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### CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1,  
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*Awarded the George Medal:—*

Alfred Henry Hollingdale, A.R.P. Post Warden, Kensington.  
Ernest Price, Garage Fitter, London Passenger Transport Board.

A H.E. bomb demolished a dwelling house and people were trapped.

Hollingdale and Price managed to enter the building and, although there was a strong escape of coal gas, they succeeded in rescuing two women. By that time they were themselves almost overcome by the gas. They were warned not to go in again, but despite this they re-entered the building and brought out another woman. The two men then made a third attempt but they were both on the verge of collapse and had to be removed to the open air.

Hollingdale and Price showed utter disregard of danger to themselves both from the gas and the falling debris. Their bravery and devotion to duty were outstanding.

*Awarded the George Medal:—*

George Broadley, Officer in Charge, Stretcher Parties, West Ham Casualty Service.

*Awarded the Medal of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, for Meritorious Service:—*

Martin Saville, Member, A.R.P. Rescue Party, West Ham.

Heavy high explosive bombs fell on a building in which several people were sheltering. Many were trapped behind steelwork under overhanging blocks of concrete. Broadley and Saville excavated their way towards them. Broadley, lying full length, had to dig with bare hands and pass the material back to Saville.

Two children were rescued and the men continued to tunnel. They were advised to cease work, because of danger from an overhanging wall, but refused. Broadley was under the debris for at least three hours, and shortly after he came out the wall collapsed and the whole of the excavation was obliterated.

Saville and Broadley took grave risks and showed courage of a high order.

On other occasions Broadley has shown leadership and initiative in rescue work.

*Awarded the George Medal:—*

Allan Frank Locke, District Officer, London Fire Brigade.

*Awarded the Medal of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, for Meritorious Service:—*

Arthur Richard Bacon, Station Officer, London Fire Brigade.

A H.E. bomb fell on a large building, caused a fire and trapped people in the wreckage.

The fire was quickly extinguished by the Fire Brigade.

To reach the casualties it was necessary to tunnel under the debris a distance of about eight feet, and certain masonry and a ventilating shaft had to be jacked up. The work of tunnelling was carried out by Mr. Locke. A woman was extricated after two hours. Locke continued to tunnel a further six feet and cut away a millboard partition. After another hour's work a second person was released. Station Officer Bacon, who had been assisting Mr. Locke, then took over and tunnelled a further three feet to get at a man who was badly injured and pinned under a heap of masonry. This man was extricated two hours later.

Divisional Officer Locke and Station Officer Bacon carried out the work of rescue in extremely difficult and dangerous conditions and showed great skill and courage.

*Awarded the Medal of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, for Meritorious Service:—*

Joseph Horace Brown, Leading Fireman, Coventry Auxiliary Fire Service.

Brown showed conspicuous courage in remaining with his appliance while bombs dropped close by. He was rendered unconscious by blast but on recovery continued his job. When an incendiary bomb fell on the petrol tank of a towing vehicle he drove it to a jet to be extinguished. The car although slightly damaged was saved.

Brown displayed a fine devotion to duty throughout the night.

John Herbert Christie, Police Sergeant, Birmingham City Police.

Robert Edward Grills, War Reserve Constable, Birmingham War Reserve Police.

John Clark, Property Repairer, Birmingham.

A H.E. bomb demolished a dwelling house, trapping the occupants.

Christie and Grills worked through the wreckage by removing bricks with their hands. After one woman had been released it was found that a supporting wall was about to collapse. Clark propped this up with timber, part of it fell, and he was injured by falling debris. The three men then continued their work and succeeded in releasing another woman.

The rescue work was done in extremely difficult and dangerous conditions. In addition to the amount of debris overhead, with the possibility of collapse of parts of the house, water was pouring from broken pipes, and gas was escaping.

During the whole time the area was subjected to a heavy bombardment of high explosive and incendiary bombs.

Christie, Grills and Clark acted in a most courageous manner at very grave risk to their lives

Henry Ellis, Divisional Officer, Swansea Auxiliary Fire Service.

