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**CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS
OF KNIGHTHOOD.**

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1.
7th November, 1944.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the undermentioned appointments to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire for services in the planning of the landings in Normandy:—

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

Frank Atkinson, Assistant Director, Sea Transport Division, Ministry of War Transport.

Captain Ian Brian Campbell, Cargo Superintendent, Sea Transport Division, Ministry of War Transport.

Captain Joseph Edward Cooper, Cargo Superintendent, Sea Transport Division, Ministry of War Transport.

John Robertson Cowper, Assistant Director, Coasting and Short Sea Division, Ministry of War Transport.

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

James Tough Abel, Senior Chief Superintendent, Ministry of War Transport.

George Stewart Baldwin, Senior Shipping Assistant, Coasting and Short Sea Division, Ministry of War Transport.

Captain Albert Henry Moody, Bunkering Superintendent, Ministry of War Transport.

Captain Wallace Rimer, Cargo Superintendent, Sea Transport Division, Ministry of War Transport.

Charles Thomas Whyman, Staff Officer, Sea Transport Division, Ministry of War Transport.

**CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS
OF KNIGHTHOOD.**

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1.
7th November, 1944.*

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 names of the persons specially shown below as having received an expression of Commendation for their brave conduct.

*Awarded the British Empire Medal
(Civil Division):—*

George Frederick Bull, Motor Transport Driver, Royal Air Force Maintenance Unit.

Alexander Wesley Trew, Fitter, Royal Air Force Maintenance Unit.

When an aircraft was taking off it crashed into a stationary aircraft and a motor tractor. The two aircraft and the tractor burst into flames.

Trew tried to release an injured man who was pinned beneath the wrecked tractor but was unable to do so unaided. He was then joined by Bull and together they made a second attempt. This, too, was unsuccessful. Other helpers approached the wreckage but a petrol tank exploded and the heat became so intense that they had to give up the attempt. Trew and Bull, however, stood their ground and eventually the man was released.

A second injured man was seen struggling to get out of the burning cockpit of the stationary aircraft. Trew tried at once to reach him but was forced back by the flames. The man then fell through the burning floor of the cockpit and Trew and Bull, without thought for their own safety, went through the flames and carried him to safety. Both men showed great bravery in going to the rescue of their fellow workers.

Ronald Ernest Saunders, Police Sergeant, West Suffolk Constabulary.

An aircraft which had just taken off from its base with a full load of bombs, crashed into a wood and caught fire.

Sergeant Saunders was the first person to reach the blazing wreckage. Some of the bombs had exploded when the machine crashed and the rest were scattered in the area. Disregarding the imminent danger of explosion and fire, the Sergeant went through the wreckage and, with help, moved three injured men to safety.

Saunders showed courage and complete disregard of his personal safety.

COMMENDATIONS.

Those named below have been Commended for brave conduct:—

When aircraft crashed and caught fire:—

Cicely Drusilla, Mrs. Bates, Landworker, Little Massingham, Norfolk.

Robert Doulgas Colson, Farmer, Long Melford, Suffolk.

Miss Eva Ethel Dickerson, Landworker, Harpley, Norfolk.

Fred Humphreys, Fitter, Royal Air Force Maintenance Unit.

James William Thompson, Special Constable, Bury St. Edmunds Special Constabulary.

When attending to wounded under shell fire:—

George Walker Hinchliff, B.M., B.Ch., Medical Practitioner, Dover, Kent.

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1,
7th November, 1944.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the undermentioned appointments to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, in the Merchant Navy, and for the publication in the London Gazette of the name of the Officer specially shown below as having received an expression of Commendation for brave conduct.

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

Captain Thomas David Lewis, Master.

Whilst the ship was in a North Russian port she sustained direct hits which, in addition to damaging the vessel considerably, caused several fires. These, however, were quickly extinguished, temporary repairs were effected and the ship was brought back safely to the United Kingdom.

The Master displayed courage of a high order throughout, although his ship was con-

stantly attacked during the time she was at the port. His excellent discipline and organisation resulted in a willing and ready response from his crew whenever danger threatened the ship.

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

Captain William Caradoc Thomas, Master.

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

John Sloan, Esq., Chief Officer.

The ship, sailing alone, was torpedoed and then shelled by the enemy until she sank. With the exception of one man, who was killed by the explosion, the crew got away in two boats.

The Master, realising he could not save his ship, did all he could to ensure the safety of his crew and the successful abandonment was due to his excellent organisation and leadership. He then took charge of one of the boats and, although conditions were extremely difficult, he brought the occupants to safety after a voyage of twelve days.

The Chief Officer showed courage and devotion to duty throughout. He took charge of the second boat and, by his skill and seamanship, made a good landfall after a voyage of 800 miles over a period of 10 days.

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

Captain Frederick Charles Lucas, Master.

The ship was at a North African port when an enemy aircraft was seen. Fire was immediately opened and it is probable that the machine was destroyed. Later, the vessel was sailing in a convoy which was attacked by enemy aircraft. Concerted fire, in which the ship played an energetic part, brought down several of the attackers.

The Master displayed outstanding courage throughout. His organisation and leadership resulted in an exceptionally effective defence, which probably accounted for several of the enemy, and his skill and sound judgment did much towards ensuring the safety of his ship in spite of many difficulties and dangers.

COMMENDATION.

The individual named below has been Commended for brave conduct when his ship was subjected to enemy air attacks:—

Charles George Francis, Esq., Chief Officer.

The name of William Edward Wood is as now described, and not as stated in Gazette No. 36547, dated 10th June, 1944, page 2682.

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