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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

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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 Additional Members of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:—

Charles Brock, Superintendent of Salvage Plant, Mersey Docks and Harbour Board.

Mr. Brock has displayed outstanding ability and devotion to duty during enemy air raids and set a magnificent example when assisting to fight fires and attending to damage by high explosives. He has carried out his work under intense aerial bombardment without any consideration of personal safety.

James Carr, Chief Officer, A.R.P. Services, Stretford and District Gas Board.

During an air attack a gas holder caught fire.

Under Mr. Carr's direction and leadership the A.R.P. Works Service, by their continued efforts, saved the installation from destruction. Mr. Carr showed courage of a high order and set a fine example to his men.

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

Walter Alfred Barnett, M.I.Mech.E., Engineer and Manager, Mid-Kent Gaslight and Coke Company.

Awarded the George Medal:—

Frederick John May, Resident Works Foreman, Mid-Kent Gaslight and Coke Company.

When bombs fell near a Gas Works Mr. Barnett showed a calm determination to master the difficulties and it was due to his leadership that all the fires were speedily extinguished. He and Mr. May took the

necessary measures to ensure the safety of the plant. May, who was severely shaken, shut off valves and, realising the danger of an explosion, plugged a vent hole with sand-bags. Both men acted courageously and promptly with no regard for their own safety.

Awarded the George Medal:—

James Henry Burlow, Leader, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Wandsworth.

Two houses were partially demolished and people trapped. Party Leader Burlow directed operations and after about two hours a woman was rescued. Her daughter was buried beneath further debris. After a small opening had been made, Burlow crawled in to the girl. Finding she was pinned by large beams, he arranged for the placing of jacks to secure her release. Meanwhile he administered morphia which was handed him by a doctor, splinted her fractures, dressed her wounds, and did everything possible to make her comfortable. Burlow worked for three and a half hours in a very confined space until the girl was released.

He undertook this work although not on duty.

John Cornford, Temporary Acting Sub-Officer, London Fire Brigade.

Arthur Ronald Thorn, Station Officer, London Fire Brigade.

High warehouses abutting on the pavement on both sides of a street were well alight and the fire was sweeping across the sixty foot wide roadway. A man staggered out of one of the burning buildings and collapsed. Station Officer Thorn and Sub-Officer Cornford immediately ran through heat and flame, with debris falling all about them, and brought the man clear of the area. Thorn and Cornford acted promptly and at great risk to their lives to effect this gallant rescue.

Arthur Hugh Grant, Auxiliary Fireman, London Auxiliary Fire Service.

(Award dated 12th November, 1940. Auxiliary Fireman Grant has since been killed on duty by enemy action.)

A high explosive bomb was dropped through the roof of a building which was in use as a station by the fire service. Without any hesitation Auxiliary Fireman Grant removed the bomb from the main hall to the area, and covered it with bags of sand. It subsequently exploded with only slight damage to the station.

His heroic action undoubtedly saved many lives and much damage to property.

George Daniel Jones, Gas Holder Attendant, Bristol Gas Company.

During an air raid two incendiary bombs lodged on the top of a large gas holder. Jones immediately climbed to the top of the holder and succeeded in knocking the bombs off the crown with his steel hat.

During the same raid the holder was punctured several times by pieces of bombs and each time he heard the gas escaping, Mr. Jones, although the raid was at its height, went out and temporarily stopped the holes, thus averting the danger of fire.

On another occasion when a gas holder was badly punctured and caught fire, Mr. Jones, although not on duty, immediately went to the scene and, chiefly through his efforts, the fire was put out before any serious damage was done.

Mr. Jones's prompt action and brave conduct undoubtedly saved much valuable property from destruction.

Thomas William Keenan, Night Watchman, Cardiff.

During an air raid an incendiary bomb dropped on a tank containing motor spirit. Keenan immediately volunteered to climb the tank and deal with the bomb. By the time he got to the top the bomb had burnt its way practically through the plating. He covered the bomb with sand and removed it to the ground where it was extinguished.

Keenan showed high courage in the face of a very grave danger.

