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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 appointment 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 Officer of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:—*

Miss Annie Caroline Robins, Matron, Bristol General Hospital, Bristol.

When the Bristol General Hospital was severely damaged by high explosive and incendiary bombs, Miss Robins showed the utmost devotion to duty and set an outstanding example of fortitude and courage to her staff.

*Awarded the George Medal:—*

Bernard Campbell, Leader, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Westminster.

Leslie Ernest Finbow, Police Constable, " E " Division, Metropolitan Police.

A high explosive bomb partly demolished a large building. Search was made for sur-

vivors. Mr. Campbell and P.C. Finbow, after removing a considerable amount of debris, extricated three women.

The Warden and Police Constable, with assistance, then attempted the rescue of a man whom they could hear tapping under the wreckage.

Their task was a formidable one and became steadily worse as fires broke out.

There was an enormous amount of very heavy debris to be moved and it took nearly four hours to release the man. During the whole of this time the remaining part of the building was burning and showed signs of collapse and gas was escaping from a fractured pipe.

Campbell and Finbow displayed tenacity, skill and courage of the highest order.

Mary Fleming, Staff Nurse	}	Grove Park Hospital.
Aileen Turner, Senior Assistant Nurse		

When a high explosive bomb struck Grove Park Hospital, Nurse Turner and Nurse Fleming climbed through a first floor window, crawled across the floor of a ward which was in a highly dangerous condition and released several patients who were trapped.

The quickness, coolness and courage of these two nurses resulted in all the patients being rescued a few minutes before the floor collapsed.

John Joseph Furlong, Police Constable, Southampton Police Force.

During the height of an air raid Police Constable Furlong was told that a fireman was lying, badly injured, in the open.

Although the area was being very heavily bombed the Constable immediately searched for the wounded man but was himself seriously injured before he could bring him in. Furlong managed to obtain the assistance of another police officer, returned with him, and together they carried the fireman to shelter.

Police Constable Furlong showed great courage and devotion to duty despite the serious injuries he had sustained.

Sydney Richard Hilseley, A.R.P. Warden, Kensington.

A high explosive bomb demolished a house and a family was trapped. Fire broke out in the debris but in spite of the increasing flames Warden Hilseley entered the wrecked building and brought out a child to safety. He returned and freed the mother. He again returned and succeeded in releasing the father who was pinned beneath wreckage.

Hilseley acted with great gallantry and saved three lives.

Henry Towers Holland, A.R.P. Warden, Ealing.

A bomb fell on a building, which was mostly of timber, and immediately caused a terrific fire.

Hearing cries for help Warden Holland plunged into the burning building and, although almost overcome by the flames and smoke, succeeded in bringing out a fellow warden.

Blazing wood from the roof was falling and Holland showed great bravery in the face of very grave danger.

Arthur Henry Marshall, Commandant, A.R.P. Stretcher Party, Croydon.

Mr. Marshall has shown great ability and ingenuity on many occasions during air raids. In difficult and dangerous circumstances amongst demolished buildings, he has been instrumental in saving several lives. On one occasion he led a squad into a wrecked building and did most of the dangerous work himself, passing the debris to his line of men behind him until a man was reached and rescued. The slightest false move would have brought down a wall on the top of the Rescue Party.

Mr. Marshall has shown great courage and devotion to duty.

John W. Ross, Leader, Stretcher Party, Casualty Service, St. John Ambulance Brigade, Holborn.

A bomb was dropped on a building and Ross took a squad of men to the scene. Another bomb was dropped which blew him across the street.

The premises were blazing furiously and, although burning debris was falling all around, Ross led his men into the basement shelter and brought out many casualties.

He worked for several hours in the burning building although it was bombed again and was in danger of collapse.

Ross showed calm courage and his unhurried, skilful treatment helped enormously to prevent panic and to get out the maximum number of casualties.

