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

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1.  
25th April, 1941.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the undermentioned appointments to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, 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 in Civil Defence:—

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

Howell Lang Lang-Coath, Town Clerk and A.R.P. Controller, County Borough of Swansea.

Mr. Lang-Coath has taken a keen interest in the organisation of the A.R.P. Services. It was due to his leadership and to his efforts that the whole Civil Defence organisation in Swansea was able to function so efficiently during the heavy air raids on that city.

Mr. Lang-Coath has shown magnificent organising ability in the most trying circumstances.

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

Frank Joseph May, Chief Constable, Swansea.

Mr. May displayed great gallantry and fine leadership during the heavy air raids on Swansea. He was constantly in the main target area during the height of the attacks, inspiring the members of his Force and of the Fire and other Services by his courage and resource. His prompt action in dealing with the shelter arrangements undoubtedly saved thousands of lives.

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

Gladys Ruth Ellis, Matron, Bristol Royal Hospital for Sick Children and Women.

During a raid on Bristol the Nurses Home at the Bristol Children's Hospital received a direct hit from a bomb. Another fell within a few feet of the Hospital itself. The water and electric mains were broken and the emergency lighting disorganised.

By the light of a few candles, amid splintered glass and falling ceilings, the patients and staff were evacuated, without panic or accident, in the brief space of two hours.

In spite of the fact that she had been severely shaken by blast the Matron took command of the situation and the staff, under her direction, behaved magnificently.