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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

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The KING has been graciously pleased to award the GEORGE CROSS to:—

Harry Errington, Auxiliary Fireman, London Auxiliary Fire Service.

High explosive and incendiary bombs demolished a building. Errington and two other Auxiliary Firemen were the only occupants of the basement of the building at the time of the explosion. The blast blew Errington across the basement, but although dazed and injured he made his way to the other two Auxiliaries, whom he found to be pinned down, flat on their backs, by debris. A fierce fire broke out and the trapped men were in imminent danger of being burnt to death. The heat of the fire was so intense that Errington had to protect himself with a blanket. After working with his bare hands for some minutes he managed to release the injured men and dragged them from under the wreckage and away from the fire.

While he was so engaged, burning debris was falling into the basement and there was considerable danger of a further collapse of the building. He carried one of the men up a narrow stone staircase partially choked with

debris, into the courtyard, made his way through an adjoining building and thence into the street.

Despite the appalling conditions and although burned and injured, Errington returned and brought out the second man.

Both Errington's comrades were severely burned but survived. He showed great bravery and endurance in effecting the rescues, at the risk of his own life.

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:—

James Foulds Knappe, Deputy A.R.P. Controller, Plymouth.

Mr. Knappe has given outstanding service to the Plymouth A.R.P. organisation.

During an air raid the Control and Report Centre was set on fire by incendiary bombs and had to be evacuated. Mr. Knape successfully moved all the personnel to a Reserve Centre and organised an alternative system of communication by messengers which proved invaluable. He showed great ingenuity and resource in setting up an organisation to deal with the great difficulties which the cessation of telephone facilities produced. His courage and leadership were an inspiration to the staff under his control.

Awarded the George Medal:—

William Barlow, Leader, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Stretford.

A H.E. bomb demolished a house and a man and his wife were trapped.

A rescue party worked for three hours but were unable to reach the casualties.

An additional party, led by Barlow, arrived later. A fire was burning in the debris and thousands of gallons of water from a crater which had filled from a fractured main were flowing down to the cellars where the victims were trapped. Barlow's party succeeded in making an entrance under the floor and Barlow then knocked a hole, just large enough for him to crawl through, in the wall, which was supporting the floor boards.

The heat of the fire above him was growing in intensity, debris was falling and there was a danger of the floor collapsing on him. He found the persons pinned by the legs under the collapsed cellar steps. The water in the cellar was rising and there was danger that its weight would cause the remaining cellar walls to collapse.

Barlow continued to dig and eventually released the casualties. He worked with great courage and it was his leadership and determination that made the rescue possible.

May, Mrs. Beardsall, Portress, Coventry and Warwickshire Hospital, Coventry.

During a heavy enemy air attack, the Coventry and Warwickshire Hospital was repeatedly struck by H.E. bombs. Mrs. Beardsall was on duty throughout the night and, single handed, she fought and subdued a fire on the top floor of the hospital, despite the fact that a H.E. bomb had wrecked part of that wing. Although injured by falling debris, she clambered over wreckage and rescued several patients trapped in debris. She continued with this work until she herself was severely injured.

Mrs. Beardsall showed exceptional courage and disregard of danger.

Edward William Clark, Skilled Member, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Stoke Newington.

A H.E. bomb demolished a building. The gas and water mains were fractured and the wreckage caught fire.

People were trapped in the basement which was rapidly flooding. Despite the danger of further collapse of walls and debris, several men of the Rescue Party, among whom was Clark, succeeded in extricating a number of people.

Clark determined to satisfy himself that all had been saved. Again and again he dived into the water under the debris. His

perseverance and disregard of danger resulted in him saving a woman who, trapped at the far end of the basement, would certainly have been drowned but for Clark's gallant efforts.

Having completed his task, Clark collapsed from the effects of exposure and coal gas poisoning.

Mary, Mrs. Fitzgerald, Ambulance Driver, First Aid Unit, Plymouth.

During an air raid an ambulance, driven by Mrs. Fitzgerald, was wrecked by a bomb. She scrambled out, extricated her attendant and took the injured girl back to the Post. Mrs. Fitzgerald then asked for another ambulance and attendant and drove back to the incident, loaded up and conveyed the casualties to hospital. During this time the raid was in progress and bombs were falling.