Harry Lee, Roof Spotter, Leeds City Gas Undertaking.

A large number of incendiary and high explosive bombs fell on and near a Gas Works. Lee from his post forty feet above the ground gave directions to the Works fire-fighting squads and fires were quickly tackled and kept under control. He also gave information about bombs which had dropped in the streets adjoining the Works.

Although Lee had permission to descend to a place of safety he did not do so and remained at his exposed post whilst bombs and shell splinters were falling all round.

The behaviour of the Works personnel on duty during the raid was exemplary, and was undoubtedly stimulated by the calm courage displayed by Lee.

Awarded the George Medal:—

Arthur James Ball, Sub-Inspector, City of London Police.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Robert Luckman, Police Sergeant.	} City of London Police.
Charles Salmon, M.M., Police Constable.	

During a heavy raid Sub-Inspector Ball, Police Sergeant Luckman and Police Constable Salmon displayed great courage and devotion to duty following the fires caused by the dropping of H.E. and incendiary bombs.

The three men entered burning premises, at great risk to their lives, to rescue the occupants.

They were responsible for the evacuation of people from shelters which were endangered by fire. Although the officers were badly shaken by blast and injured, they continued to render assistance throughout the night wherever their services were required.

Awarded the George Medal:—

George James Ditch, Purifier Attendant, Gas Light and Coke Company, Ltd.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Henry Oliver, Purification Foreman, Gas Light and Coke Company, Ltd.

During enemy attacks on gas works, Oliver and Ditch showed outstanding courage in dealing with fires caused by ignited gas. On one occasion Ditch, despite having been seriously injured, successfully tackled an incendiary bomb and, displaying great courage, extinguished a serious fire. Oliver climbed to the crowns of gasholders and plugged a number of holes from which gas was escaping.

Both men showed great courage and devotion to duty.

Awarded the George Medal:—

Albert Webb, Gas Stoker, Gas Light and Coke Company Ltd.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

John Alexander Benn, Gas Stoker, }
Edward Lawrence, Car- } Gas Light and Coke
bonising Foreman. } Co. Ltd.

As Webb and Benn were closing the door of a retort house, a bomb exploded nearby. The blast threw another stoker into a conveyor trough. Had he not been pulled out he would have been seriously burned. Webb, despite the severe injuries which he had sustained, managed to rescue his workmate from the danger before collapsing. Benn, at considerable risk to himself, carried Webb to safety.

Lawrence, with great presence of mind and total disregard of the danger, immediately took the necessary steps to prevent more serious damage.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Patricia Baxter, Tele- }
phonist. }
Hazel Taylor, Telephone } Portsmouth
Operator. } Auxiliary Fire
May Georgina Whitcher, } Service.
Telephone Operator. }

Buildings adjoining an Auxiliary Fire Service Station were on fire and the office equipment was brought down by blast. In these conditions the three telephonists carried on their duties in a cool and efficient manner until eventually a direct hit was received on the station and they were buried under the debris.

Gas was escaping but Miss Baxter managed to crawl to the tap and turn it off, thus saving other personnel, who were trapped and injured, from being gassed. She then went to the assistance of Miss Whitcher who had received a head injury and was trapped by fallen timber. By this time the roof of the building was alight. In spite of this the three girls, ignoring their own safety, helped to remove two lorries and to rescue a mobile dam which would otherwise have been destroyed. They helped to demolish the sand-bagged buttress to the premises, using the sand to put out incendiary bombs. Refusing to rest, the three girls then went to Headquarters and worked in the Canteen for the rest of the night.

Sidney Ernest Bendall, }
Foreman. } Gas Light and
Ernest William Meadow- } Coke Com-
croft, Power House } pany Ltd.
Attendant. }

Incendiary bombs fell on a Gas Works. One fell through the roof of a building where inflammable material was stored, becoming wedged in the boards which started to burn. Meadowcroft scaled the wall of the building, about thirty feet high, by means of iron cable stands. Climbing through clouds of smoke and steam, he got the fire under control. Another bomb fell among drums of benzol. Bendall got the door of the store open and moved the drums of benzol out of danger.

