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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1.
24th April, 1942.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the undermentioned appointment to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, for the following award of the British Empire Medal and for the publication in the London Gazette of the names of the persons 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:—

Lawrence Douglas D'Mello, Esq., Station Master, Pegu, Burma.

Mr. D'Mello has performed outstanding services during military operations in the neighbourhood of Pegu. On reduction of the railway staff he supervised the provision and marshalling of wagons for military use. When the telegraph staff left he personally operated the telegraph system and other technical traffic control signals. Through his untiring and loyal zeal he retained the services of locomotive drivers and firemen and kept tactical and goods trains running. As a result of his example and of his influence traffic ran on the line in spite of great difficulties.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Ernest Richardson, Able Seaman, Merchant Navy.

Whilst the ship was off Newfoundland, it became necessary for repairs to be carried out to the wireless aerial attached to the main mast. The wind was at gale force with heavy snow, the ship and rigging were covered with ice: Able Seaman Richardson

however, volunteered to attempt the necessary repairs. He had to discard his gloves, and both hands soon became frozen. Six men tried to reach him to assist in the work, but failed. Despite the risk of being forced by the icy weather to let go his hold and fall to the deck below, he persevered and finished the repairs to the aerial, on the proper functioning of which the safety of the ship and crew might have depended.

Richardson then slid from the mast-head to the fore top and thence down the rope to the deck, where it was found that both his hands were severely frost-bitten. He was aloft in snow and blizzard for about forty minutes.

COMMENDATIONS.

Those named below have been Commended for brave conduct.

When rescuing a pilot from a crashed and burning aircraft:—

Fred Miners, Farmer, Mullion, Cornwall.
Peter Pascoe Miners, War Reserve Constable, Cornwall County Constabulary.

For services in circumstances of grave danger when a Depot Store collapsed:—

Ernest Harold Lambert, Leading Storeman (Civil), Royal Air Force Depot.

When rescuing a man from drowning:—

Thomas Rutherford, Employee, Messrs. Smith's Dock Company, Ltd., North Shields.

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