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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, of a Bar to the British Empire 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 Robert Briggs, Superintendent, " M " Division, Metropolitan Police.

After fighting fires caused by incendiary bombs, Superintendent Briggs, although very exhausted, went to a building that had been partially demolished by a H.E. bomb. Some people were trapped in a basement room and he climbed down under the debris several times to search for them.

Aircraft were overhead and H.E. bombs were falling, one of which set the debris alight

within six yards of him. The Superintendent came up to help subdue the flames and, when the fire was under control, he again crawled underneath the debris to ascertain the position of the entrapped persons.

Superintendent Briggs showed great courage and leadership with absolute disregard of his own safety and through his persistency fifteen casualties were extricated.

John Desmond Dillon, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Medical Officer in Charge, Mobile Unit, Greenwich.

Dr. Dillon, during the whole period of his association with the Casualty Services, has rendered splendid service.

On one occasion a casualty was trapped in the basement of a building the upper storey of which was blazing. Quite regardless of the risk to himself, Dr. Dillon went down amidst the wreckage in order to extricate the casualty.

Water heated by the fire was streaming down into the debris but the Doctor crawled through, reached a boy and administered morphia.

Dr. Dillon was himself at the time of this incident a casualty, for earlier in the evening he had been injured when extinguishing an incendiary bomb.

Daniel Millar, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., Ed.,  
Medical Practitioner, Glasgow.

John Smith McLaren Ord, M.B., Ch.B., Police  
Surgeon, Glasgow City Police.

Cecilia McGinty, District Nurse, Glasgow.

A tenement building was partly demolished by a H.E. bomb. Rescue workers tunnelled through to a trapped person and Dr. Millar administered morphia to him. Dr. McLaren Ord arrived and it was decided to amputate the man's foot in order to release him. With Nurse McGinty the doctors entered the tunnel and Dr. Millar performed a forty minute operation, the anæsthetic being given by Dr. McLaren Ord, assisted by Nurse McGinty. During the entire period the remaining part of the building was on the point of collapse and occasional falls of wreckage took place. By their gallant action, performed at great personal risk, the doctors and nurse succeeded in extricating the trapped man.

William Thomson, Assistant A.R.P. Officer,  
Clyde Navigation Trust.

During an air raid on Clydeside a barge caught fire and Mr. Thomson, with assistance, proceeded to fight the fire on board. The head ropes burned through but under Mr. Thomson's direction the barge was successfully moored and the fire was well in hand before an emergency tug came to complete the work.

On another occasion Mr. Thomson prevented a coaster, although holed, from sinking. He procured a pump, got the water out of the ship, plugged the hole with wood and cemented it.

Mr. Thomson has displayed outstanding qualities of leadership and courage.

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

Harold Glyn-Jones, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.,  
Medical Officer, American Mobile Unit,  
Lambeth.

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

Norman Jaeger, Leader, A.R.P. Stretcher  
Party, Lambeth.

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

Wilfred John Clarke, Sergeant, A.R.P.  
Stretcher Party, Lambeth.

A bomb demolished a large building and the occupants were trapped.

Every service combined to extricate the victims and the driving of tunnels into the shaky mass of masonry and girders led to the rescue alive of many casualties.

Throughout the rescue period of nine hours, Dr. Glyn-Jones was indefatigable. At much personal risk he crawled down tunnels to give morphia and temporary treatment to the wounded and his courage and determination were alike outstanding.

He received the greatest help from Clarke and Jaeger, whose fearlessness, like that of the doctor, was a conspicuous example to others.

The efforts of Dr. Glyn-Jones and of the two stretcher bearers were instrumental in saving many lives.

*Awarded the George Medal:—*

Harold Frederick Claydon, Police Sergeant,  
Liverpool Police Service.

Bombs demolished houses and several people were trapped.

Sergeant Claydon tunnelled twenty feet through the debris and rescued two women. He then shored up the tunnel with wood and masonry and, after strenuous efforts, succeeded in releasing another woman who was buried beneath rubble. The sergeant, owing to his exertions in a gas-laden atmosphere, was overcome and had to rest. He recovered and, though warned of the danger from gas, returned to the tunnel and continued his rescue work.