But for the prompt and brave actions of these men the Works would have suffered serious damage.

Walter Leslie Bishop, Physical Training Instructor, H.M. Borstal Institution.

A block of a Borstal Institution was hit by H.E. bombs and boys were buried in the wreckage. Bishop climbed all over the inside walls trying to locate them. With help he rescued four lads.

In his efforts to save life Bishop showed great courage and disregard of the danger of falling masonry and the possible collapse of the whole building. At all times during air raids he has set a fine example of coolness and courage.

Alfred Brady, Foreman, Bristol Gas Company.

One of two gasholders was struck by a bomb, the gas ignited and a great column of flame shot upwards. Bomb splinters pierced the adjoining holder from which jets of flame issued.

Brady, who was in charge of the Works assisted in extinguishing the fires in the first holder.

In dealing with the jets of flame from the second holder, it was necessary to approach close to the leaks, many of which were in the crown.

The courage and daring action of Mr. Brady contributed largely to the prevention of further damage to the plant.

George Burgess, Leader, }
A.R.P. Rescue Party, }
Patrick Dever, Member, } Kingston-upon-
A.R.P. Rescue Party, } Thames.
Alexander Keith Hay, }
Stretcher Party Officer, }
Frederick John Reeves, }
A.R.P. Warden, }

A H.E. bomb demolished houses and trapped a man under debris which was smouldering.

Tunnelling work was carried out by Burgess, Reeves and Hay. They worked in the heat and the smoke from the smouldering fire for four hours until the head and body of the casualty were uncovered, but he was still held down by wreckage.

It was possible for only one man to work in the tunnel at a time and Dever went in. After half-an-hour of very strenuous work with an axe he was able to release the casualty, who was carefully withdrawn from his perilous position and removed to hospital.

It was due entirely to the determination and bravery of the four men that this rescue was accomplished. A partly demolished wall immediately adjoining the site collapsed on to the debris under which they had been working, shortly after the rescue had been completed.

Barnett Burke, A.R.P. Post Training Officer, St. Marylebone.

A bomb fell outside a bakery, demolished the front of the building and fractured a gas main. Coke ovens were burning in the basement and there was a possibility that the gas might cause an explosion.

Warden Burke climbed down into the crater, which was filling with coal gas, crawled under the wreckage and broke open the door of the room where the occupants were sheltering. He then helped them to safety.

Arthur Ernest Handel }
Carter, Assistant } Gas Light and Coke
Valveman, } Company Ltd.
James John Woodley, }
Valveman, }

When H.E. bombs fractured gas mains Woodley immediately located and shut the necessary valves.

Carter beat out flames at another point and got the fires under control.

Both men faced the danger of blazing gas and possible explosion with coolness and courage and by their prompt action prevented serious damage.

Jack Ellis, Driller's Mate, Grimsby.

Ellis burrowed under the debris of a bombed building and rescued a child and an old lady. The wreckage then burst into flames but Ellis returned and brought out an injured man and took him to a First Aid Post.

Without any regard for his personal safety Ellis displayed great courage in effecting these rescues.

James Arthur Griffiths, Sergeant, Volunteer Special Constabulary, Cardiff.

Timber and masonry were falling when Sergeant Griffiths twice entered a wrecked building and brought out children who had been buried in debris. He then searched in other premises for trapped persons and took them to a First Aid Post for treatment. The Sergeant continued throughout the night dealing with incendiary bombs and helping in the rescue of casualties from wrecked buildings.

William Harman, Charge Hand, Gas Light and Coke Company, Ltd.

When incendiary bombs started a serious fire in business premises, Harman showed outstanding initiative and courage. He directed the Works Firemen who dealt promptly and successfully with the fire. He showed great devotion to duty.

Alfred William Hennis, Skilled Workman Class II, London Telecommunications Region.

Mr. Hennis has shown courage and devotion to duty on a number of occasions.

He has volunteered to carry out repairs in conditions of considerable danger without any regard for his personal safety.

Frank Sidney Howe, Auxiliary Fireman, Portsmouth Auxiliary Fire Service.