Mrs. Fitzgerald showed outstanding gallantry and devotion to duty.

Sidney Harrold, Senior Leader,
Joseph Edward Sweetlove, Deputy Leader, } A.R.P. Rescue Party, Hornsey.

During an air raid an unexploded time bomb lodged in the first floor of a dwelling house with its nose protruding through the ceiling over the entrance hall. Shells were bursting overhead, shrapnel was falling and a nearby gun was making the whole building vibrate in such a manner that it threatened to dislodge the bomb from its precarious position. An elderly lady was in bed on the top floor. It was not possible to reach her by the stairs so Harrold, followed by Sweetlove, climbed a ladder to the room, and carried her down to safety. Later on the bomb exploded.

Harrold and Sweetlove showed great courage and devotion to duty being fully aware that at any moment the bomb might explode.

Richard Jones, Senior A.R.P. Warden, Litherland, Lancashire.

A high explosive bomb struck a surface shelter and people were trapped.

Some of the occupants were soon released but owing to the weight of the material pinning the victims and the state of the walls, which were being continually rocked by further bomb explosions, rescue of the remainder was difficult and dangerous.

Senior Warden Jones succeeded in crawling under the debris and freeing three victims.

One woman was still trapped, held by portions of the roof. Jones, lying on his stomach, hacked away pieces of concrete and eventually cleared a space to enable a doctor to crawl through to give her an injection. Then, despite his fatigue, Jones continued his dangerous work for two and a half hours and finally released the casualty.

Arthur John Rycroft, Chief Inspector, London Midland and Scottish Railway.

During an air raid a large number of incendiary bombs fell in a railway siding and wagons caught fire.

One of the wagons contained boxes of explosives and it was essential that it should be isolated. Explosions were constant and

flames were coming from all parts of the vehicle but with utter disregard of his own safety Inspector Rycroft got under the van and uncoupled it.

Rycroft subsequently helped to deal with several other wagons that were on fire and when working on top of one load he was blown off by an explosion. He refused to give up and went back to work on it immediately.

High explosive bombs were falling in the area all the time and Rycroft set an outstanding example of courage and devotion to duty.

Lawrence Scott Douglas Wilson, Principal Technical Assistant to the Borough of Wandsworth.

For brave conduct in hazardous circumstances.

Awarded the George Medal:—

George Edmund Foster, Police Sergeant, "M" Division, Metropolitan Police.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

William Frank Parker, Police Constable, Frederick Mark Stone, Police Constable, Leslie Arthur Troman, Police Constable,	}	"M" Division, Metropolitan Police.
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A building was completely demolished by a high explosive bomb and people were trapped. Gas and water were escaping from fractured mains, the water rising rapidly in the basement.

Foster at once took charge of the operations aided by Parker and Troman. Stone, who was off duty, also joined in the search. The officers found and successfully removed one casualty.

They then gradually tunnelled a way through towards the cellar, which they found flooded to a depth of four feet and littered with rubble. Sergeant Foster held up the slipping mass of debris to enable the others to work in greater safety. Owing to escaping gas the three Police Constables were able to work only in short spells, but managed to rescue three women.

A wall thirty feet high was damaged and likely to collapse and the officers were advised to leave the tunnel but refused to do so as two men were still missing. A careful but unsuccessful search was made and the officers left the tunnel just as the wall collapsed on to the site where they had been working.

The rescue work in extremely hazardous conditions lasted for two and a half hours. The courage and cool leadership displayed by Sergeant Foster and the bravery and perseverance of the Constables, resulted in the saving of four lives.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

John Nicholas Anderson, Dock Porter, Great Western Railway.

During an air raid a bomb fell in the hold of a vessel in which six dock labourers were working.

Anderson obtained a rope and descended into the hold in which a quantity of timber was burning and smouldering. After the lead had been given by Anderson other helpers followed. In addition to the danger of suffocation from the smoke and fumes they were working under the water line. Two men were rescued alive and sent ashore. Anderson and his fellow rescuers then dug into the burning debris and recovered the bodies of four men who, apparently, had been killed outright by the explosion.

Anderson showed initiative and leadership and by his courage set a fine example.

John Duggan, Corporal, First Aid Party, Coventry.

