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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS
OF KNIGHTHOOD,

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1,
4th September, 1945.*

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

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

Captain Keith Robert Martin KINNIER, Master, m.v. "Tornus" (Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Company Ltd.).

The m.v. "Tornus," sailing independently, was torpedoed. Although all navigation aids were wrecked, the ship was kept going at emergency full speed. She was shelled by the submarine but the enemy's fire was returned until the submarine broke off the engagement. The ballast was then shifted to counteract a list which had developed, and a fire on board was extinguished. The vessel eventually reached Karachi safely.

Captain Kinnier showed great courage and determination throughout. He not only fought off the submarine but his sound seamanship in the handling of his badly damaged vessel resulted in saving this valuable ship.

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

Captain William Jones FRANCIS, Master, s.s. "Dalegarth Force" (West Coast Shipping Company Ltd.).

Thomas HART, Esq., Second Engineer Officer, s.s. "Dalegarth Force" (West Coast Shipping Company Ltd.).

The s.s. "Dalegarth Force," while sailing in convoy, was shelled by guns from the

French coast. Three of the crew were killed and others, including the Master, were wounded. Many shells exploded nearby, doing further damage to the ship and setting her on fire. Abandonment was ordered, but the Master and Second Engineer Officer remained on the vessel until she was towed into Dover. Captain Francis showed great courage and devotion to duty. Although wounded he nevertheless remained by his ship and brought her to safety.

Mr. Hart displayed outstanding gallantry and devotion to duty throughout. He helped to get the boats away, but refused to leave the ship as wounded men were still on board. He fought his way amidships through the fire to the Master, and dressed one of his wounds. Having satisfied himself that nothing more could be done for his shipmates, he returned to the engine-room and assisted in bringing the vessel into port.

William Albert WATSON, Esq., Skipper of the s.t. "Retako" (George F. Sleight).

The s.t. "Retako" was engaged in fishing in the North Sea when a pilot was seen to bale out from an American aircraft. The skipper immediately gave orders to proceed at full speed to the rescue, although he knew that this involved a hazardous journey of about three miles into a declared minefield. The "Retako" was brought alongside the airman in about 25 minutes.

Skipper Watson displayed great courage in taking his trawler into the minefield and, by his prompt action, was responsible for the rescue of the pilot.

COMMENDATIONS.

Those named below have been Commended for brave conduct when their ships encountered enemy ships, aircraft, submarines or mines:—

Colun St. Kieran BEGDON, Esq. (deceased), Third Radio Officer, s.s. "Tanda" (Eastern & Australian Steam Ship Company Ltd.).

Bryce KERT BUTTERWORTH, Esq., Second Engineer Officer, m.v. "Tornus" (Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Company Ltd.).
 Thomas Frank COLLINS, Esq., M.B.E., Chief Engineer Officer, m.v. "Tornus" (Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Company Ltd.).
 Archie Samuel ELLIS, Esq., Ship's Surgeon, s.s. "Tanda" (Eastern & Australian Steam Ship Company Ltd.).
 William Harold HARRIS, Esq. (deceased), First Radio Officer, s.s. "Tanda" (Eastern & Australian Steam Ship Company Ltd.).
 Robert Claude Vivian HUMPHREY, Esq. (deceased), Second Radio Officer, s.s. "Tanda" (Eastern & Australian Steam Ship Company Ltd.).
 Reginald Edward HUTCHINSON, Greaser, s.s. "Maimoa" (Shaw Savill & Albion Company).
 Noel Augustus KINCH, Ship's Cook, s.t. "Retako" (George F. Sleight).
 George Woodhill SHARPE, Esq., Chief Officer, m.v. "Tornus" (Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Company Ltd.).
 George Chadwick SMITH, Esq., Chief Officer, s.s. "Tanda" (Eastern & Australian Steam Ship Company Ltd.).
 Captain Robert Idrysyn WILLIAMS, M.B.E., Master, s.s. "Monkstone" (George W. Grace & Company Ltd.).
 Yong Ah SANG, B.E.M., Boatswain, m.v. "Tornus" (Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Company Ltd.).

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

William Howard BARKER, Fire Force Commander, No. 10 (Lincoln) Area, National Fire Service.

When a fire broke out at a Royal Air Force bomb dump, the National Fire Service was called out. Fire Force Commander Barker, on arrival at the fireground, immediately assumed control of the operations. Shortly after his arrival, a second dump blew up and explosions continued for some 2½ hours. He accordingly concentrated his main forces in the vicinity of the large dump of high explosive bombs, his actions being marked with most satisfactory results.

