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

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The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following awards of the George Medal and 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 George Medal:—

- Albert Harry DEE, Pumpman, m.v.
 "Nassarius. (Farnham, Surrey.)
 Clifford Edward JONES, Efficient Deck Hand,
 m.v. "Nassarius". (Caerphilly.)

The "Nassarius" was on a voyage from Beirut to Mena al Ahmeda and whilst at sea off Port Sudan Pumpman Dee was helping the Boatswain to wash out the cargo tanks. Although warned not to enter No. 3 tank, which was gassy, the Boatswain decided to do so. He was twice forced up by gas but entered the tank a third time and then collapsed on the ladder. Dee climbed down into the tank to try to support him until a life line could be obtained but after a while he felt himself being overcome. He managed to struggle out of the tank and called Jones. Without waiting for a smoke helmet to be brought Jones immediately went down to help. He soon began to feel the effects of gas but did his best to raise the Boatswain. He was, however, unsuccessful and, hearing orders to come up, climbed to the top of the tank where he collapsed. Although Jones was almost unconscious when pulled out of the tank he tried to go down again but was prevented from doing so on the orders of the Chief Officer. Subsequently, however, he donned a smoke helmet and again entered

the tank. With help he was successful in putting a line around the Boatswain who was then brought up on deck.

Both Dee and Jones displayed great courage in their efforts to save the life of their fellow seaman and acted without thought of the grave danger to themselves.

**Kanda Msiko, Mine Boss Boy, Mindola Mine,
 Kitwe, Northern Rhodesia.**

Blasting operations were being undertaken on the 1,380 feet level of the Mindola Mine under the control of a European miner, assisted by Kanda Msiko and another African. They had lit the rounds in the haulage face and were lighting the rounds in the face of a new box raise, 75 feet back from the haulage face, when the shots in the haulage face started to explode. All three men were knocked down by the initial concussion of the first shot. Two of the men were severely injured and rendered unconscious but Kanda Msiko suffered only minor wounds and severe shock and was able to reach a place of safety at a cross cut 300 feet back from the box raise. Having reached there he saw that the other two men were unable to follow. In spite of the concussion, smoke and flying rock and the fact that the rounds in the haulage face were still exploding, Kanda Msiko returned into the haulage and brought out the European. Although he knew that the charges in the face of that raise were due to explode at any moment, he then went back again and carried the African to the cross cut where they were all partially hidden from the concussion of the exploding rounds. He then set off to seek further assistance at an underground First-Aid Post which he reached in a state of collapse.

Kanda Msiko displayed gallantry of a high order, knowingly risking his life to bring his fellow workers to safety.