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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:—

Louis Agius, Officer in Charge of Demolition and Clearance, (Engineer First Class, Public Works Department), Malta.

Mr. Agius has performed work of outstanding value in bombed buildings. On one occasion it was due to his courage and powers of leadership that a number of persons trapped in debris were rescued alive.

At another incident he and his men dug their way into a cellar of a large house and cut away portions of stone ceiling on top of which lay some hundreds of tons of fallen masonry. By this means, requiring great skill and courage, they reached two men buried in the room above and rescued one of them alive.

Mr. Agius has shown untiring energy and devotion to duty and has been responsible for saving many lives.

Richard George Allen Clark, Engineer and Manager, The Dover Gas Company.

A gas works suffered damage from high explosive bombs and fires broke out. Mr. Clark's house sustained considerable damage and he and his wife were practically buried under debris. Although suffering from shock, he at once went to the works to give instructions for turning off the gas from the damaged holders. He then successfully organised the emergency repair work so that a full gas supply was restored within a period of five hours.

Mr. Clark has shown exceptional qualities of leadership and courage throughout the period of intensive enemy action.

Roger Corderoy, A.R.P. Officer, Civil Defence Service, Stepney.

During an air raid Mr. Corderoy was in control of Civil Defence operations and handled the situation in a practical and efficient manner. His cool and confident bearing, in a situation fraught with considerable danger, acted as an example to all who came in contact with him. When it became necessary to evacuate the Control Centre because of burning buildings immediately overhead, he acted with initiative and resource. He set up an improvised Control and from there continued to direct operations until it was possible to return to the Control Centre. Throughout the night Mr. Corderoy displayed outstanding courage and leadership in maintaining the vital Civil Defence Services.

Arthur Griffiths Hartley, Chief Assistant Gas Engineer, Plymouth Corporation Gas Undertaking.

Mr. Hartley has been on duty throughout the enemy air raids on Plymouth and, by his courage and leadership, has been instrumental in saving a considerable part of the Gas Works.

On one occasion a gas holder was set on fire. It jammed on its descent and burnt fiercely at the water tank. Mr. Hartley, with the assistance of an A.F.S. man, put out the blaze and so prevented a very serious explosion.

Laura Eleanor, Mrs. McKay, Sister and Assistant Matron, City of London Maternity Hospital.

Sister McKay was in charge when the City of London Maternity Hospital was bombed. Her calm demeanour during this and previous air raids gave confidence to the rest of the staff, who co-operated magnificently in securing the comfort and safety of the patients. Her courageous example contributed largely to the entire absence of panic and to the safe evacuation of the inmates.

William Remington, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Medical Officer, Mobile First Aid Unit, A.R.P. Casualty Service, Woolwich.

During enemy air raids Dr. Remington has shown resource and a high sense of duty.

A H.E. bomb demolished dwelling houses. Dr. Remington was lowered through a hole in the top of the wreckage, which was in a very dangerous condition, to some casualties underneath. He gave them morphia and remained whilst the rescue party dug out the victims.

On another occasion when a building was demolished and people were trapped, Dr. Remington regardless of his own safety stayed at the incident for three hours giving treatment to the casualties.

Councillor Thomas Watt, J.P., Chief A.R.P. Warden, Woolwich.

Throughout the period of air raids Councillor Watt has carried out excellent work often at considerable risk to himself.

On one occasion a bomb demolished a house and people were trapped. Councillor Watt took an active part in directing rescue operations in spite of the fact that the wall of an adjoining house was liable to collapse.

Leonard Frank Worthy, Area Engineer, London Telecommunications Region, General Post Office.

Mr. Worthy has shown outstanding courage and skill in the work of restoring vital services during and after air raids on the City of London. He has directed all the external work and throughout the night while raids were still in progress he regularly visited the men working in the streets. His indifference to personal danger and the splendid example he set to the staff under his control contributed in a large measure to the early restoration of services damaged by enemy action.

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

Eric Walter Morrison, Works Superintendent, Nottingham Corporation Gas Department.

Awarded the George Medal:—

Percival Tyrrel Hague, Chargehand, Nottingham Corporation Gas Department.

During an air raid incendiary and H.E. bombs were dropped on a gas-works. Two gasholders received direct hits and a third was damaged.

Mr. Morrison, helped by Mr. Hague, isolated the various sections of plant which had been damaged. Whilst doing this their clothes were set on fire by the flames from a gasholder. Mr. Morrison calmly continued directing operations and shut the plant down. His courage and determination were outstanding and he was successful in saving the chief parts of the plant.

Whilst H.E. bombs were being dropped in the district Mr. Hague climbed to the top of a gasholder 90 feet high and knocked off three incendiary bombs which were burning on the crown. His coolness was an inspiration to other men and his courage and leadership contributed largely to the saving of the works.

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

Willoughby Merwyn Hammett Drake, Chief Officer, Stourport-on-Severn Fire Brigade.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

William Thomas Hill, Inspector, Plymouth Police Fire Brigade.