A large piece of wood was wedged blocking the passage. Claydon obtained a saw, crawled into the space again, and, lying on his stomach, sawed through the block of wood and was able to release two casualties. Removing more debris he freed a child and a man and cleared a space so that others could effect the rescue of those remaining.

Claydon showed exceptional courage in extremely dangerous circumstances and by his efforts ten persons were rescued.

Thomas Denholm, Dock Labourer, Glasgow.

A bomb wrecked a high building and people were cut off on the third and fourth floors which lay at an angle insecurely attached at one side only. Denholm used his docker's hook to pull himself up the inclined flooring to the fourth floor. He found some blankets, knotted them together and lowered two women and a man to the ground. Another man was trapped in the attic. A ladder was obtained but was eight feet short. Denholm, however, climbed to the topmost rung and, reaching up to the ledge, drew himself up beside the man. By lying flat and gripping the man's wrists, Denholm lowered him to the ladder. All these exertions took place at a height of over sixty-five feet from the ground in indistinct moonlight.

Denholm showed outstanding courage and dexterity in effecting these rescues and, despite injuries and burns, reported for work the next day.

Goronwy Wynne Evans, Police Constable,  
Portsmouth City Police Service.

A house was badly damaged and set on fire by a high explosive bomb.

At considerable danger to himself, Evans crawled with a stirrup pump between the collapsed roof and the ground floor and fought the fire from there. There was danger of the heavy masonry falling, and on two occasions Evans was overcome by coal gas fumes and smoke. With some difficulty he was brought out but, when sufficiently recovered, took up his position again and continued to fight the flames.

Constable Evans displayed outstanding bravery and perseverance and his action definitely prevented the flames from spreading to an adjoining Nursing Home.

Dorothy Kate Gardner, Probationer Nurse, Royal East Sussex Hospital, Hastings.

During an air raid Nurse Gardner was in charge of the private ward at the Royal East Sussex Hospital. Hearing the noise of a falling bomb she threw herself across a patient in an effort to protect her. The bomb hit the balcony immediately outside the ward causing the roof to fall in and the nurse was covered with an immense amount of debris.

Nurse Gardner received very serious injuries but by her gallant action she undoubtedly saved the life of her patient.

Alfred George Hammon, } A.R.P.  
Leader, } Rescue Party,  
Joseph Carley, Member, } Hendon.

A house was demolished by a H.E. bomb and the debris caught fire. To reach the victims it was necessary to tunnel twelve feet under a collapsed floor.

Carley, together with Hammon, worked in the tunnel, in smoke and coal gas fumes, close to the fire which was burning under the wreckage. Both men showed complete disregard of danger and, in spite of the poisonous atmosphere in which they worked, carried on until they rescued a man and a woman.

Ronald Jackson, Probationary Constable, Birmingham City Police.

When H.E. bombs demolished some flats, parts of a concrete floor fell across a bed on which a woman was lying. Wardens succeeded in removing some of the concrete from the woman's chest but she was still trapped from the waist downwards. It was considered too dangerous to remove any more of the debris as there was every possibility of the remainder of the ceiling falling.

Jackson then went to the rear of the house and attacked the wreckage from the outside. He succeeded in burrowing a way through and reached the fallen masonry which was pinning the casualty. Lying in water from burst pipes he commenced sawing through the concrete and, after working alone for two hours, he succeeded in freeing the injured woman.

Jackson showed great courage and gallantry, being fully aware that the remainder of the building might collapse at any moment.

Sidney Kelsey, Stretcher Bearer, A.R.P. Casualty Service, West Ham.

A high explosive bomb damaged a house. After working through the night the Rescue Parties ascertained the position of a trapped woman.

Kelsey, lying on his back, worked with bare hands to excavate a tunnel to reach the casualty and he undertook her treatment and support while efforts to rescue her were continued. For ten hours he had to lie in a hole among fallen debris, under heavy overhanging wreckage which was in danger of collapse and at a point near an escape of gas.

Kelsey showed great gallantry and endurance in effecting this rescue.