When incendiary bombs fell on the roof of a church Howe climbed up to work the stirrup pumps. Whilst there many bombs, both high explosive and incendiary, were dropped nearby.

Howe carried on with his duty until a bomb fell into the church and exploded, blowing him off the ladder.

He displayed considerable courage and devotion to duty and did not cease work until severely wounded.

John Mylroie Kelly, }
Second Officer, } Stretford and Urmston
Francis Mees, Third } Joint Fire Brigade.
Officer, }

Both these officers were in constant attendance throughout heavy enemy attacks. Each officer was in charge of a separate sector where many fires were raging and their undaunted courage and leadership were an inspiration to the men under their control. Much valuable property was saved through their individual efforts.

James McWilliam, Assistant Engineer, Clydebank and District Water Trust.

When a bomb fractured a main water supply pipe Mr. McWilliam at once closed certain valves and opened alternate feeds to ensure water for fire fighting. In spite of severe bombing, during which he was hit by bomb splinters, he continued with this work throughout the night.

During the days following, Mr. McWilliam worked unceasingly to assist in the execution of repairs.

Robert Coultas Maynard, Post Office Caretaker-Operator.

Mr. Maynard, who is 74 years of age, has shown great courage and his devotion to duty has been of the greatest value to the A.R.P. services during many air raids.

Henry John Alfred }
Pearce, Relief Carbon- } The Gas Light and
ising Fireman, } Coke Company
George Edward William } Ltd.
Pearce, Carbonising }
Foreman, }

When a bomb struck a section of a Gas Works an explosion caused a fierce fire.

G. E. W. and H. J. A. Pearce at the risk of being badly burned, succeeded in isolating the damaged plant and brought the flames under control.

Their action was an extremely gallant one and they showed considerable coolness and determination.

Harry Edgar Pollard, A.R.P. Rescue Service, Portsmouth.

A building was demolished by a high explosive bomb and persons were trapped in the basement. It was necessary to burrow a hole through the debris to reach the roof of the cellar. This was difficult and dangerous owing to the large mass of brickwork which was liable to move and slip into the excavation.

In view of this risk Mr. Pollard took the leading part in the actual operation himself, working in the hole and fixing the shores and struts necessary to support the heavy piles of loose debris. Eventually four persons were released.

Mr. Pollard acted with initiative and coolness, displaying great personal courage and efficient leadership throughout.

Patrick Smyth, Postman, Glasgow.

Mr. Smyth displayed great courage and devotion to duty in remaining at his post as fire fighter throughout a very heavy bombardment. He stayed in the open, tackling the incendiaries as they fell, with complete disregard of his own safety and undoubtedly saved the post office.

Miss Elsie Catherine Lucie Spear, Cigarette Packer, Bristol.

During a heavy raid Miss Spear helped wardens to deal with incendiary bombs. A high explosive bomb partly demolished a house and two people were injured. Miss Spear rendered first aid to one victim and then summoned a stretcher party for the more seriously injured man. During her journeys to and from the First-Aid Post high explosive bombs fell close by but, despite the danger, Miss Spear showed commendable coolness and rendered valuable help to the A.R.P. Services.

Howard Charles Thompson, Head A.R.P. Warden, Portsmouth.

Head Warden Thompson has shown consistent bravery, powers of organisation and leadership during a period of heavy air raids.

On one occasion he extricated people who were buried in the remains of a shelter. He rendered first aid and undoubtedly saved the lives of two persons.

Alfred John Trayling, A.R.P. Warden, Bethnal Green.

A house was demolished by a high explosive bomb and people were trapped.

Trayling made an opening and hacked his way through to the trapped men. The debris was falling and closing the gap behind him. He directed those above in the removal of the wreckage and the trapped people were eventually released.

Ernest Cuthbert Wilson, Fireman, Works Fire Service, Portsmouth.

Incendiary bombs penetrated the glass roof of a factory and started fires in various parts of the shop. At the same time a fire was started in an adjoining shed and on a derelict barge. Some houses were also set alight.

A fire party, under Mr. Wilson's supervision, immediately tackled the various fires. To reach the fire in the derelict barge the party had to wade through deep mud while H.E. bombs fell close at hand.

