

persons, and Constable Baylis helped to clear a way for its passage. Attempts were made to tow the bomb away by means of a rope twelve feet long attached to a truck. The first attempt failed owing to the bomb becoming stuck in the debris. Baylis then volunteered to drive the truck whilst the Bomb Disposal Officer guided the bomb. In this manner the operation was completed.

Baylis showed great courage without regard for his own safety.

Daniel Pule, Clerk, British Solomon Islands Protectorate.

Launganibaea, Corporal of Police, British Solomon Islands Protectorate.

For exceptional devotion to duty in a theatre of war.

Leslie John Robbins, Inspector of Engine Fitters, H.M. Dockyard, Malta.

During intensive air attacks on Malta, Inspector Robbins continuously did most outstanding work on the salvage of various ships. He showed courage and devotion to duty, remaining at his post day and night in the most trying conditions without regard for his personal safety.

COMMENDATIONS.

Those named below have been Commended for brave conduct:—

Joseph Agius, Fuelling Assistant, H.M. Dockyard, Malta.

Harold William Beane, Inspector of Electrical Fitters, H.M. Dockyard, Malta.

Pacifico Calleja, Coxswain, H.M. Dockyard, Malta.

Percy Henry Pearce, Chargeman of Fitters, H.M. Dockyard, Malta.

Kenneth Cecil Powis, Chargeman of Electrical Fitters, H.M. Dockyard, Malta.

Joseph Saliba, Storehouseman, H.M. Dockyard, Malta.

Francis Wellard, Chargeman of Engine Fitters, H.M. Dockyard, Malta.

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

St. James's Palace, S.W.1.
6th November, 1942.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the undermentioned awards of the George Medal and 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 in Civil Defence:—

Awarded the George Medal:—

Walter Kenney, Superintendent of Police, H.M. Dockyard, Malta.

During enemy air attacks Superintendent Kenney has led the Dockyard Fire Brigade in fighting fires afloat and ashore. His brave leadership and devotion to duty have contributed largely to the success that has attended the Brigade's almost continuous and very dangerous work.

On one occasion when he was in charge of fire-fighting on a vessel, further heavy attacks were made but, despite this, the fire was put out and many tons of valuable cargo saved. From that ship he went to

another and, although there was grave risk of the explosion of ammunition that formed part of the cargo, continued to fight the fires.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Hartas Crispin Brignall, Inspector of Engine Fitters, H.M. Dockyard, Malta.

During intense air raids Brignall has done exceptional and outstanding work on dock pumping and cranes, and in fire-fighting by day and night.

He has willingly faced danger and long hours and by his courage and devotion to duty has kept essential services in operation.

Miss Emmelina Kate Gafford, Supervising Telephonist, Post Office, Deal.

Miss Gafford, by her courage and devotion to duty, has set a fine example to her staff.

Throughout the period of frequent air raids she has maintained an efficient telephone service during periods of constant danger.

William Vernon Jones, Clerk of Works, Air Ministry Works Department, Malta.

During a period of intensive bombing attacks, Jones under difficult and hazardous conditions, succeeded in keeping the landing ground of an aerodrome serviceable with the minimum of interruption. On one occasion while superintending the repair of the aerodrome, he was rendered unconscious by bomb blast but despite injury to his lungs he resumed duty the following day. His devotion and outstanding personal courage inspired those under his control to carry on their vital work in the face of great danger.

Alfred Martin, M.M., Stableman-in-Charge, London and North Eastern Railway.

During an air raid a shower of incendiaries set fire to some stables.

In spite of the smoke and fire Martin succeeded in getting nine horses out safely and they were led to vacant ground and let loose. The stable loft was burning furiously but, with help, he was able to rescue the rest of the horses and none of the animals was burnt or injured.

After the horses had been removed, efforts were made to save the harness and equipment, and the flames were held in check until a trailer pump crew arrived and took charge.

Martin showed courage and devotion to duty in dealing with the situation.

Walter Nitsch, Mechanic Examiner, H.M. Dockyard, Malta.

Sydney James Howard Squire, Inspector of Founders, H.M. Dockyard, Malta.

During a period of heavy bombing attacks Nitsch and Squire showed great gallantry and initiative in leading fire parties, organising salvage operations on sinking ships and dealing with many other emergencies by day and night, often without proper food or sleep.

By their devotion to duty, courage and leadership they set an outstanding example.

Arthur Scibberas, Clerk of Works, Air Ministry Works Department, Malta.

During a period of intense air raids Scibberas was responsible for the maintenance of an aerodrome surface and buildings. In carrying out this highly important work he showed complete disregard of his