Lambert Ernest Porter, War Reserve Constable, Police War Reserve, "X" Division, Metropolitan Police.

High explosive bombs partially demolished a number of houses.

Porter heard a small child crying under the debris and commenced to remove pieces of wreckage. The child was buried beneath a portion of the house wall which was sloping at a dangerous angle and liable to collapse at any moment. Despite a warning of the great risk involved Porter refused to cease work and continued until he succeeded in releasing a twelve months old baby unharmed.

Porter showed gallantry in very dangerous circumstances.

Albert Samuel White, Assistant Superintendent, First Aid Parties Depot, Portsmouth.

William Lane, Leader, } First Aid Party,  
Leonard Wilson, Leader } Portsmouth.

After the explosion of a time-bomb two persons were trapped under debris and White, Lane and Wilson immediately set to work to reach them. In a very confined space they cut through three thick brick walls, their only tools being a hammer and two axes. Despite the fact that bombs were dropping nearby and that there was another unexploded time-bomb within thirty feet, they worked for three hours until the casualties were reached.

In order to extricate the victims two of the men protected them with their bodies whilst the other scraped rubble away with his hands.

These men showed great courage and determination with complete disregard of their own safety, being fully aware of the danger from the unexploded time-bomb.

#### *Awarded the George Medal:—*

Julian Anthony Formunt, B.Sc.,  
A.M.Inst.C.E., Chief Engineering Assistant,  
Borough Engineer's Department, West Ham.  
John Alexander King Hamilton, M.Inst.C.E.,  
Resident Engineer, Chief Engineer's Department,  
London County Council.

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

Herbert Alfred Chapman, Drag Line Driver,  
John Mowlem and Company.  
William Ransley, Banksman, John Mowlem  
and Company.

For brave conduct in hazardous circumstances.

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

Ernest Alfred Roland Bell, }  
Senior A.R.P. Warden, } Southampton.  
Harold Frank Bailey, A.R.P. }  
Warden, }

Arthur Robert Cleverley, Special Sergeant,  
Southampton Special Constabulary.

Casualties were trapped under the wreckage of a house which had been demolished by a high explosive bomb. Wardens Bell and Bailey and Sergeant Cleverley found that the only part of the house still intact was a window frame, which was supporting

the weight of material above. They climbed through the window and, in spite of the great danger, commenced to remove debris. After about one and a half hours work they succeeded in rescuing a casualty.

All three men showed great courage and worked very hard in most difficult conditions.

Robert Wood Berwick, Auxiliary Fireman, East Ham Auxiliary Fire Service.

During an air raid, whilst engaged with a branch-pipe on the roof of a church, Berwick heard a cry for help. A man had fallen from the roof into a space approximately two feet wide and twenty feet deep, between the church and an adjoining building.

Although the church was burning fiercely, Berwick procured a length of rope and, with help, climbed down to the casualty, secured him to the rope, and hauled him up. He then carried him along the roof to a ladder, down which the injured man was lowered.

Berwick performed this gallant action at considerable risk to himself.

Edward Burkinshaw, Senior } West Riding of  
A.R.P. Warden, } Yorkshire.  
William Edis, Furnaceman, }

Two houses were demolished by a H.E. bomb.

Burkinshaw and Edis started digging and tunnelled eight feet under the wreckage until a woman was reached, whom they extricated. The two men then commenced digging in the other demolished house, and found a little boy. Whilst he was being released Edis comforted and shielded the child from falling debris.

Both men showed courage and determination.

Frederick Walter Chantrell, } East Ham  
Leading Auxiliary Fireman, } Auxiliary Fire  
Charles Robert Brooks, Aux- } Service.  
iliary Fireman, }

After fighting fires for several hours Chantrell received an order to get his crew away and leave the equipment, as all means of escape seemed to be barred by flames.

Brooks volunteered to attempt to save the pumps and, with Chantrell in charge, the crew mounted in their position. Using mackintoshes and hose ramps to protect themselves from the heat and falling embers and despite fallen masonry and piles of debris which at some points barred the way, Brooks eventually succeeded in driving the pump and crew to safety.