During an air raid a number of fires broke out. Inspector Hill at once began firefighting operations and was later joined by Chief Officer Drake of Stourport Fire Brigade in charge of several appliances and crews.

Although at one time a large area was threatened by fire, these two Officers, by their masterly handling of the situation, prevented the fires from spreading and their courageous and persistent efforts resulted in much valuable property being saved.

Chief Officer Drake and Inspector Hill showed courage and steadiness in very dangerous conditions and set a splendid example to their men.

Awarded the George Medal:—

Geoffrey Vaughan Blackstone, Divisional Officer, London Fire Brigade.

Sydney Herbert Boulter, Temporary Acting Sub-Officer, London Fire Brigade.

A high explosive bomb demolished a building leaving one wall in a tottering condition. Five members of the Fire Service were on beds on the ground floor of the building and were entombed under the debris which was supported by iron girders inclined against the damaged wall. Bombs were falling in the district at the time and the blast made the wall sway dangerously. Mr. Blackstone, fully realising the extreme danger of the wall falling, began

to burrow into the debris. He worked continuously with his bare hands for about four hours in darkness and foul atmosphere and released three of the victims. In order to extricate them, he had to take the weight of a girder on his shoulders while passing debris back between his legs. Mr. Blackstone displayed conspicuous courage and suffered considerably from the effects of the gas and bad atmosphere in which he had been working. The tottering wall fell soon after the rescues had been effected.

Sub-Officer Boulter, although wet through and exhausted after seven hours strenuous fire-fighting, also assisted in the rescue of two of those trapped who were on the side of the ground floor away from the dangerous wall. He tunnelled downwards and, held by his feet, wriggled down vertically through the debris to a man who was pinned under a steel girder and covered in masonry. After three hours' hard work in darkness and a gas-fouled atmosphere he released the man and brought him out alive. After this rescue Boulter assisted the other party until the last victim was recovered.

Boulter displayed endurance and great courage in the face of extreme danger.

Albert William Clarke, Auxiliary Fireman, London Auxiliary Fire Service.

A H.E. bomb demolished a dwelling house and a woman was trapped. Auxiliary Fireman Clarke, who was not on duty, entered the wreckage and found the victim but was himself trapped by falling debris.

Although there was a strong concentration of coal gas, Clarke managed to direct the operations of the rescue party outside and a saw was passed to him with which he was able to cut away parts of the staircase and so release the woman.

The rescue operations lasted for two hours during which bombs continued to fall nearby and the remainder of the building was likely to collapse. Auxiliary Fireman Clarke showed great courage and initiative and by his direction the life of the woman was saved.

Christopher John Gartland, Police Sergeant, Herbert Frederick Collier Baker, Police Constable, John Edward Willington Uren, Police Constable,	} Liverpool Police Force.
Thomas Tolen, Member, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Liverpool.	

During an air raid a building was demolished by enemy action. Portions of the interior walls collapsed, and the outside wall was leaning dangerously inwards.

Gartland, Baker and Uren, accompanied by Tolen, entered the building and, after searching in complete darkness, they found a firewatcher, trapped and almost buried under the debris on the ground floor. When some of the wreckage had been removed a large wooden beam, which was carrying the weight of the debris of the roof and upper floor and which was directly over the trapped man, appeared about to collapse. Constable Uren at once got under the beam, supporting it with his

shoulder. He remained in this position for a considerable time, during which the other three men worked frantically to free the victim. The weight of the beam became too much for Uren to support and Baker took up a position beside him. It was clear that the whole building might collapse at any moment and the Sergeant, who is a man of exceptional strength, placed his arms round the man's body and with a powerful and sustained effort pulled him clear of the debris. Constable Baker then got away from the beam but owing to the great weight Uren was unable to move. The Sergeant took hold of him and snatched him away bodily. As he did so the upper floor collapsed, completely covering the place where the rescuers had been working.

During the whole of this time Tolen had been untiring in his efforts to release the trapped man, entirely regardless of the near danger. Constables Uren and Baker, by supporting the beam for over an hour, made the rescue possible. Had they collapsed under the severe strain, the rescuers and rescued would have been killed. Sergeant Gartland, who was in charge of the operation, showed initiative and leadership of the highest order with complete disregard of danger.

Stephen Hay, A.F.C., Station Engineer, Gas Light and Coke Company.

During enemy raids on gas works Mr. Hay has shown outstanding qualities of leadership and courage.

On one occasion, when a Retort House received a direct hit, a 24 inch gas main and a steam pipe were fractured. The gas being made in the house was blazing up to the roof from the fractured main and there was danger that heavy girders displaced by the explosion would crash. Mr. Hay, with complete disregard of personal danger, climbed thirty feet to the top of the Retort settings and isolated the affected plant.

On other occasions Mr. Hay has displayed courage and resource in dealing with fires at the works and throughout the attacks has consistently set a splendid example to the staff.

Charles William Hill, Sub-Officer, Hendon Fire Brigade.

