his recent visit to Finland.

Whitehall, August 12, 1939.

The KING has been pleased to give and grant unto Thomas Cuthbert Beaumont, Esq., V.D., His Majesty's Royal licence and authority to wear the "Palme d'Officier d'Academie," which Decoration has been conferred upon him by the President of the French Republic, in recognition of valuable services rendered by him in the capacity of Consular Agent of France at Karachi.