

attacks. In addition he organised a fire party and put out a fire, which, but for his prompt action, might have had serious consequences.

**KING'S COMMENDATION FOR
BRAVE CONDUCT.**

Sidney Arthur READ, Esq., Fourth Engineer Officer, s.s. "Umtata" (Bullard, King & Company Ltd.).

For services when his ship was torpedoed.

**CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS
OF KNIGHTHOOD,**

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

1st October, 1946.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the undermentioned award of the British Empire Medal, 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.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Harold Frederick Chiswell MOORE, Motor Driver (Acting Checker) (Marlborough), Great Western Railway.

During the loading and unloading of ammunition, an explosion occurred.

There were 100 wagons in the sidings, 90 of which were loaded or partly loaded, and some of the wagons caught fire. Although not a shunter, Moore called back an engine, coupled it to a string of about 50 wagons and signalled the driver to pull forward. It was then seen that some of these were on fire. The movement was stopped and Moore went back and uncoupled behind the fourteenth wagon, thus isolating those on fire. The engine then pulled the remaining wagons to safety. By this time many wagons were on fire and heavy explosions were occurring and the situation had become such that Moore was ordered to withdraw.

The prompt action of Moore in moving the 14 wagons out of danger undoubtedly saved them from being destroyed. He displayed unselfish devotion to duty at the risk of losing his life as he was well aware that further explosions might occur at any moment.

**KING'S COMMENDATIONS FOR
BRAVE CONDUCT.**

Joseph Patrick BALFE (Junior), British resident in France.

Alice, Mrs. BROUARD, British resident in France.

Maud, Mrs. COUVE, British resident in France.

Miss Vera LEIGH (deceased), Women's Transport Service (First Aid Nursing Yeomanry).

Arthur Clarke RICHARDS, British resident in France.

Miss Joan Caroline MOY-THOMAS, British resident in France.

For services to the Forces during the enemy occupation of France.

Archibald Charles PICKETT, Driver (Westbury), Great Western Railway.

Sidney Ernest GRIGGS, Fireman (Westbury), Great Western Railway.

For services when a fire occurred in an ammunition train.

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OF KNIGHTHOOD,**

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

1st October, 1946.

The KING has been graciously pleased, on the advice of His Majesty's Australian Ministers, to give orders for the following awards of the British Empire Medal for services to the Forces in connection with military operations in the South-West Pacific.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

BADIA, Ulunkohoitu Village, Maprok Sub-District, Sepik District, New Guinea.

LUKE, Segu, Choiseul Island, British Solomon Islands Protectorate.

The names of the undermentioned are as now shown and not as stated in Gazette Nos. 37591 and 37624 of 4th June and 25th June, 1946, respectively.

Ernest HILDEBRAND, page 2679.

Stanley George JUNNI (deceased), page 3214.

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