Edward William Robert Morgan, Station Officer, London Fire Brigade.

During a heavy air raid on London two persons were trapped in the basement of a building that was alight from ground to top floor. Station Officer Morgan and Sub-Officer Hill entered the building by the ground floor passage but were unable to advance owing to the terrific heat. The Officers then broke the pavement light and by this means entered the basement. Although the heat and smoke were intense Morgan and Hill brought the two trapped persons to a position in the front part of the basement from which they were hauled up to the street.

Sub-Officer Hill was then helped out and finally Station Officer Morgan, who was considerably affected by the smoke and in a very exhausted condition, was assisted up to the ground level by means of a line.

During the time that the rescue was being effected the rear part of the building

collapsed. Both Morgan and Hill showed utter disregard of danger and displayed conspicuous courage and fortitude.

Jack Hurrell, Sub-Officer, London Fire Brigade.

A high explosive bomb severely damaged the basement of a factory, in which people were sheltering, and burst a large water main. Sub-Officer Hurrell detailed certain of his crew to attend to the fires which had broken out and set two trailer pumps into the crater in an attempt to arrest the inrush of water, so that efforts could be made to rescue the imprisoned persons. By this time the basement had filled with water to within about two feet of the ceiling but notwithstanding the extreme danger to himself, Sub-Officer Hurrell entered the basement, which was in darkness, and crawled from bunk to bunk to ensure that no casualties remained.

Hurrell exhibited coolness, initiative and courage in very distressing and dangerous conditions.

Alexander Hodge Nisbet, Firemaster, Coaf-bridge Fire Brigade.

Firemaster Nisbet was temporarily attached to the London Fire Service for practical experience of fires under air raid conditions and attended many during heavy and intensive bombing.

At one fire three auxiliary firemen were trapped on the first floor of a burning building. The intense heat and acrid fumes from burning cable made it almost impossible to approach the building. A short ladder was procured but as the buildings were surrounded by barrels and cable reels, no firm base could be established on which to rest it. As a last resort the ladder was balanced and held by two fire brigade officers. Mr. Nisbet, without the slightest hesitation, ascended to the top of the ladder, which fell short of the first floor window but, by securing a hold on surrounding piping, Mr. Nisbet managed to scramble into the room. Then by placing himself in a very precarious position on a ledge, he helped the three trapped men to descend, following down when the last man was safe. If it had not been for the very courageous act of Mr. Nisbet, the men would certainly have lost their lives.

Although cut, bruised and suffering from exhaustion, Mr. Nisbet, after a very short rest, helped to fight other fires in the neighbourhood and his coolness, leadership and courage were an inspiration to the men under his command.

Stanley Edward Penberthy, Skilled Labourer, Plymouth.

During an air raid Penberthy entered a blazing building and, despite the risk of an explosion which might have happened at any moment, removed several boxes of primers and cordite from among burning debris.

Awarded the George Medal:—

David Craig Bertram (Major, the King's Royal Rifle Corps, T.A.), Deputy Station Engineer,	} Gas Light and Coke Company.
Robert Edgcombe Robinson, Draughtsman,	

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Leslie Joseph Clark, Assistant Mechanical Engineer,	} Gas Light and Coke Company.
James Coppin, Works Fireman,	
Peter James Eldridge, Dehydration Plant Attendant,	
James Allen Nichols, Senior Assistant Engineer,	

A severe attack was made on a gas works and high explosive and incendiary bombs started serious fires.

Steam pipes, water mains and electrical cables were fractured and barrels of tar caught fire and exploded. Gas mains flared and the blaze was fed by benzole which dripped from damaged flanges.

Mr. Bertram displayed outstanding courage and leadership in dealing with the situation. He ran through the flames to shut down gas valves, put out fires on the top of a holder and made gallant efforts to rescue two men who were trapped in a plant house which had been wrecked by an explosion.

Mr. Coppin was on duty in a valveroom when an explosion occurred. The premises were enveloped in steam and flames but Coppin, with no regard for his own safety, got his hoses to work and after three hours the fire was put out. He continued, throughout the night, to organise the firefighting in the works and was ably assisted by Mr. Nichols and Mr. Eldridge. These men by their coolness and courage set a splendid example to the others and worked in scorching heat while H.E. and incendiary bombs were falling.

Mr. Robinson, after helping to put out a number of fires, learned that two men were trapped in a plant house which had been partially demolished by a bomb. The explosion had blown the walls outwards and caused part of the roof to cave in but Robinson got into the building and made his way to the basement where he thought the men might be. Great blocks of concrete and wrecked machinery were everywhere. He was warned that the rest of the roof was collapsing and he got out just before it did. In spite of the danger of being trapped himself, of the steam, burning gas and flaring benzole, Mr. Robinson made further attempts to get at the men but was forced to give up when the basement flooded.

Mr. Robinson displayed outstanding courage and determination.