*Awarded the George Medal:—*

Frederick George Coker, Inspector	} " S " Division, Metropolitan Police.
Vernon Thomas William Hite, Special Constable	

*Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—*

Charles Henry Lee, Special Constable	} Special Constabulary, " S " Division, Metropolitan Police.
Charles Robert Orr, Sub-Inspector	

Gerald Frederick Payne, Sub-Divisional Inspector, " S " Division, Metropolitan Police.

When severe damage was caused by enemy action Inspector Coker went to the scene with other officers and took charge of police arrangements.

He assembled his men and began a systematic search of bombed houses, rescuing people, extinguishing fires, and arranging for evacuation where necessary.

Despite the fact that they had no equipment of any kind, many splendid and heroic rescues were achieved by these officers, who continually risked their lives in appalling conditions.

*Awarded the George Medal:—*

George Peerless, A.R.P. Warden, St. Marylebone.

*Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—*

Miss Winifred Ortweiler, A.R.P. Warden, St. Marylebone.

A bomb wrecked a dwelling house. Miss Ortweiler scrambled down a very small hole into the basement and found four people trapped and unable to move.

She reassured them but was not strong enough to effect their release. There was an escape of gas and, to avoid an explosion, she put out the kitchen fire. Warden Peerless then entered the hole. He obtained a saw and cut away the corner of a dresser until it was possible, with the help of Miss Ortweiler, to free three persons who were then helped out of the basement.

Warden Peerless stayed behind and made a most gallant effort to rescue the remaining victim.

Both Wardens behaved with great gallantry, being fully aware of the danger from coal gas.

*Awarded the George Medal:—*

Alfred Reeve, A.R.P. Warden, Wandsworth.

*Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—*

Sydney Thurland Reynolds, A.R.P. Warden, Wandsworth.

A large bomb demolished a public house and persons were trapped.

Many tons of debris were piled high over the spot. Reeve climbed down into a hole

and, followed by Reynolds, wormed his way through a partly demolished room to the far wall which, with the ceiling, was in a state of collapse. At great risk these two Wardens removed bricks and tunnelled fifty feet through to the victims who were eventually brought out to safety.

Reeve showed great initiative, and both he and Reynolds displayed high courage and gallantry in very grave danger.

*Awarded the George Medal:—*

Walter George Taylor, Police Constable, Metropolitan Police.

*Awarded the British Empire Medal  
(Civil Division):—*

John Anthony Ewart Reiss, A.R.P. Warden, Kensington.

A high explosive bomb partly demolished a house and several people were trapped.

Police Constable Taylor, who was off duty, immediately went to the house and assisted two women to safety. He returned and found several women in another room. These he escorted to other houses and, when informed that a man was buried beneath the debris in the basement, he again returned to the damaged house, obtained the assistance of Air Raid Warden Reiss, and searched for the victim.

Taylor and Reiss made their way to the basement, part of which had collapsed and pulled away pieces of masonry and brickwork in an endeavour to reach the man. In the course of this work the Constable had to support a large piece of masonry on his back whilst the Warden pulled the wreckage aside. As this was being done the ceiling fell on top of the rescuers, partially burying them. Taylor was knocked insensible but he quickly recovered and found that Reiss was still unconscious. Taylor revived the Warden and carried him to the street. He then returned to continue the rescue work but as he was entering the basement he suddenly collapsed and had to be taken to hospital.

*Awarded the British Empire Medal  
(Civil Division):—*

Harry Bird, A.R.P. Warden, Wandsworth.

James Wilson Brown, Police Constable, "L" Division, Metropolitan Police.

Bombs demolished dwelling houses and a water main was fractured. The street and gardens flooded to a depth of nearly two feet and bomb craters rapidly filled with water.

P.C. Brown and Warden Bird waded to the wrecked premises and found people marooned on the tops of Anderson shelters. The depth of the water was increasing and some elderly people were still inside the shelters in water up to their waists. The two men assisted them on to the tops of sheds and carried the women and children through the partly demolished houses to higher ground. Eventually forty-five people were brought to safety.