On various occasions Divisional Officer Ellis has tackled fires with such efficiency that they have been quickly controlled and prevented from spreading. His courage and devotion to duty have been an example to all men under his charge, and the cool and efficient manner in which he carried out his many difficult tasks instilled confidence and respect.

Sydney Hastings Elwood,	} Carter Paterson & Co. Ltd.
Horse Foreman,	
William Elwood, Horse	
Foreman,	

Incendiary bombs dropped on a warehouse in which twenty-eight horses were stabled. With the assistance of some of the night staff, Mr. S. H. Elwood waded through water eight inches deep and removed the animals from the danger of the burning building above.

After seeing them to safety he cleared another forty-four horses from adjoining stables to a safer part of the depot. He then helped his brother, Mr. W. S. Elwood, to remove seventy-two horses from stables over which buildings were burning fiercely.

There were ten horses in the sick boxes. These were brought safely through the blazing building, although during the process, a high explosive bomb burst on adjoining premises.

The brothers then removed the remaining forty-six horses.

After this, practically blinded by smoke and sparks, they assisted the Fire Brigade to prevent the blaze spreading to nearby shops.

Percy William Harris, Company Officer, London Auxiliary Fire Service.

During the early stages of an aerial attack this officer was the first to render assistance in rescuing persons from an air-raid shelter which had received a direct hit. His resourcefulness and hard work at the large fires which followed were an outstanding example of unselfish service. He displayed initiative in organising pumping units and in making the utmost use of the little water available.

Leslie Harry Haywood, A.R.P. Warden, Sutton and Cheam.

An elderly woman was trapped in a house partially demolished by a high-explosive bomb.

Warden Haywood crawled beneath the debris and, with great difficulty and infinite patience, gradually brought her to safety. This he accomplished by crawling backwards and dragging the woman after him.

He was advised not to attempt this rescue, but to await the arrival of the Rescue Party. However, he saw that there was imminent danger of further collapse, and showed bravery and resourcefulness in taking immediate action.

Alfred Hobdell, Carter,  
Henry Hobdell, Stableman,  
Arthur Alfred Paxton,  
Carter, } London Midland  
and Scottish  
Railway.

When stables were set on fire by enemy action, volunteers were called for to rescue the horses. Many were taken to safety, but a check being made it was found that seven animals were unaccounted for. A. Hobdell, Paxton and H. Hobdell volunteered to search the stables. The surrounding buildings were on fire, and the roof of the stables was burning. They were advised not to enter the building, but went in, brought out the horses and transferred them to other stables.

Thomas Laws Mackie, Sanitary Inspector, Port of London Health Authority.

Mr. Mackie has, since the beginning of the war, devoted all his energies and organising ability to training anti-gas squads and by constant and regular exercises has brought the anti-gas service in his Dock area to a high state of efficiency.

During intense bombardment of the Docks he volunteered to mount an observation pylon to locate the numerous fires and to assist and guide the Services. He only abandoned the post when the flames were too hot to render it habitable and when his office, immediately below, was on fire. He organised a general fire fighting service and helped in extinguishing incendiary bombs and dealing with unexploded time bombs.

George John Tagg, Temporary Acting Sub-Officer, London Fire Brigade.

At a series of large fires, on ground unfamiliar to him, Sub-Officer Tagg managed to arrange for an alternative supply of water when mains were fractured.

The untried Auxiliary Firemen under his command were rallied by his encouragement and brave example.

There is no doubt that but for Tagg's tremendous energy, bravery, and initiative, a large area of valuable property would have been destroyed.

Frederick Henry Thorne, Foreman, Carter Paterson and Co. Ltd.

Foreman Thorne showed great devotion to duty when a depot was damaged by enemy action. He extinguished incendiary bombs which dropped through a glass roof and remained at his post throughout the night although aware that there was an unexploded time bomb nearby.

#### COMMENDATIONS.

Those named below have been brought to notice for brave conduct in Civil Defence:—

Willie Allsop, Sub Officer, Finchley Auxiliary Fire Service.

Douglas Walter Baker, Auxiliary Fireman, London Auxiliary Fire Service.

