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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1,
22nd October, 1940.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the following awards and for the publication in the London Gazette of the names of individuals shown below as having received an expression of Commendation for their good services.

Awarded the George Medal.

John German, M.M., Part-time Air Raid Warden, Bolton Air Raid Precautions Services.

During an enemy air attack eleven high explosive bombs were dropped. As a result, ten persons, including Warden German, were injured, five seriously.

Warden German, accompanied by a civilian named Kay, was patrolling his area when an aircraft was heard approaching. German then warned Kay to take cover. Before either of them could do so, however, the noise of a bomb falling was heard. German pushed Kay towards a shop and threw himself on top of him. They then heard a bomb explode about 100 yards away. A moment later another high explosive bomb exploded in front of the row of cottages and no more than 16 yards from where German and Kay were lying on the ground. After the initial effect, they extricated themselves from the wreckage. Lights were then visible in one or two of the damaged houses. German went in one and extinguished the light and assured the stricken occupants that he would bring assistance.

German told Kay to take cover whilst he himself travelled on foot to a Police pillar telephone 600 yards away from the incident, for the purpose of sending his air raid damage message. On the way, however, he found himself weakening as a result of the injuries he had received; realizing this he went to the Warden's post close by where he collapsed, but was still able to report where the damage was, and with assistance went to the Police pillar and sent his message through to the Report Centre, as a result of which, the necessary services were despatched.

Awarded the George Medal.

Robert John Knight, Auxiliary Fireman, Birmingham Auxiliary Fire Service.

William Victor Philpott, Fire Sergeant.	}	Bristol [Fire Brigade.
Ernest Smith, Fire Sergeant.		
Bertram Charles Ernest Arkell, Fireman.		

Walter Bryant, Fireman.	}	Bristol Auxiliary Fire Service.
Albert Victor Thomas, Fireman.		
Maurice Charles Day, Patrol Officer.		
Frederick Charles Revelle, Patrol Officer.		

Lewis Jack Watts, Auxiliary Fireman.	}	Cardiff Auxiliary Fire Service.
Daniel James Collins, Fire Sergeant, Cardiff Fire Brigade.		

William Brown, Sub-Officer.	}	Cardiff Auxiliary Fire Service.
Norman Groom, Leading Fireman.		

Matthew Acornley, Chief Officer, Milford Haven Fire Brigade.		
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