Mr. Clark was on holiday on the night of the raid but he borrowed a child's bicycle, the only one he could get, and pedalled through the raid to the Works, a distance of eighteen miles. He gave invaluable help in reorganising the damaged steam and water systems and in getting power supplies going.

Mr. Clark has shown exceptional devotion to duty and disregard of his own safety during this and other raids.

Awarded the George Medal:—

William Brodie, Works Fireman,	} Gas Light and Coke Company.
Robert George James, Pumpman,	

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Robert Corke, Electrician,	} Gas Light and Coke Company.
Alfred Linney, Fireman,	
Thomas Works	

When an enemy air attack was made on a gas works, fires were started in benzole and tar plants. Mr. Brodie took charge of operations in the tar plant and, assisted by Mr. James, fought the fires throughout the night. The men worked in extremely dangerous conditions surrounded by exploding tanks and ankle deep in tar pitch. More than once they were stuck in the tar and had to be hauled out but despite the dangers and difficulties they remained at their posts, got the fires under control and saved much valuable material. Mr. Linney and Mr. Corke also showed great courage and devotion to duty, working throughout the raid with utter disregard of their own safety and setting a fine example to the employees of the works, all of whom fought the fires with courage and determination.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Elymer Ankers, Sergeant, Liverpool Fire Brigade.

When bombs fell on a railway siding an ammunition train caught fire and the contents of the railway trucks exploded.

The Fire Brigade arrived and Sergeant Ankers at once took charge of the fire fighting and rescue work.

In attempting to control the fires and remove the ammunition train from the area, he showed a complete disregard of his own safety and acted with courage and resource.

Raymond William Baker, Acting Skilled Workman Class I, London Telecommunications Region, General Post Office.

During an air raid Mr. Baker, who was in charge of an important building, organised and directed his staff in dealing with a fire which threatened to involve the premises. H.E. bombs fell and the gas and water pipes inside the building were fractured. In the most difficult and hazardous conditions Mr. Baker took prompt measures and after more than an hour's work the fire was brought under control.

It was due largely to the resourceful leadership and courage of Mr. Baker that no major catastrophe occurred to a building containing much valuable equipment.

Eric Henry Brown, Leader, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Ilford.

A H.E. bomb demolished houses and fire broke out in the wreckage, in which two women were trapped.

Despite the difficulty of breathing in the smoke-filled atmosphere Brown persistently entered and re-entered the wreckage and eventually succeeded in removing the debris which was covering one of the women.

After four and a half hours' work Brown was injured and was instructed to withdraw but he continued working until exhausted.

Mr. Brown displayed great courage and devotion to duty in extremely dangerous circumstances.

Charles Leslie Cairns, Police Constable, Bootle Police Force.

During an air raid a shelter together with its occupants was blown into the rafters of a house.

Under the leadership of Police Constable Cairns, rescuers climbed to the damaged roof and lowered the victims to the ground.

During this time adjacent houses were on fire and bombs dropped nearby shaking the roof which was in a very dangerous condition. The Constable fell through on two or three occasions but recovered himself and carried on until the rescue work was completed.

It was due to the initiative and energy of Police Constable Cairns that the rescues were achieved.

Willem De Mont, Auxiliary Fireman,	} London Auxiliary Fire Service.
Harold Stanley Ingham, Auxiliary Fireman,	
Dugald MacGregor MacColl, Auxiliary Fireman,	
John Alfred Terrence MacDonagh, Auxiliary Fireman,	

A H.E. bomb caused severe damage to a house and as a result two girls were trapped on the fifth floor. The four Auxiliary Firemen reached the room by way of severely damaged adjoining roofs and rescued the girls through a hole cut in the roof. The firemen then carried them across the neighbouring roofs and down through another house.

This rescue was extremely hazardous owing to the collapse of the interiors of the buildings, and the four men displayed courage and resource in effecting it.

Francis William Faulkner, A.R.P. Warden, Coventry.

Douglas Francis Fisher, Fitter, Coventry.

During an air raid a H.E. bomb demolished two dwelling-houses, trapping some people in the wreckage. Warden Faulkner, Mr. Fisher and four others started to rescue the victims when another bomb dropped in the roadway, killing three of the rescuers and injuring Fisher and Faulkner. They received first aid treatment and then returned to the scene and helped to extricate the casualties. Although by this time Fisher's left arm was useless he went to another incident and helped in rescue work until he finally collapsed through loss of blood. Warden Faulkner also carried on despite his injuries and dealt with a large fire.

Both men showed courage and endurance.

Joseph Thomas Flavell, Police Sergeant, Birmingham Police Force.

During an air attack an incendiary bomb fell on the roof of a grocer's premises, a fire was started between the rafters, and the building quickly became full of thick smoke. Sergeant Flavell and a constable entered the premises and attempted to reach the bomb. Flavell made a hole in the plaster with his truncheon and the two men then played on the flames with a stirrup pump. They were in a very hazardous position and the constable suddenly collapsed owing to the smoke in his lungs. Flavell immediately went

to his assistance and though the constable weighed over 14 stone the sergeant carried him down two flights of stairs through the smoke laden atmosphere to safety.