John William Devenport, Auxiliary Fireman, London Auxiliary Fire Service.

Leonard Walter Dixon, Section Officer, London Auxiliary Fire Service.

Albert Alexandra Edmonston, Auxiliary Fireman, Coventry Auxiliary Fire Service.

Cecil Walter Henney, Leading Fireman, Coventry Auxiliary Fire Service.

William Hofton, Head Office Messenger, London Midland and Scottish Railway, Manchester.

Harold Bernard Hope, Leading Fireman, Coventry Auxiliary Fire Service.

Joseph Kelly, Head Office Messenger, London Midland and Scottish Railway, Manchester.

Gilbert William Abbott Matthews, Chief Roads Assistant, Croydon Borough Council.

Kenneth Parker, Driver's Mate, Messrs. W. G. Cooper & Sons, Ltd., Road Transport Contractors.

Charles Payne, Fitter, London Midland and Scottish Railway.

Alfred James Penn, Auxiliary Fireman, London Auxiliary Fire Service.

Arthur John Probert, Deputy Chief Officer, Coventry Fire Brigade.

Lawrence Allen Wardle Robinson, Auxiliary Fireman, London Auxiliary Fire Service.

Stanley Robert Smith, Leading Fireman, Finchley Auxiliary Fire Service.

Stanley Noel Sole, Auxiliary Fireman, Finchley Auxiliary Fire Service.

Herbert George Thomas, Special Constable, London Midland and Scottish Railway.

John Amos Usher, Auxiliary Fireman, Finchley Auxiliary Fire Service.

George Henry Weston, Sub-Officer, London Fire Brigade.

William Wild, Auxiliary Fireman, London Auxiliary Fire Service.

Henry Williams, Transport Driver, Messrs. W. G. Cooper & Sons, Ltd., Road Transport Contractors.

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#### *Awarded the George Medal:—*

James Craig, Foreman, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Clydebank.

Craig led his party with courage and initiative and was on duty almost continuously for seventy-two hours. At one incident where a tenement property had been partially demolished was a young woman trapped in the basement. Craig tunnelled through the debris notwithstanding the fact that fire twice broke out during these operations. He succeeded in jacking up the joists and after working continuously for a period of nine hours rescued the woman alive. In view of the dangerous nature of the work, he refused to allow any of his party to enter the tunnel to relieve him.

John Macleod, Police Sergeant, Dunbartonshire Constabulary.

Sergeant Macleod was on his way to take up duty when bombs demolished houses on either side of him. From one of these he heard children shouting and he immediately clambered through the ruins and rescued

them. He then went to another wrecked house and from under the debris helped to rescue three children alive, to bring out one dead child, and also to rescue the mother of the children. He took charge and assisted in further rescues while the raid was at its height and, when all casualties had been removed, reported to the Police Station for duty.

The following night Sergeant Macleod was informed that an old man was in a house which had an unexploded time bomb in the front garden. The Sergeant went into the house and brought him to safety. Incendiary and high explosive bombs were falling at the time and Macleod arranged for the evacuation of the people in the area. Throughout the enemy attacks Sergeant Macleod showed great courage, initiative and devotion to duty.

**John Stewart, Foreman, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Clydebank.**

As the result of a direct hit from a bomb a building was partially demolished and on fire. Stewart, who was aware of the dangerous condition of the walls, crawled through a small opening he had made and extricated several persons from under the wreckage. Shortly afterwards the walls of the building collapsed.

Stewart displayed great courage in effecting the rescues.

**Archibald Walker, Constable, Glasgow City Police.**

Constable Walker was knocked down and badly shaken by the blast from a bomb which demolished part of a two-storey tenement dwelling. Although suffering from shock he entered the building and helped people out. Then, although the masonry and roof were in a very dangerous condition, he set to work lifting furniture, beams of wood, and heavy stones, in order to free those who had been trapped underneath. He refused to rest until all the victims had been found and released. He was in great danger all the time as the walls and roof were liable to collapse at any moment.

By his courageous and unceasing activity Constable Walker was instrumental in saving the lives of two of the persons who had been trapped.