During an enemy air attack Duggan took his squad to a building which had received a direct hit. It was a mass of ruins and was blazing furiously. While bombs were exploding all around, Duggan worked desperately under the most hazardous conditions in an attempt to reach trapped persons. From this incident he went to another where, at great personal risk, he rescued several seriously wounded persons. He constantly exposed himself to danger in order to reach casualties and his courage was a source of inspiration to the men of his squad.

Janet, Mrs. Evans; A.R.P. Warden, Plymouth.

Mrs. Evans has constantly patrolled her district during air raids regardless of falling H.E. bombs. She has regularly visited shelters and by her courage and devotion to duty has given much encouragement to the occupants.

On one occasion, entirely alone and using her bare hands, she dug for people buried under debris.

Clement Harry Farthing, Sub-Divisional Inspector, "D" Division, Metropolitan Police.

During the period of air raids Inspector Farthing has led his men fearlessly and efficiently.

On one occasion during an air raid the Inspector heard faint cries coming from a building, the first floor of which was on fire. He searched the flooded basement without result. He then broke down the entrance gates, forced open a door and found a woman whom he brought out. He again entered the burning building and thoroughly searched it to ensure that no one else remained. The raid was very heavy at the time and bombs were falling in the neighbourhood. The woman undoubtedly owes her life to the prompt action and perseverance of Inspector Farthing.

Frank Leonard Jones, War Reserve Constable, "L" Division, Metropolitan Police.

Constable Jones has displayed outstanding courage and leadership in rescue work during enemy air raids.

On one occasion, when people were trapped in demolished houses, Jones immediately began digging with his bare hands to clear away debris. In spite of the grave danger of falling wreckage, the collapse of damaged walls and rapidly rising water from a burst main, he persisted in his efforts and reached a woman. He then sawed through joists and

rafters and released her. Learning that a man was also trapped in the debris, the Constable went on working and, after three hours, this casualty was also rescued.

George Edward Switzer, Station Officer, London Fire Brigade.

During an air raid some premises, part of which was used as a stable, were set on fire. The stable, in which 39 horses were tethered, was filled with smoke and in complete darkness. Switzer first detailed a crew to deal with the spreading fire and then organised a party to rescue the animals. He led the way into the building and succeeded in bringing out the frightened animals. It was necessary to make several journeys while high explosive bombs were being dropped nearby.

Station Officer Switzer's promptitude and leadership resulted in the rescue of all the animals and prevented the complete destruction of the building.

Douglas Vosper, Leader, Boy Scouts Volunteer Trailer Pump Crew, Saltash Auxiliary Fire Service.

During an air raid a trailer pump in charge of Vosper was straddled by two H.E. bombs which killed one scout and seriously injured two others.

Vosper drove the victims to the First Aid Post and then returned to his pump and continued to fight the fires throughout the night and the next day.

Vosper showed courage and endurance and the example he set was of a very high standard.

Matthew Wallace, Member, Works' Rescue and Demolition Squad, Coventry.

Wallace displayed outstanding courage and initiative during an air raid. He dealt with many incendiary bombs, worked hard to rescue people trapped in demolished buildings and drove casualties to hospital.

Wallace performed his duties in conditions of extreme danger and by his gallant actions saved many lives.

Ismail Mohamed X Yeaqub, Deck Serang, Merchant Navy.

In the course of an air raid fires were started among oil drums in a shed near a ship and in the ship herself. These were dealt with by the ship's crew. Later, two explosions occurred which threw heavy debris over the vessel.

The conduct of the Deck Serang was outstanding. All night his tireless efforts were carried out with complete disregard of falling bombs and flying debris, and although injured he carried on with no thought for himself.

COMMENDATIONS.

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

Charles Banzer, Firewatcher (Chargehand Fitter), City Engineer's Department, Liverpool.

Nelson William Beales, Member, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Ipswich.

William Beck, Firewatcher (Fitter), City Engineer's Department, Liverpool.

Robert Berry, Police Sergeant, "M" Division, Metropolitan Police.

Wilfrid Boothby Blandy, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Firewatcher, Nottingham.

Ernest Michael Brady, D.C.M., Assistant Fire Chief, Firm's Auxiliary Fire Service, Nottingham.

Harold Broadbent, Firewatcher (Chargehand Fitter), City Engineer's Department, Liverpool.

Ivy, Mrs. Brookfield, A.R.P. Shelter Warden, Liverpool.