Mr. Wilson showed great gallantry, resource and efficiency in extremely difficult and dangerous conditions.

COMMENDATIONS.

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

William Harold Ashby, Police Constable, Ramsgate Police Force.

Cecil John Barker, Auxiliary Fireman, Portsmouth Auxiliary Fire Service.

Frederick Harold Bastick, Fireman, Ramsgate Auxiliary Fire Service.

George Frederick Bond, Purifier Attendant, Gas Light & Coke Company Limited.

Ernest Walter Bowlden, Officer, H.M. Borstal Institution.

Frank Carnell, Fireman, Honiton Fire Brigade.

Robert Henry Nichol Cassells, Retort House Foreman, Gas Light & Coke Company Limited.

George Cockerill, Chargeman, Gas Light & Coke Company Limited.

Joseph Henry Cogger, Stoker, Mid-Kent Gaslight & Coke Company.

Norman Cowling, Officer, H.M. Borstal Institution.

Henry Dean, Leader, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Portsmouth.

William Robert Eddings, Process Worker, Gas Light & Coke Company Limited.

William Elgood, Member, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Wandsworth.

Frank Garrett, Officer, H.M. Borstal Institution.

Francis Gibbs, Office Cleaner, Gas Light & Coke Company Limited.

Frederick Percy Giles, Acting Storehouse Assistant, Admiralty Outstation.

Cyril George Gunner, Process Worker, Gas Light & Coke Company Limited.

Margaret Rose Hamer, Auxiliary, London Women's Auxiliary Fire Service.

Miss Rosemary Hill, Southsea.

Robert James Hudson, Member, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Wandsworth.

Edward Joseph Jacobs, Valveman, Gas Light & Coke Company Limited.

Grace Jessup, Auxiliary, London Women's Auxiliary Fire Service.

Hermann Frederick Kubsch, Leading Fireman, Croydon Auxiliary Fire Service.

James John Lavender, Water Gas Operator, Mid-Kent Gas Light & Coke Company.

Margaret Miller, Auxiliary, London Women's Auxiliary Fire Service.

Murray Alfred Page, Gas Stoker, Gas Light & Coke Company Limited.

Eric Albert Plummer, Assistant Mains Superintendent, Gas Light & Coke Company Limited.

Phillip James Polley, Assistant Stillman, Gas Light & Coke Company Limited.

Penry James Price, Stillman, Gas Light & Coke Company Limited.

Alfred Rickman, Watchman, Gas Light & Coke Company Limited.

Charles Risby, Stillman, Gas Light & Coke Company Limited.

William Rolinson, Member, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Portsmouth.

Harry Scribens, Plater, Gas Light & Coke Company Limited.

George Henry Sharp, Fireman, Gas Light & Coke Company Limited.

Kathleen Emmeline Smith, Auxiliary, London Women's Auxiliary Fire Service.

Cyril John Rennison Stockley, Assistant Valveman, Gas Light & Coke Company Limited.

Herbert Charles Stone, Valveman, Bristol Gas Company.

Albert James Swann, Assistant Mains Superintendent, Gas Light & Coke Company Limited.

David Trotter, Purifier Attendant, Gas Light & Coke Company Limited.

Harry Charles Wells, Boy Labourer, Gas Light & Coke Company Limited.

Ronald Winter, A.R.P. Messenger, Marchwood.

The description of Harold McTrusty, whose name appeared in the list of Commendations in Gazette No. 35137, should read Unestablished Skilled Workman, Post Office.

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Walter Thomas Wheeler, Acting Clerk of Works, A.R.P. Rescue Service Depot, Deptford.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

George Alfred Callow, Leader.

Harry Wadsworth, Leader.

Daniel James Bramwell
Sweatman, Carpenter.

Henry John Wheeler,
Plumber.

} A.R.P. Rescue
Service Depot,
Deptford.

For carrying out hazardous work in a very brave manner.

Commendations.

For services when an explosion occurred on board a boat in a shipyard:—

W. Lesslie, Shipyard Chargehand.

J. Rousell, Shipyard Chargehand.

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