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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

St James's Palace, S.W.I. 26th March, 1943.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the undermentioned award of the British Empire Medal for brave conduct in Civil Defence

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division) —

James Edward Joseph Astridge, Acting Inspector of Storehousemen, Admiralty, Malta.

Astridge showed great courage and devotion to duty during the period of the heavy air raids on Malta.

He devoted himself unstintingly to the work of salving valuable stores and documents and he also superintended the demolition work, which was of an extremely heavy nature.

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

St James's Palace, SW 1. 26th March, 1943

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the undermentioned awards of the British Empire Medal, and for the publication in the London Gazette of the name of the person specially shown below as having received an expression of Commendation for brave conduct

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Ernest George Chandler, Passenger Guard, London, Midland and Scottish Railway Company

During a train journey a passenger changed his place and in consequence lost

his sense of direction. When the train reached a station he opened the offside door

in error and stepped out

Attracted by shouts, the Guard entered a compartment and found the offside door open. He saw in the darkness a man standing on the line on which a train was entering the opposite platform. He jumped on the line, grasped the man, who was standing astride the negative conductor rail, and then held him in the aperture between two vehicles of the stationary train until the train on the adjoining line had passed

Chandler acted with great promptitude, coolness of mind and disregard of danger, risking his life to save the passenger.

William Dunn, Shift Boss, Adowsena Mine, Gold Coast

On the 6th November, 1941, a heavy fall of rock occurred at one of the stopes of the mine, trapping native labourers

Dunn and two other Europeans, working in relays, cut away the rocks which pinned down two of the natives and, after two hours, they were released. Great care was necessary to prevent any vibration which would set in motion the rock mass above

After a further four hours search the body of another native was recovered. The search was continued until the Mines Inspector prohibited it on account of the danger

Dunn showed great courage and determination in his efforts to rescue the trapped labourers.

COMMENDATION

The individual named below has been Commended for brave conduct when an accident occurred in the Adowsena Mine:—

John William Fegan, Surveyor, Adowsena Mine, Gold Coast