Alexander Conway, Auxiliary } Liverpool  
Fireman, } Auxiliary Fire  
Edward Heyes, Auxiliary Fire- } Service.  
man, }

A high explosive bomb demolished two houses and people were trapped.

Conway and Heyes clambered into the debris and while Heyes supported the collapsed floor with his back, Conway sawed away timber. They crawled through this opening and released five women and a small child. One woman was embedded up to the neck in debris and, to reach her, the rescuers had to cut their way through a floor which had been turned on end.

The work was hampered throughout by an escape of gas from a fractured main. Bombs were dropped in the adjoining streets, the district was subjected to machine-gun fire and the whole area was lit up by fires in the neighbourhood.

Conway and Heyes showed great courage and resource.

Vincent George Evans, Third Officer, Wembley Fire Brigade.

A bomb ignited a quantity of A.A. shells and cartridge cases on an Army lorry.

Third Officer Evans directed operations for extinguishing the fire. By his coolness and devotion to duty he set an example to his men who remained at their posts, about fifteen yards from the lorry, although shells were exploding close to them, shrapnel was falling and there were enemy aircraft overhead.

Wilfred Francis Francis, Deputy Head A.R.P. Warden, Swansea.

When his Post was badly damaged by a H.E. bomb, Mr. Francis, although shaken by the effects of other bombs which exploded nearby, visited shelters in his Group area and arranged for the evacuation of the occupants of buildings which had become unsafe and dangerous.

Mr. Francis worked without regard for his own safety and his cool direction of his men, his ability to think clearly under trying conditions, together with his gallantry and bravery, undoubtedly resulted in the saving of many lives.

Harry Hicks, Police Sergeant, Portsmouth City Police Fire Brigade.

At fires, resulting from enemy action, Sergeant Hicks has shown leadership and devotion to duty.

Although H.E. bombs have dropped nearby and members of his crew have been killed and wounded, Hicks has continued his supervision of the work and has been instrumental in saving a considerable amount of property.

Terence Donald Johnstone, Member, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Worthing.

Adrian Edric Andrews, Member, First Aid Party, Worthing.

A house was damaged by a H.E. bomb and people were trapped in the wreckage on the edge of a crater. A small hole was made, a scaffold pole was placed as a lever under the roof and the weight taken by three members of a Rescue Party.

Johnstone then crawled underneath and found a girl pinned down by debris. While he helped to rescue two other people, Andrews slithered under the debris and lay beside the casualty comforting and supporting her for two hours. Andrews was well aware that a heavy concrete block and the roof were liable to collapse on him.

Johnstone again crawled beneath the debris, carefully raised beams which had been sawn through, and gave necessary orders for the girl's removal. After her release, the roof dropped slightly and pinned Johnstone by the shoulder, but his colleagues were able to lever the pole a little more which enabled him to work his way out.

William Mawdsley, Leading Fireman, Manchester Auxiliary Fire Service.

Leading Fireman Mawdsley worked for three days, without rest, in charge of Manchester Auxiliary Fire Service Fire Floats. He piloted the Floats through canals, locks and burning debris on the river in black-out conditions and showed initiative, resource and coolness in the most trying conditions.

Ernest Walter Newark, Inspector, "Y" Division, Metropolitan Police.

A bomb was dropped near some shelters. With a Police Rescue Party under his command, Inspector Newark quickly restored a situation fraught with grave danger. He organised the work of stretcher parties and, with his men, worked for nearly three hours during a heavy raid. It was largely due to the Inspector's leadership and organising ability that one hundred persons trapped in the shelters were rescued.

Miss Betty Phillips, Member, A.R.P. Mobile Unit, Cardiff.

During an air raid a Mobile Unit was struck by a number of incendiary bombs. Miss Phillips, notwithstanding that she had been seriously injured by a splinter of a H.E. bomb, immediately attacked the resulting fires and helped to remove the medical equipment to safety. It was not until the fires had been successfully extinguished and the equipment removed that she disclosed the fact that she was wounded.

Miss Phillips showed pluck and devotion to duty.

Thomas Clifford Prosser, Deputy Officer in Charge, A.R.P. Rescue Parties, Swansea.

