

down, uncoupled behind the burning wagon, rejoined the engine and pulled the two leading wagons forward for some distance.

He again got down, detached the engine and leading wagon, which was empty, thus isolating the burning vehicle, and ran forward to obtain assistance. By the time the vehicle was detached the flames were becoming fierce and explosions were occurring.

Annetts showed courage, coolness and initiative in isolating the burning wagon, which contained thirty 40-gallon drums of petrol, and saved the fire from spreading to other wagons.

Robert James WYNNE, Section Leader, River Thames Formation, National Fire Service.

Two vessels, one of which was a tanker, collided. Petrol gushed out and was showered over the two ships and on to the water. At the same time the rending metal sparked sufficiently to cause the petrol to ignite and instantly the two ships were enveloped by flames.

Section Leader Wynne who was in charge of the Fireboat "Laureate" brought his ship alongside the tanker and, undeterred by the fact that all the crew of the tanker except two had abandoned ship, led his crew on board and resolutely tackled the fire with foam. The men worked their way across the ship, across a burning hot deck, using the break of the fo'c'sle as a screen, to the burst and burning tank on the port side. Gradually the flames were smothered and, out of a cargo of 8,000 tons of petrol, only about 350 tons had been lost. Wynne, by his prompt and resolute action, was the means of saving the ship and prevented what might have been a disastrous fire.

Frank Gladstone Edward WHITEHEAD, Engine Erector and Maintenance Man, Stirchley, Birmingham.

A fire started on the ground floor of a dwelling house and spread rapidly to the floors above. Smoke and flames coming up the staircase made it unusable. Whitehead, who was asleep in an attic room, came down to the first floor room and, instead of attempting to make his own escape, stayed to rescue three women and a child. The child was dropped out of the window into a tablecloth held by neighbours and Whitehead knotted blankets and sheets together and lowered the three women to safety. He then made his own escape by climbing from the first floor window to the bedroom window of the adjoining house.

Whitehead, without thought for his own safety, saved four lives.

COMMENDATIONS.

Those named below have been Commended for brave conduct.

When rescuing a boy from drowning:—

James BIRCHENOUGH, Constable, Southport Borough Police Force.

Vere Rogers NICHOLAS, Sergeant, Southport Borough Police Force.

When aircraft crashed and caught fire:—

Sidney George BENNETT, Special Constable, West Suffolk Special Constabulary Service.

Walter Percy BLUMFIELD, Constable, West Suffolk Constabulary.

David QUESTED, Schoolboy, Ash, Kent.

Joseph Edward ROBINSON, Farmer, Tillingham, Essex.

Frederick George TAYLOR, Head Cowman, Asheldham, Essex.

When explosions occurred in the Bombay Dock Area:—

John ACTON, Third Engineer Officer, m.v. "Capsa" (Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Company Ltd.).

John AUGIER, Purser, s.s. "Baroda" (British India Steam Navigation Company Ltd.).

Percy BALLARD, Donkeyman, s.s. "Fort Stikine" (Port Line Ltd.).

Leslie Singleton CANDLISH, Chief Engineer Officer, m.v. "Capsa" (Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Company Ltd.).

James William FOSTER, Fourth Engineer Officer, s.s. "Fort Stikine" (Port Line Ltd.).

James MacAdam GALBRAITH, Third Officer, s.s. "Blairclova" (Clydesdale Navigation Company Ltd.).

Herbert Archer GARLAND, Fifth Engineer Officer, m.v. "Capsa" (Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Company Ltd.).

William Douglas HENDERSON (deceased), Chief Officer, s.s. "Fort Stikine" (Port Line Ltd.).

Rowland HILL, Fourth Engineer Officer, s.s. "Baroda" (British India Steam Navigation Company Ltd.).

Samuel Goldfinch JAMES, Chief Officer, s.s. "Baroda" (British India Steam Navigation Company Ltd.).

Donald Henry MITCHELL, Third Officer, m.v. "Capsa" (Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Company Ltd.).

Captain Alexander James NAISMITH (deceased), Master, s.s. "Fort Stikine" (Port Line Ltd.).

James Armstrong PATERSON, Second Radio Officer, s.s. "Fort Stikine" (Port Line Ltd.).

Robert Scott SINCLAIR, Chief Engineer Officer, s.s. "Kinyuan" (China Navigation Company Ltd.).

James STEWART (deceased), Chief Engineer Officer, s.s. "Baroda" (British India Steam Navigation Company Ltd.).

John Jolly THOMPSON, M.B.E., Chief Radio Officer, m.v. "Capsa" (Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Company Ltd.).

When ships collided and caught fire:—

Frederick Edmund BONNER, Leading Fireman, River Thames Formation, National Fire Service.

Reginald John COX, Fireman, River Thames Formation, National Fire Service.

Walter William DIPLOCK, Section Leader, River Thames Formation, National Fire Service.

Philip Percy DIVVER, Leading Fireman, River Thames Formation, National Fire Service.

Alfred Charles HUGGINS, Fireman, River Thames Formation, National Fire Service.

William George SCRAGG, Fireman, River Thames Formation, National Fire Service.

Thomas Henry SETCHELL, Fireman, River Thames Formation, National Fire Service.

Frank TYTE, Fireman, River Thames Formation, National Fire Service.

Norman Harry WILLIAMSON, Fireman, River Thames Formation, National Fire Service.