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TUESDAY, 13 JULY, 1943

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

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

13th July, 1943.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the undermentioned award of the British Empire Medal for brave conduct:—

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Poon Lim, Second Steward, Merchant Navy.

When his ship was torpedoed and sunk, Second Steward Poon Lim was washed overboard. After being in the water for about two hours he managed to reach a raft on which he existed alone for 133 days, before being picked up by a fishing boat. On the raft there were provisions for about 50 days but before this time elapsed, Poon Lim improvised a fishing hook and line and, using biscuit for bait, caught a number of small fish which he later used as bait for larger fish. He also caught seagulls which settled on the raft. When the water supply ran out, he was without water for five days, but was subsequently able to catch enough rain water for his needs, using the covering material of his lifejacket for the purpose.

Poon Lim displayed exceptional courage, fortitude and resource in overcoming the tremendous difficulties with which he was faced during the long and dangerous voyage on the raft.

Crown Office, House of Lords, S.W.1.

13th July, 1943.

The KING has been pleased by Warrant under His Sign Manual dated the 3rd day of July, 1943, to appoint the Right Honourable Edward Leslie Burgin, LL.D., to be Deputy Chairman of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the County of Bedford in accordance with the provisions of the Administration of Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1938.

NORTHERN IRELAND LAND ACT, 1925.

Pursuant to rule 4 of the Northern Ireland Land (Finance) Rules, 1926, relating to the drawing of Guaranteed 4½ per cent. Bonds issued under the

Northern Ireland Land Act, 1925, the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that the sum of £35,980 has been certified by the National Debt Commissioners to be available for the next drawing of these bonds, in accordance with the Certificate contained in the Schedule hereto, and that the next drawing of these bonds will take place on the 18th August, 1943.

A list of the bonds drawn will be published in the London Gazette as soon afterwards as possible and in any case not later than the 1st September, 1943.

Treasury Chambers, S.W.1.

8th July, 1943.

SCHEDULE. . . .

Northern Ireland Land Act, 1925
(15 & 16 Geo. V c. 34).

Certificate of the amount available for the Drawing of Guaranteed 4½ per cent. Bonds for repayment at Par on 1st November, 1943, given by the National Debt Commissioners pursuant to the provisions of Section 2 (3) of and the First Schedule to, the Northern Ireland Land Act, 1925, and Number 4 of the Northern Ireland Land (Finance) Rules, 1926.

On the part of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, I hereby certify that the amount available for the drawing of Guaranteed 4½ per cent. Bonds for repayment on 1st November, 1943, determined in accordance with the above Act and Rule, will be thirty-five thousand nine hundred and eighty pounds (£35,980).

H. W. S. Francis, Comptroller General.

National Debt Office, 19, Old Jewry, E.C.2.

7th July, 1943.

Foreign Office, 1st June, 1943.

DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES (EXTENSION) ACT, 1941.

His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, acting in pursuance of Subsection (2) of Section One of the Diplomatic Privileges (Extension) Act, 1941 (4 and 5 Geo. 6. ch. 7), hereby gives notice of the following amendment of the list, published in the London Gazette of the 4th December, 1942, of persons to whom immunities and privileges are extended under that Section, the said amendment taking effect as from the date specified after the name of the person affected:—

AMENDMENTS TO THE LIST.

FIGHTING FRANCE.

II.—OFFICIAL STAFFS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE FRENCH NATIONAL COMMITTEE.

Under the direction of the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs.

ADD. M. Pierre Vienot, May 11, 1943.