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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1.
3rd January, 1941.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the GEORGE CROSS to:—
Leonard Harrison, Civilian Armament Instructor (Grade I), Air Ministry,
for conspicuous courage and devotion to duty in circumstances of exceptional danger.

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The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the undermentioned appointment to the Fifth Class of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, for the following Awards of the George Medal and of the Medal of the said Most Excellent Order, and for the publication in the London Gazette of the names specially shown below as having received an expression of Commendation for their brave conduct in connection with Civil Defence:—

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

Ernest William Hancock, Works Manager, Coventry.

Immediately after an air raid started, Mr. Hancock came into the Works, from outside the town, and took charge of all operations. His conduct and leadership were an example to everyone and contributed in no small measure to the excellent work carried out by all concerned. The Works suffered severely from a number of H.E. and incendiary bombs but in

spite of shortage of water all fires when not extinguished quickly, were prevented from spreading to greater proportions.

Towards the end of the raid he was injured when the A.R.P. central control shelter received a direct hit from an H.E. bomb. He assisted, however, in rescuing his colleagues and endeavoured to carry on with his duties but his injuries made this impossible.

Awarded the George Medal:—

Bernard Joseph Bennie, Leader of A.R.P. Rescue Party, Lewisham.

Leader Bennie and his party were called out to an incident. Houses had been demolished by an H.E. bomb, and eight persons reported trapped. During the exploration of the ruins Leader Bennie received a severe electric shock, but got together his party and commenced rescue work. A heavy concentration of coal gas was present, and soon Bennie was incapacitated. He was dragged out of the debris. After a short time he revived and again resumed his rescue work, until four persons were recovered alive. As it was known that four persons yet remained under the debris, the search continued, Bennie again being gassed and dragged out. During this time enemy planes were bombing and anti-aircraft fire was intense. He showed a great spirit of determination and devotion to duty and was a fine example. A relief party ultimately recovered the remaining casualties.

George Frederick Bolton, A.R.P. Rescue Party Leader, Leyton.

Edward Hector Bent, A.R.P. Rescue Party Leader, Leyton.

During an air raid a bomb fell causing a crater about 15 feet deep and entirely demolishing three houses, while only a party wall of