Sergeant Flavell showed courage and determination and undoubtedly saved the life of the constable.

Albert George Freeman, Skilled Member, Richard Charles Habberley, Skilled Member, Charles Arthur Storrer, Member,	}	A.R.P. Rescue Party, Poplar.
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A building collapsed as the result of a direct hit by a H.E. bomb and people were trapped under heavy masses of brick and steelwork.

Work was started at a small opening and Storrer and Freeman hacked through a 14-inch wall and crawled under the debris which had to be supported by short lengths of strutting to prevent further collapse.

Storrer worked until he was exhausted and had to be dragged out. Freeman then carried on and after one and a half hours' work one casualty was extricated.

Habberley, who had been wounded by a splinter from a H.E. bomb while assisting his comrades to extinguish incendiary bombs, also worked under the debris until he collapsed from exhaustion and was taken to hospital.

The three men showed great courage and determination.

Alfred George Gibbs, Sub- Officer, Alfred James Layte, Sub- Officer,	}	London Fire Brigade.
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During an air raid a building was damaged, all the staircases were destroyed and fires broke out. A woman was trapped in a back room on the third floor. The room adjoining and the floor above were alight.

Sub-Officer Layte first attempted to ascend by the aid of a hook ladder but, owing to the overhanging coping and debris, was unable to climb on to the projecting roof.

Layte and Gibbs then got on to the top of a service lift and were hoisted up to the roof by members of the crew. Layte brought out the woman and carried her along the roof. Assisted by Gibbs, he managed, with the woman on his back, to get on to the top of the lift and the two were lowered to the ground.

It was due to the courage displayed by these two Officers that the woman was saved.

Joseph Goldson, Patrol Officer, Liverpool Auxiliary Fire Service.

Throughout enemy air attacks Patrol Officer Goldson has displayed outstanding leadership and resource.

On one occasion he made rapid arrangements for relaying water from the Docks and, by the placing of his appliances, undoubtedly prevented a fire spreading to the adjoining buildings.

Unexploded time bombs nearby in no way deterred him and in order to satisfy himself as to the safety of his men, he constantly exposed himself to considerable danger from falling debris.

William Hall, Foreman, William Carlin, Member, John Partridge, Member, Frederick Skitt, Member,	}	A.R.P. Rescue Party, Birmingham.
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During an air raid a building was hit by H.E. and incendiary bombs. Two men were pinned by the legs under blocks of concrete and were surrounded by flames. Hall, Carlin, Partridge and Skitt, without thought for their own safety, worked so close to the fire that the remainder of the Party made a chain and threw buckets of water on them to prevent their clothes catching fire. After nearly two hours, during which time high explosive bombs and incendiaries were falling very near to the scene of the incident, the trapped persons were released.

Bridget Gibson Harris, Auxiliary, Women's Auxiliary Fire Service, London.

During an air raid a H.E. bomb fell within twenty yards of Auxiliary Harris and demolished a house in which fires broke out.

In spite of the shaking she had received, Harris immediately began to clear away debris in an effort to reach people trapped in the basement. By the time further help arrived she had made substantial progress and she continued the work for over an hour, during which time more bombs were dropped nearby and there was constant danger from falling masonry.

During that night, Auxiliary Harris helped to lay out many lengths of hose and on one occasion manned a branch.

She displayed a high standard of courage and devotion to duty, and worked with tireless energy throughout the night, carrying out duties to which she was not normally assigned.

John Henry Higgins, Unestablished Skilled Workman, London Telecommunications Region, General Post Office. (Now Aircraftman II No. 1227461, R.A.F.)

Mr. Higgins was outstanding amongst the men engaged on the work of restoring telephone services damaged by enemy action. He undertook work at night in many dangerous situations where buildings were liable to collapse at any moment and while bombs were falling nearby. He showed devotion to duty without thought of personal danger.

Joan Winifred Hobson, Auxiliary, London Women's Auxiliary Fire Service.

During an air raid, a fire was reported but no appliances were available. Auxiliary Hobson, on her own initiative, took lengths of hose, a short ladder and equipment, and, commandeering a car, attended the fire with two auxiliary firemen. She fought the flames from the roof opposite for three and a half hours and succeeded in checking the outbreak, thereby saving the lower rooms and the surrounding buildings.

During the time that Auxiliary Hobson was at work, bombs fell nearby. She showed remarkable initiative and courage throughout the incident.

Herbert William Horton, Tradesman (Plumber), London Telecommunications Region, General Post Office.

In the course of the operations for the restoration of telephone service damaged

during an air raid, it was essential that special efforts should be made to reduce the volume of water entering a tunnel. Mr. Horton, who had already carried out many miscellaneous jobs with exceptional ability, volunteered to stop the leaks. He showed great determination and courage in carrying out this work in dangerous circumstances. Sometimes standing in three or four feet of water where a slip would have resulted in serious injury, he caulked the leaks in the tunnel tubing above him while the water poured over him. His efforts were successful and in the result the tunnel was cleared.

