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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

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

3rd February, 1942.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the George Medal to the undermentioned:—

531432 Corporal Leonard Charles Bridgeman, Royal Air Force.

A vessel which was taking a Naval and Royal Air Force salvage crew to save an aircraft which had crashed into the sea on the previous day, struck a mine and sank. After the explosion, however, the forepart of the vessel remained afloat for a short period and Corporal Bridgeman, accompanied by a naval officer, descended to the hold in an endeavour to rescue injured personnel. Despite warning shouts, Corporal Bridgeman

continued his rescue work and, when this portion of the vessel capsized and sank, he went under with the wreckage but managed to get clear and was rescued later. The naval officer who was assisting him in his efforts to rescue the injured, lost his life. Although suffering from the effects of the explosion, Corporal Bridgeman displayed great bravery in dangerous circumstances.

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

3rd February, 1942.

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint Sir Arnold Edward Trevor Bax, Mus.Doc., to be Master of the Music to His Majesty, in the room of Sir Henry Walford Davies, K.C.V.O., O.B.E., Mus.Doc., deceased.

DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES (EXTENSION) ACT, 1941.

In pursuance of subsection (2) of Section One of the Diplomatic Privileges (Extension) Act, 1941 (4 & 5 Geo. 6 Ch. 7), His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs has compiled this amended list of the persons to whom immunities and privileges are extended under that Section, the said list taking effect from the seventh day of March, nineteen hundred and forty-one, except where otherwise indicated by the dates specified after individual names.

BELGIUM.

I.—MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT.

<i>Prime Minister and Minister of Education</i>	M. Hubert Pierlot.
<i>Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister of Labour and Social Welfare</i>	M. Paul-Henri Spaak.
<i>Minister of Finance, Minister of National Defence and Minister of Communications and Economic Affairs</i>	M. Camille Gutt.
<i>Minister for the Colonies and Minister of Justice</i> ...	M. Albert De Vleeschauwer.

II.—OFFICIAL STAFFS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT.

Under the direction of the Prime Minister.

- (1) The Prime Minister's Cabinet—
M. Auguste Biron.
M. Auguste Hubert. April 24, 1941.
M. Roger Taymans.
- (2) Government Commission for the Study of Post-War Problems—
M. Louis de Brouckère.
M. Jean Deguent.
M. Julius Hoste.
M. Joseph Rens.
M. Raoul Richard. July 16, 1941.
Baron Etienne Ruzette.
M. Paul van Zeeland. June 27, 1941.

Under the direction of the Prime Minister—continued.

- (3) Interministerial Commission for State Personnel—
M. Leopold Ballegeer.
M. Adhemar Dehard.
M. Optat Vandesteene.
- (4) Department of Roads and Bridges—
M. Jean Poleman.
M. Edgard Van Volsom.
- (5) Refugees' Service—
Prof. Edouard Bigwood. April 1, 1941.
M. Léonard Bourseaux.
Baron de Waha de Baillonville.
M. Oscar de Coutere.
M. Emile Houart.
M. Robert Iweins de Wavrans.