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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1,
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The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following awards of the George Medal and the Medal of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, 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 in Civil Defence.

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.