He handled an extremely difficult and dangerous situation with outstanding initiative and courage. Fire Force Commander Barker showed complete disregard of his own personal safety, but was at all times deeply concerned that the men under his command should not suffer injury. That no Service injuries were sustained was mostly due to his control of the situation.

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

185510 Acting Flight Lieutenant (Honorary) Arthur Vivian BREEN, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.
 9903 Flight Officer (Honorary) Beatrice Yvonne CORMEAU, Women's Auxiliary Air Force.
 9904 Flight Officer (Honorary) Cecile Pearl WITHERINGTON, Women's Auxiliary Air Force.
 8108 Section Officer (Honorary) Phyllis LATOUR, Women's Auxiliary Air Force.
 8109 Section Officer (Honorary) Maureen O'SULLIVAN, Women's Auxiliary Air Force.
 9910 Assistant Section Officer (Honorary) Sonia Esmee Florence D'ARTOISE, Women's Auxiliary Air Force.
 For services in France during the enemy occupation.

Dems William KRONOPOULOS, British Resident in Greece.

Henry MOAZZO, British Resident in Greece.
 For services to the forces in Greece.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Walter JOHNS, Plumber and Gas Fitter, Bideford Gas Works, Devon.

An aeroplane crashed and caught fire.

Johns ran alone to the field in which the machine had crashed and found that its forward part was a mass of flame. He heard cries for help from somewhere near and found an airman lying on the ground. Johns dragged him clear of the burning machine. He then returned and, seeing no-one, got down flat on the ground and squeezed in underneath the remains of the starboard wing and found a hole through which he entered the aeroplane. He saw an airman caught between the engines and the stays with his feet off the floor. He had got the man on to his shoulders when the floor of the aeroplane gave way, and he fell to the ground with the injured man still on his shoulders. He slid the airman on to his back so that he was flat on the ground, and with assistance, both were pulled clear. Ammunition was exploding during this action and Johns showed courage and determination in effecting the rescue.

Charles RAEPER, Deputy, Ryhope Colliery, Durham.

Charles THIRLAWAY, Stoneman, Ryhope Colliery, Durham.

A heavy fall occurred in a coal seam, trapping two men. Raeper and Thirlaway began shifting the stones, in spite of the fact that the roof was weighting heavily and further falls were taking place higher up. They were assisted by two other miners, but Raeper, assisted by Thirlaway, formed the spearhead of the rescuers. They carried on under very dangerous conditions until, after about 4 hours, they were able to get through to the other side and assist one man, uninjured but suffering badly from shock, back through the hole to safety. The work of rescue was continued with all possible speed until the second man was at last rescued but he was found to be dead. The rescue work was carried on under very

dangerous conditions with imminent danger of collapse of the area immediately outbye of the fall as well as at the fall itself. Raeper and Thirlaway displayed outstanding courage and leadership, and accepted great risks.

John Clayburn NORTHCOTT, Fireman, London & North Eastern Railway Company, Darlington.

Miss Dorothy ROWE, Porter Signalwoman, London & North Eastern Railway Company, Moulton.

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When an aircraft crashed and caught fire:—

John Thomas BROWN, Patient, Essex County Council Hospital, Broomfield.

Thomas Henry COLLOFF, Patient, Essex County Council Hospital, Broomfield.

Arthur WILSON, Male Nurse, Essex County Council Hospital, Broomfield.

When an ammunition train caught fire:—

Maurice CAMPBELL, Guard, London & North Eastern Railway Company, Darlington.

Thomas McLOUGHLIN, Engine Driver, London & North Eastern Railway Company, Darlington.

When a fire broke out at a Royal Air Force bomb store:—

Henry Austin GIBSON, Divisional Officer, No. 10 (Lincoln) Area, National Fire Service.

George JACKSON, Fireman, No. 10 (Lincoln) Area, National Fire Service.

Richard Dugdale MELLORS, Leading Fireman, No. 10 (Lincoln) Area, National Fire Service.

Ralph RINGROSE, Leading Fireman, No. 10 (Lincoln) Area, National Fire Service.

Douglas SARGENT, B.E.M., Divisional Officer, No. 10 (Lincoln) Area, National Fire Service.

Robert Edwin WHITBY, Fireman, No. 10 (Lincoln) Area, National Fire Service.

When an accident occurred in a coal mine:—

John BAINBRIDGE, Overman, Ryhope Colliery, Durham.

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