James Arthur Chambers, Police Inspector, Southampton Police Force.

During the heavy air raids on Southampton Inspector Chambers has shown outstanding courage, coolness and leadership and has set a very fine example to those under his control.

Benjamin Garner, A.R.P. Warden, West Ham.

When dwelling houses were hit by a H.E. bomb Mr. Garner worked his way through heavy debris, while the raid was still in progress, to rescue four people trapped in a cellar. He then crawled through a small hole under wreckage in an endeavour to rescue two women. He also helped in releasing people from wrecked shelters.

George Harrison, Garage Night Foreman, Lancaster Corporation Transport Department.

During a heavy air raid Harrison volunteered to drive a vehicle containing equipment and personnel to an area which had been set on fire.

Although he was in no way a part of the fire-fighting service, Harrison helped the firemen in hose laying and branch holding. When a pump was sandwiched between two intense fires and in danger of being destroyed, he volunteered to help to remove it.

Harrison's courage in the face of danger and his willing co-operation were outstanding.

Henry Tom Howells,  
Member of Departmental Fire Squad  
(Assistant Collector of Taxes);  
Harry Jellings, Member of Departmental Fire Squad (3rd Class Valuer),

Board of Inland Revenue,  
Swansea.

When incendiary bombs fell near their office Mr. Howells and Mr. Jellings, who were acting as fire watchers, tackled the resultant fires and kept them under control.

They showed great devotion to duty and, by their courage and resource, saved the building and contents from destruction.

John Jarman, A.R.P. Sector Warden, St. Marylebone.

A woman was trapped in the wreckage of a bombed building. Warden Jarman crawled through smoke, fire and debris in an attempt to rescue her. He worked until overcome by fumes. When he recovered he went back and endeavoured to get into the cellars for further rescue work.

On several other occasions Jarman has shown great courage and has been instrumental in the saving of life.

R. Johnston, Foreman Gas Fitter, Gas Light and Coke Company Ltd.

Bombs demolished houses and people were trapped. A gas main was fractured and caught fire.

Johnston formed a rescue party and five persons were helped to safety.

Three people were trapped in another house and could not be rescued until the flames from the blazing main were extinguished.

Johnston, who was not on duty, plugged up the ends of the pipe with mud from the crater. He was overcome by fumes and was removed to hospital for treatment but returned after a short time to ensure that the temporary stopping had not been washed out.

John Llywelyn Jones, Member of Departmental Fire Squad (Inspector of Taxes), Board of Inland Revenue, Great Yarmouth.

During an air raid incendiary bombs were dropped on premises adjoining those where Mr. Jones was acting as fire watcher. He climbed out of a top floor window and after about half an hour he extinguished the fire.

During this time the raid was in progress and planes were overhead. Mr. Jones took a very considerable risk in climbing to the roof and his promptness, courage and efficiency saved the building from severe damage.

David Henry Moseley, Senior A.R.P. Warden, East Ham.

Throughout the period of air raids Warden Moseley has shown resolution, initiative and absolute disregard of personal danger. On several occasions, by his immediate and courageous assistance, he has prevented incidents from developing seriously.

Miss Eileen Margaret Mulligan, Telephonist, A.R.P. Report and Control Centre, Southwark.

When a reporting post was put out of action Miss Mulligan acted as Bicycle Messenger throughout an air raid.

Later, she went to the assistance of persons in a shelter adjoining a bombed house and twice crawled through a small opening in the debris to render first aid to the casualties.

She then helped to release the trapped persons. Miss Mulligan displayed considerable courage and resource in the face of danger.

Sidney Victor White, Police Constable, Southampton Police Force.

A bomb completely demolished a building and persons in the cellar were trapped. The explosion also severed a main from which water percolated through the debris into the cellar and the occupants were in great danger of being drowned. White, with assistance, removed wreckage from the stairway and entered the cellar. Despite the fact that the water was up to his chest and that there was danger of the ceiling collapsing under the weight of the debris above, he succeeded in rescuing the trapped persons.