Arthur Jackson, Skilled Workman, Class I, London Telecommunications Region, General Post Office.

Mr. Jackson was the foreman in charge of a cable gang engaged in replacing cables damaged by enemy air action. He displayed great skill in the methods adopted and, by his leadership and example in difficult and dangerous conditions, he shortened considerably the time required for the various processes. Mr. Jackson has never permitted personal danger to delay his work.

John Edmund Jones, Auxiliary Fireman, Liverpool Auxiliary Fire Service.

During enemy air attacks on Liverpool, Auxiliary Fireman Jones has acted with coolness and courage.

On one occasion, although he was suffering from an eye injury and the effects of blast from a nearby explosion, Jones took up a very dangerous position in order to prevent a fire from reaching an air raid shelter. He maintained his position despite the knowledge that an unexploded time bomb was only a few feet away from him and that he was in danger of being trapped by fire.

His coolness set an example to the people in the shelter and gave them confidence. He showed great courage and devotion to duty.

Victor Jones, Firewatcher (Night Telephonist and Call Office Attendant), London Telecommunications Region, General Post Office.

During an air raid Mr. Jones was acting as a fire fighter when a shower of incendiary bombs fell on a Post Office building. Flames quickly spread to a petrol driven cement mixer. Mr. Jones saw that a number of cans of petrol and oil standing by the machine would quickly become involved and without hesitating to consider the danger to himself he dashed several times through the flames and removed the cans to a place of safety. Immediately afterwards the petrol container of the cement mixer exploded.

Mr. Jones' gallant action undoubtedly prevented a serious fire.

Ernest Sidney Leatham, Fire Watcher (Assistant Inspector, Outdoor Staff), Ministry of Health, Liverpool.

William Hunter, Police Constable, Liverpool Police Force.

During an air raid Mr. Leatham, with some colleagues, was in a basement shelter when

the building above was hit by H.E. bombs and set alight. Mr. Leatham managed to release himself and went for help. He directed the firemen so that the trapped men should not be drowned by the water from the hoses.

Constable Hunter dug a way through the debris and located one of the men pinned down by beams. Despite the limited space the Constable removed rubble, sawed through the timber and released the casualty.

While Hunter was working Mr. Leatham was burrowing through to the other victim but was unable, owing to heavy obstruction, to reach him unaided. Whilst waiting for help from the Rescue Party Leatham salvaged valuable papers from the offices and at intervals crawled down the tunnel to the trapped man to reassure him. He was eventually released after seven hours. Constable Hunter and Mr. Leatham worked in considerable danger both from the fire which was raging overhead and from falling masonry.

Harry Moore, Foreman, } A.R.P. Rescue
George Walker, Foreman, } Party, Hull.

During an air raid a building was wrecked and people were trapped. The arched cellars had collapsed under the debris load and further collapse was imminent. In order to reach the victims and whilst the raid was still in progress, Moore directed tunnelling operations into the basement, doing the dangerous work personally. Walker directed shoring operations from the top of the debris, working under walls which were liable to immediate collapse. The two foremen worked regardless of all danger and showed outstanding devotion to duty.

William Warwick Slade Cramp- } Volunteer
ton Neville, M.C. (Major, late } Ambulance
Grenadier Guards), Deputy } Service,
Director, Stretcher Parties, } Westminster
Luigi Papa, Stretcher Bearer, } Hospital.

During an air raid three fire watchers were trapped in a building which had been struck by a H.E. bomb. Neville with Stretcher Bearer Papa went to the building, climbed over burning debris and found the three men lying badly injured on a staircase. They returned twice to the building to supervise the removal of the casualties. Masonry was falling, the building was on fire, incendiary and high explosive bombs were being dropped throughout this period. Shortly after the completion of the rescue many tons of masonry fell on the spot from which the men had been removed.

Neville and Papa showed complete disregard of their personal safety and set a fine example to other members of the Stretcher Parties.

John Payne, Police Constable, Birmingham Police Force.

Robert Ellis Pritchard, Firewatcher, Birmingham.

During an air raid one house was completely demolished and another badly damaged.

Police Constable Payne, assisted by Pritchard, removed debris from the spot where two persons were known to be buried. It was very dangerous work as not only were bombs falling nearby, but the walls that were left standing were in a tottering state and there was a complete staircase hanging in a precarious position overhead.

It was necessary for the rescuers to sit in a hole with their backs to the wall while they worked to prevent the masonry falling on to the casualties. After two and a half hours work in the dangerous conditions the victims were extricated.

Police Constable Payne and Mr. Pritchard then went to the ruins of the other house and tunnelled through the wall of the cellar in an effort to reach the buried people.

They worked for several hours until relieved by a Rescue Party.

Arthur James Rickman, Leader, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Wandsworth.

A large building was damaged by a H.E. bomb and the first floor and superstructure collapsed in large slabs, many tons in weight, on to the ground floor. Between these two floors casualties were trapped.