Mr. Prosser has supervised all the outside rescue work during and after raids throughout the Borough of Swansea. He personally assisted his gangs in their work, much of which has been hazardous and dangerous, and he has shown great bravery and set an inspiring example to those working under his direction.

Henry Edward Shaw, Fireman, London Fire Brigade.

Fireman Shaw was in charge of a sub-station on several occasions during enemy raids on London. His conduct was an inspiration to the men under his command and his untiring efforts were responsible for fires not getting out of hand. Fireman Shaw by his courage and initiative has set a splendid example.

Arthur Stoakes, Auxiliary Fireman, Manchester Auxiliary Fire Service.

Auxiliary Fireman Stoakes acted as a motor-cycle messenger for over four days with only three hours rest. During this period, amongst other duties, he carried messages when the telephone system failed, extinguished incendiary bombs. He distributed petrol by using a rope sling, carrying one tin on his chest and one on his back. His action in delivering this petrol kept Units working until other means of transport were available.

Stoake's conduct, at all times, has been courageous and efficient.

Charles Henry Thatcher, Temporary Leading Fireman, Carshalton Auxiliary Fire Service.

After fighting fires for several hours in the City of London it became necessary for Thatcher to transfer the operations of his crew as it appeared that all means of escape would soon be cut off. Whilst part of his crew held back the fire at one point, the remainder made up their equipment and prepared to leave. Driving through the flames they managed to make their escape into another street, only to find that it was a sheet of flame at both ends and seemingly impossible to traverse.

As it was impossible to save the vehicle, Thatcher organised a salvage party and leading his men through an underground tunnel to safety was successful in saving much of the equipment.

#### COMMENDATIONS.

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

Sidney Baker, Police Constable, Swansea Police Force.

Joseph Thomas Beardsmore (deceased), Leader, Registered Street Fire Party, Smethwick.

Arthur Leonard Butler, Fitter, Hendon Borough Council.

Harold Rolph Cade, Special Constable, Warwickshire Special Constabulary.

James Cameron, Police Constable, Liverpool Police Service.

John Brown Crammond, Fireman, Wembley Fire Brigade.

Richard Curtis, Special Constable, Grimsby Special Constabulary.

John Dickie, Deputy Harbour Master, Clyde Navigation Trust.

Frederick James Dowler, Sub-Officer, Wembley Fire Brigade.

Miss Lilian Dorothy Fletcher, A.R.P. Warden, Southampton.

Hilda Mary, Mrs. Harris, Section Leader, British Red Cross Society, Devon.

George William Hudson (deceased), A.R.P. Warden, Smethwick.

Clifford Ivor Ireland, Examiner, Aeronautical Inspection Department, Ministry of Aircraft Production.

Richard Bradshaw McFall, Police Constable, "Z" Division, Metropolitan Police.

John James Mackenzie, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., Ed., Medical Officer, First Aid Party Depot, Glasgow.

Hector McSwann, Deputy Harbour Master, Clyde Navigation Trust.

Patrick Murphy, Fireman, Wembley Fire Brigade.

Walter Henry Murton (deceased), Police Constable, "M" Division, Metropolitan Police.

George Nash, Fireman, Wembley Fire Brigade.

John Edward Noble, Apprentice in tool making, Bristol.

Frederick Thomas Price, Police Sergeant, Swansea Police Force.

Maxwell Raffell, Scout A.R.P. Messenger, Bristol.

Colin William Roberts, Examiner, Aeronautical Inspection Department, Ministry of Aircraft Production.

Mary Gwendoline, Mrs. Roberts, A.R.P. Warden, Swansea.	William Tusler, Fireman, Wembley Fire Brigade.
William Joseph Scott, Patrol Officer, Manchester Auxiliary Fire Service.	Alexander White, Labourer, Portsmouth.
Francis William Skelley, Deputy Harbour Master, Clyde Navigation Trust.	Miss Winifred White, Shop Assistant, Portsmouth.
Sydney John Thomas, War Reserve Constable, Portsmouth Police War Reserve.	Robert Wilcox, Cadet, A.R.P. Casualty (St. John's Ambulance) Service, Cardiff.

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