Police Constable White showed very great courage, coolness and devotion to duty.

William Henry White, A.R.P. Warden, Wandsworth.

Warden White crawled under the wreckage of a demolished house to a woman who was hanging head downwards trapped by her legs. He supported her while sufficient debris was removed to make it possible to release her. There was very great danger during this period of further collapse.

James Wilson, Deputy Leader Albert James Allen, Member	}	A.R.P. Rescue Party, Ilford.
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A bomb fell on houses and fractured a water main. A mother and daughter were trapped in a cellar which was rapidly filling with water.

Wilson and Allen entered the cellar and released both women. Whilst carrying out the rescue work the men were badly hampered by loose earth, rubble and concrete which fell on them and the casualties.

They showed great courage and devotion to duty and their example did much to maintain the morale and spirit of the two victims.

James Wight Williamson, Police Sergeant, Bristol Police Force.

A high explosive bomb demolished houses and people were buried beneath the debris.

Sergeant Williamson entered the cellar of an adjoining house, succeeded in knocking a hole in the party wall and rescued three persons.

On another occasion the Sergeant worked for eight hours in an attempt to rescue an elderly woman who was trapped in a damaged house.

Williamson showed much courage and determination at both incidents.

#### COMMENDATIONS.

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

John Balchin, Turncock, Metropolitan Water Board.

Dorothy May Bunting, Section Officer, London Women's Auxiliary Fire Service.

Michael Joseph Cronin (deceased), Storeman, Coventry.

Arthur Stephen Cummin, Police Constable, "E" Division, Metropolitan Police.

Emrys Evans, Member, A.R.P. Casualty Service, Bristol.

Stanley George Freston, War Reserve Constable, "K" Division, Metropolitan Police.

John Albert Harris, First Aid Service, Sheffield.

Edward Hawkins, A.R.P. Warden, West Ham.  
Frederick Jeins, Fireman, Penybont Fire Brigade.

Richard Arden Jones, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Emergency Medical Service, Newmarket.

Henry Lock-Kendell, Commandant, A.R.P. Stretcher Party, Croydon.

Cyril Leslie King, Leader, A.R.P. Stretcher Party, Camberwell.

Percival Thomas Frederick May, Police Constable, "E" Division, Metropolitan Police.

Thomas Nelson, Miner, Northumberland.

Arthur Ernest Packer, A.R.P. Warden, Paddington.

William John Parker, Police Constable, "K" Division, Metropolitan Police.

Hubert Porter, Member, A.R.P. First Aid Party, Gloucestershire.

Miss Esther Amelia Rosewarne, Shop Assistant, St. Ives.

Raymond Rosewarne, Gardener, St. Ives.

Miss Isabella Russell, Matron, St. Matthew's Hospital, London.

F. G. Smith, Fitter, Gas Light and Coke Company Ltd.  
 Daisy Irene Swingler, Auxiliary, London Women's Auxiliary Fire Service.  
 Hubert Taylor, J.P., Auxiliary Fireman, Penybont Auxiliary Fire Service.  
 Robert Telfer, Police Constable, "S" Division, Metropolitan Police  
 Joseph Arnold Wade, Section Officer, Sheffield Special Constabulary.

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*Awarded the George Medal:—*

Philip Gadesden Lucas, Test Pilot, Hawker Aircraft Ltd.

Test Pilot Lucas displayed great courage and presence of mind during a test flight and, by his skill and coolness, saved an aircraft from destruction.

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The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following Award of the George Medal and for the publication in the

COMMENDATIONS.

Those named below have been brought to notice for brave conduct in hazardous circumstances:—

E. Davies, Loughborough.

D. J. Ginns, Leicester.

Harry Griffin, Leamington.

T. Johnson, Lutterworth.

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