Leader Rickman began to tunnel in an attempt to extricate the victims. The work was of a most hazardous nature since it was done in darkness and during a very heavy raid. Almost every part of the structure remaining between the floors was contributing to the prevention of further collapse and the necessary removal of material incidental to the tunnelling was accompanied by a proportionate risk.

Leader Rickman showed complete indifference to danger and was instrumental in rescuing over twenty people.

George Albert Rickman, Officer in Charge, Road Repair Parties, Orpington.

A bomb fell on a garage and a brick shelter and people were trapped. Mr. Rickman, after removing debris, was able to get into the shelter and brought out five casualties. A man in the shelter was found seriously injured, pinned down with brickwork and steel. Rickman, although in danger from collapsing debris, worked until he was able to release the victim and remove him to a place of safety. Rickman then went to another incident and rescued an elderly lady who was buried beneath timber. Mr. Rickman carried out his duties with courage and skill and without any regard for his personal safety.

Stephen Thomas Rouse, Skilled Workman, Class II, London Telecommunications Region, General Post Office.

During intensive enemy action incendiary bombs lodged on the roof of Post Office premises.

Mr. Rouse dealt with the situation with great courage and resource. He made his way to the roof and put out incendiary bombs. Then, crawling along a narrow ledge with a precarious foothold, whilst flames were licking across from the building opposite, he battered down a burning door giving access

to the next door premises, which were burning furiously. He cut away the handrails and the burning platform close to the skylight. By preventing the flames from spreading over the roof he undoubtedly saved the building from becoming involved in the fire.

Courtenay Brennan Smith, Head A.R.P. Warden and Divisional Fire Party Liaison Officer, Plymouth.

Mr. Smith has organised the fire fighters of his Division in a most efficient way and his constant presence amongst them during the most intensive raids has been a source of help and inspiration. His personal organisation and encouragement of the parties has been instrumental in saving many lives as well as much valuable property.

In addition he has been on constant patrol during heavy bombing, assisted in rescue work and, when an unexploded time bomb made evacuation necessary, he made arrangements and cared for the victims.

Richard Walter Smith, Established Skilled Labourer, Admiralty Outstation.

During an air raid the roof of a workshop was set on fire. When, owing to the high wind, efforts to put this out by manual pump did not succeed, Smith climbed over the slates to the top of the burning roof. After working for an hour and a half the fire was extinguished.

James Tarbuck, Police Constable, Liverpool Police Force.

High explosive bombs demolished several houses and trapped a number of people.

Constable Tarbuck, who was off duty, was engaged in extinguishing an incendiary bomb on the roof of a nearby building. He was blown to the ground by the blast of the bomb and injured his left knee cap. Despite his injury, he immediately went to the incident and organised a rescue party of volunteers. Under his direction and leadership ten people were rescued alive from the debris. During these operations the district was subjected to a very heavy bombardment. Although in considerable pain from his injured knee Constable Tarbuck worked with courage and untiring devotion to duty.

COMMENDATIONS.

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

Sidney Frederick Harvey Abel, Barging Plant Attendant, Gas Light and Coke Company.

George Stanley Alexander, Motor Driver, Bootle.

Ivy Louise Ashwell, Auxiliary, London Women's Auxiliary Fire Service.

Herbert Richard Baldwin, Member, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Willesden.

Arthur Joseph Balkham, A.R.P. Warden, Eastbourne.

Harry Mear Barnes, Senior A.R.P. Warden, Eastbourne.

Richard Samuel Bate, Retort House Shift-worker, City of Plymouth Gas Department.

Herbert Macklin Blomeley, Member, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Lambeth.

Robert James Bonwell, Leader, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Wandsworth.

