

Medal, for bravery and distinguished services in the Burma evacuation:—

*To be an Additional Commander of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:—*

Harold Roper, M.C., General Manager, Burma Oil Company, Ltd., Rangoon.

Mr. Roper played a leading part in the oil denial schemes in Burma. By his personal example and influence he contributed very largely to the maintenance of the morale of his employees, without whose services the successful denial of oil supplies to the enemy would have been impossible. He remained in Rangoon to the very end and left by sea with the last demolition party.

*To be Additional Officers of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:—*

Denis Jackson Atkinson, Indian Forest Service, Conservator of Forests, Burma.

Mr. Atkinson was posted to organise the evacuation of refugees from the Chindwin region. The resources at his command were never large but, by his energy and untiring work, he improvised both transport and supplies. It was largely due to his personal efforts that nearly 200,000 refugees safely traversed this difficult route.

He carried out a further arduous tour of duty for several weeks in extremely difficult conditions and helped to bring in refugees who were making their way to India by other routes.

Mr. Atkinson showed personal courage, a deep sense of duty and a great capacity for organisation.

Peter Burnside, Burma Forest Service, Deputy Conservator of Forests, Burma.

When evacuation started, Mr. Burnside was placed in charge of the land evacuation from Lower Burma. This was the first land route used by Indian refugees, and he had much to contend with in the way of sickness and shortage of water, food, transport, and medical supplies. He did everything possible to minimise the heavy casualties that occurred on this route and to prevent the spread of disease. It was mainly due to Mr. Burnside's courage, energy, resource and devotion to duty that nearly 80,000 refugees were able to reach safety by this route.

John Revill Case, Manager, British Burma Petroleum Company, Ltd., Yenangyaung.

Both in Rangoon and in the oilfields, Mr. Case was outstanding among the oil companies' executives in his whole-hearted support of the oil denial scheme. He gave a splendid lead to his own employees in the personal share that he took in the work, and his constant unqualified assistance was of the utmost value during the preparation and operation of the scheme.

George Chettle, Indian Police, District Superintendent of Police, (for some time officiating Deputy Inspector General), Burma.

Mr. Chettle as Deputy Commissioner, Salween District, rendered good service when that district was evacuated during the early part of the Japanese advance. He was then posted as Superintendent of Police, Meiktila, and managed to hold his police force

together until the district was evacuated. On one occasion he protected, at great personal risk to himself, the Meiktila treasury which had been partially looted by a mob.

Mr. Chettle, as officiating Deputy Inspector General, Sagaing Division, gave the greatest assistance in restoring morale in Shwebo, Sagaing and Monywa during constant bombing. His fighting spirit, efficiency and determination made him a tower of strength to the administration during the closing days of Upper Burma.

Lieutenant-Colonel Robert Ross Ewing, Director of Civil Transport, Rangoon. (Deputy Commissioner, Burma).

During the last days of Rangoon, Lieutenant-Colonel Ewing was responsible for the provision of transport for the final demolition contingent and was then chief adviser. He discharged his duties with the utmost efficiency and, in a difficult and dangerous situation, his cool common sense and unruffled temperament did much to maintain the morale of the last party of officials left in Rangoon.

Marr Grieve, Chief Superintending Engineer, Burma Oil Company, Ltd., Yenangyaung.

Mr. Marr Grieve was Director of Operations for the oilfields denial schemes and was responsible for the formation and training of the demolition crews as well as for the operational control and detailed planning for the Yenangyaung field. He carried out this task with exceptional skill in the most trying circumstances, and the success of the operations in the oilfields was very largely due to his work. His careful planning and foresight, his attention to detail, and his personal drive were apparent in every aspect of the demolitions.

Christopher Jerome Harrison, Toklai Experimental Station, Jorhat, Assam.

Mr. Harrison was responsible for the camps on the Pangsau Pass route. He worked in the most advanced camps, giving first aid to the refugees and cooking for them himself. Working for long periods in appalling conditions he was always ready to go forward to bring in the sick and infirm. In July he led a last rescue party over the pass and brought in over a hundred persons who otherwise could have hardly survived. Throughout, his courage, resource and cheerfulness were outstanding.

Kenneth James Hulme Lindop, M.C., Indian Civil Service, Deputy Commissioner, Magwe, Burma.

Mr. Lindop was responsible for the very efficient evacuation of a large number of Europeans, Anglo-Indians and Indians. He gave great assistance to the Army in their retirement through Magwe and kept his district administration functioning till the end.

Mr. Lindop continued to carry out duties of civil administration and of supervising evacuation in the Mandalay and Sagaing Divisions. On reaching Manipur he rendered very valuable service in rescuing refugees who were making their way out of Burma through the unhealthy Naga tracks during the rains. Later, he volunteered to take charge of the forward refugee camps and stationed himself at the advanced headquarters where he still remains at work.