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

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1.
7th July, 1941.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the undermentioned appointments to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, for an award of a Bar to the George Medal, 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:—

Harold Partington, Town Clerk and A.R.P. Controller, Bootle.

Throughout the period of air raids, Mr. Partington has worked day and night to maintain the affairs of the Borough and conduct A.R.P. control. During and after every raid the situation has been successfully dealt with by Mr. Partington on whom falls the responsibility of co-ordinating all the A.R.P. services.

In addition he has personally led fire fighting parties and extinguished incendiary bombs on the roof of the Town Hall during

the heaviest attacks. He has displayed marked powers of organisation and leadership.

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

Darrell Wolfe Rees, Engineer and Manager, Pembroke District Gas Company.

A H.E. bomb damaged the crown sheets of a large gasholder, and the gas ignited. In addition the filming oil round the outer sheets of the holder caught fire and the resulting flames extended to a height of forty feet, lighting up the whole district.

In spite of this and the danger of explosion, and whilst enemy aircraft were still overhead, Mr. Rees got his fire pump working, handling the hose himself and, with foam, asbestos blankets and clay, extinguished the flames.

Mr. Rees showed initiative and great devotion to duty with complete disregard of his own safety.

Awarded a Bar to the George Medal:—

George Samuel Sewell, Maintenance Engineer, Shell-Mex and B.P. Ltd.

During an air raid incendiary bombs were dropped on an oil depot.

Two fell on the roof of a large tank of spirit and pierced the plates in two places.