- Leo Broadbridge, Messenger, Liverpool Auxiliary Fire Service.
- Winifred Brock, Auxiliary, London Women's Auxiliary Fire Service.
- William Brooks, Boatman, Somerset.
- Alexander John Burley, Retort House Shiftworker, City of Plymouth Gas Department.
- Thomas William Cahill, Benzole Stillman, Gas Light and Coke Company.
- Stanley Challis, Auxiliary Fireman, Bootle Auxiliary Fire Service.
- James Wilfred Chilver, B.Sc., Chemist, Gas Light and Coke Company.
- Sydney John Hart Chudleigh, A.R.P. Messenger, Greenock.
- Samuel Close, Leader, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Lambeth.
- Charles Colmer, Telephone Operator, Gas Light and Coke Company.
- Alexander Comb, Leader, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Lambeth.
- Frank Thomas Cordery, Carpenter, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Wandsworth.
- Frank Leslie Cornford, Leader, A.R.P. Stretcher Party, Poplar.
- George Edwin Daly, Chargeman of Smiths, Admiralty Outstation.
- Robert Edward Duck, Police Constable, Birmingham Police Force.
- Albert Edward Dumble, Chargeman of Joiners, Admiralty Outstation.
- James Arthur Earl, Builder's Leading Hand, Messrs. Trollope and Colls Ltd.
- Charles French, Stoker, Gas Light and Coke Company.
- Albert Fry, Firewatcher, Westminster.
- William Robert Fry, Hired Hammerman, Admiralty Outstation.
- Victor Ernest Garwood, Housekeeper, Westminster.
- Terence James Gilbert, Assistant in Valve-room, Gas Light and Coke Company.
- Richard John Holt Gillman, Section Officer, Basingstoke Auxiliary Fire Service.
- George Alfred Goodwright, Plumber's Mate, Gas Light and Coke Company.
- Leslie Green, Pipe Fitter, Gas Light and Coke Company.
- Frederick Reuben Halfpenny, Member, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Lambeth.
- Andrew Campbell Hastie, A.R.P. Messenger, Greenock.
- Sidney Alfred Hayward, M.M., Foreman, Gas Light and Coke Company.
- Clarissa Hobbs, Sister-in-Charge, Works Ambulance and First Aid Services, Bristol.
- Sidney Hollingsworth, General Foreman, Messrs. Trollope and Colls Ltd.
- Albert Edwin Judd, Milk Roundsman, Birmingham.
- William Thomas Knight, Fireman, Retort House, Gas Light and Coke Company.
- Leonard Walter Leage, Special Constable, Southend-on-Sea Special Constabulary.
- Frank Lovett, Telephone Operator, Gas Light and Coke Company.
- Albert Ernest Makepeace, Yard Foreman, Gas Light and Coke Company.
- Harry Cecil Makepeace, Yard Labourer, Gas Light and Coke Company.
- George Marsh, Skilled Labourer, Metallurgical Directorate, Research Department, Ministry of Supply.
- George Albert Mawditt, Yard Labourer, Gas Light and Coke Company.
- George Edward Mills, Leader, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Wandsworth.
- Alfred Thomas Moore, Retort House Stoker, Gas Light and Coke Company.
- Edward William Moore, Electrician, Gas Light and Coke Company.
- Stanley Benjamin Moore, Stoker, Gas Light and Coke Company.
- John Arthur Mulley, Boilermaker's Labourer, Gas Light and Coke Company.
- Charles Henry Newton, Wash Pot Man, Benzole Plant, Gas Light and Coke Company.
- Henry Charles Palmer, Door Shutter, Retort House, Gas Light and Coke Company.
- Ernest John Pennicott, Carpenter, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Wandsworth.
- Frederick Richard Popham, Established Rigger, Admiralty Outstation.
- Reginald Charles Prew, Acting Assistant Foreman of Storehouses, Admiralty Outstation.
- Leslie Allan Raines, Skilled Workman Class II, London Telecommunications Region, General Post Office.
- Joseph Rice, Retort House Shiftworker, City of Plymouth Gas Department.
- William Routledge, Foreman Burner, Bootle.
- Arthur Royle, Foreman Engineering Fitter, Stretford and District Gas Board.
- Joseph William Sharp, Firewatcher, Somerset.
- James Slade, Tar Stillman, Gas Light and Coke Company.
- Arthur George Smith, Leader, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Lambeth.
- Ivy Winifred Spears, Auxiliary, London Women's Auxiliary Fire Service.
- Ivy Angel Trood, Auxiliary, London Women's Auxiliary Fire Service.
- Edward Turner, Crude Carbolic Stillman, Gas Light and Coke Company.
- Henry William Walford, Acting Carbonising Foreman, Gas Light and Coke Company.
- Walter Walker, Conveyor Attendant, Retort House, Gas Light and Coke Company.
- Mary Weaver, Auxiliary, London Women's Auxiliary Fire Service.
- Thomas Joseph Weaver, Work's Fireman, Gas Light and Coke Company.
- William Alfred Joseph Wendt, Coal Trimmer, Gas Light and Coke Company.
- Charles Edwin Westcott, First Class Draughtsman, Admiralty Outstation.
- Joseph Henry White, Staff Chemist, Gas Light and Coke Company.
- Richard White, Decontamination Officer's Representative, A.R.P. Control Centre, Stepney.
- Percy Daniel Whitestone, Assistant Engineer, Gas Light and Coke Company.
- Charles William Wilks, Dumper Driver, Gas Light and Coke Company.
- Edwin George Williams, A.R.P. Messenger, Bristol.
- Miss Muriel Ruth Williams, A.R.P. Warden, Liverpool.
- Philip Henry Williams, Auxiliary Messenger, London Auxiliary Fire Service.

The announcement of the award of the British Empire Medal to Mr. B. Adie in the London Gazette Supplement No. 35162 of 16th May, 1941, page 2780, is cancelled, the name having been submitted in error.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Ernest William Pocock, Police Constable,	} Cheshire Constabulary.
Frank Douglas Wiggins, Police Constable,	

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Commendation.

The individual named below has been brought to notice for brave conduct when an aircraft crashed and caught fire.

John Jarvis, Deputy Depot Ambulance Officer, A.R.P. Casualty Service, Norfolk.

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