*Awarded the Medal of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, for Meritorious Service:—*

**Hugh Campbell, Ambulance Driver, First Aid Party, Clydebank.**

A loaded ambulance was wrecked by a H.E. bomb which killed two of the patients. Hugh Campbell, the driver, clambered out, made his way on foot through very heavy bombardment to a depot about three-quarters of a mile away, and obtained another ambulance. He went back, loaded the remaining cases into this ambulance and then took them to hospital. Campbell showed complete disregard of danger and by his actions he undoubtedly saved the lives of two patients.

**Mary B. Haldane, Ambulance Attendant, First Aid Party, Clydebank.**

The ambulance in which Mary Haldane was on duty was blown on its side by a high explosive bomb. The explosion destroyed a loaded ambulance nearby, injuring and killing some of the occupants. She immediately went to their rescue, took the injured into a shelter and gave them First Aid treatment. She remained on duty throughout that night and the two days following.

Her action in removing the injured from the ambulance undoubtedly saved their lives.

**Charles Hendry, Police Constable, Dunbartonshire Constabulary.**

Constable Hendry was acting as a despatch rider during the raid when a bomb dropped ahead of him and demolished buildings on either side of the street. Hendry knew that one of the buildings was occupied, and commenced to search amongst the debris. He was responsible for rescuing four men who had been buried under the wreckage.

One man was badly injured and Hendry carried him 300 yards to the Police Station. The Constable continued on duty throughout the raids, maintaining communications. Whilst doing so he was several times blown from his motor cycle by blast.

**David Logan, Foreman, } A.R.P. Rescue  
John Smith, Foreman, } Party, Clydebank.**

After nine hours' work removing debris of a tenement demolished by a bomb, faint sounds were heard from among the ruins. Logan and Smith tunnelled through the debris and, although the fallen masonry was feebly supported, worked among the smouldering material until almost overcome by smoke. They were able to extricate a man and continued working throughout the following day, rescuing several other persons.

**Joseph Park, Constable, } Glasgow City Police.  
John Stirling, Constable, }**

In the course of rescue work at a severely damaged tenement building, Constables Park and Stirling discovered a little girl, aged three, trapped by the foot in a small cavity among debris at the first floor level. They at once set to work to chop away the heavy material by which she was pinned down but owing to the narrowness of the space only one man could work at a time. Fires broke out immediately below them. These were kept down with great difficulty by a hose but very dense smoke resulted.

An unsupported gable wall some ten feet away was liable to fall at any moment and the danger was also increased by an escape of gas from a fractured main.

With complete indifference to their personal safety, the constables continued working until the child was extricated about five hours later.

**John S. Steele, Deputy Head A.R.P. Warden, Clydebank.**

Steele showed a wonderful example of courageous leadership throughout the air raids.

He went from Post to Post with absolute disregard for his own safety and was invaluable in keeping the Group running efficiently. Amongst other incidents, he

dealt with fires in tenement property and succeeded in stopping a train which otherwise would have been derailed by a bomb crater. Much of this work was done during the height of the attack.

Edwin Freer Richardson, Fireman, Goole Fire Brigade.

For gallant conduct when attempting to rescue the occupants of aircraft which crashed and caught fire. These men faced the danger of exploding bombs and ammunition with complete disregard of their personal safety.

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Harry Robert Bidewell, Senior A.R.P. Warden, Norfolk County.

James Ingledew, Street Farm, near Hackforth, Yorks.

COMMENDATIONS.

Those named below have been brought to notice for brave conduct when saving the life of the pilot of an enemy aircraft which crashed in flames:—

Frank Burgess, Cowman, West Sussex.

Thomas Gilbert Child, Labourer, West Sussex.

Charles Gardener, Labourer, West Sussex.

The undermentioned have been brought to notice for brave conduct when rescuing the crews of crashed and burning aircraft:—

Alfred Ernest Dunn, Constable, West Riding of Yorkshire Constabulary.

Leonard Hackett, Smallholder, West Sussex.

George Graham Parker, Poultry Farm Worker, West Sussex.

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