Frank James Bull, Goods Guard, London Midland and Scottish Railway.

James Campaigne, Electrician, Merchant Navy. Herbert Henry Cheeseman, Special Constable, Hull Special Constabulary.

Edward Horace Childs, Police Constable, "C" Division, Metropolitan Police.

George Henry Clarkson, Fireman, Southern Railway.

William Joseph Coppola, A.R.P. Messenger, Plymouth.

Sidney Cummings, Member, Boy Scouts Volunteer Trailer Pump Crew, Saltash Auxiliary Fire Service.

George Francis Denton, Member, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Hornsey.

Robert William Dickinson, Leader, Fire Watching Squad (Chief Engineering Foreman), City Engineer's Department, Liverpool.

Walter Ellis, Special Constable, Lincolnshire Special Constabulary.

Robert Manfield Finch, O.B.E., M.Inst.C.E., City Engineer, Nottingham.

Benjamin Leonard Freeman, Yard Inspector, London Midland and Scottish Railway.

Henry Arthur Frow, Special Constable, Lincolnshire Special Constabulary.

William Arthur Goode, Coalyard Foreman, Ipswich.

Walter Hoggard, Police Sergeant, "C" Division, Metropolitan Police.

Ethel Beatrice, Mrs. James, Nurse, A.R.P. Medical Service Organisation, Wallasey.

Charles Johnson, Member, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Hornsey.

Fred Lewis, Cleaner, London Midland and Scottish Railway.

Randal Ernest Lewis, Firewatcher (Petrol Waggon Attendant), City Engineer's Department, Liverpool.

John Alfred Long, Leader, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Ipswich.

Charles Stanley Marsh, Dock Labourer, Ipswich.

Arthur Edward Moore, War Reserve Constable, "C" Division, Metropolitan Police.

Harry Stanley Moore, Fire Watcher (Motor Driver), London Co-operative Society Ltd.

Henry Murray, Auxiliary Fireman, London Auxiliary Fire Service.

William Pettitt, Crane Driver, Wandsworth.

Eddie Price Rees, Senior A.R.P. Warden, Crosby, Lancashire.

Thomas Richards, Fire Watcher (Maintenance Engineer), London Co-operative Society Ltd.

Samuel Edward Rogers, Leading Seaman, Merchant Navy.

Terence Rowan, Engineer, Merchant Navy.

Roy William Sanderson, Auxiliary Fireman, Nottingham Auxiliary Fire Service.
 Frederick William Sayer, Member, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Ipswich.
 Harold Fred Scoins, Chief Officer, Merchant Navy.
 Frederick James Sheppard, Police Constable, "C" Division, Metropolitan Police.
 Herbert Charles Sheppard, Police Constable, "C" Division, Metropolitan Police.
 Harry Clifford Smith, Yard Foreman, London Midland and Scottish Railway.
 George Arthur Stokes, Driver, London Midland and Scottish Railway.
 Norman Newbury Stone, Police Constable, Lincolnshire Constabulary.
 Wilfred Tillcott, Auxiliary Fireman, London Auxiliary Fire Service.
 Ernest Henry Tookey, Fire Fighter, A.R.P. Service, Plymouth.
 Frank Twigg, Police Constable, "M" Division, Metropolitan Police.
 Charles William Ward, Police Constable, Hull Police Force.
 Charles Robert Wharton, Section Leader, Lincolnshire Special Constabulary.
 Frederick Thomas White, Police Constable, Durham Police War Reserve.
 Percy Williams, War Reserve Constable, "C" Division, Metropolitan Police.
 Arthur David Morton Wilson, Garage Chargehand, London Co-operative Society Ltd.
 Victor Henry Vizer, Chief Officer, Merchant Navy.

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Captain James Geoffrey Mackenzie, Harbour Master, Lossiemouth, Morayshire.

When an aircraft crashed into the sea Captain Mackenzie at once collected four men, only one of whom was accustomed to the sea, and set out in a motor-boat to the rescue of the crew.

The night was dark and a fresh wind was blowing. Captain Mackenzie steered a direct course for the position indicated although he realised that it took him through a notoriously dangerous part of the foreshore. He found a partly submerged dinghy with one man lying in the bottom of it and another man in the sea, entangled in ropes. The men were too weak to be got out of the water with a rope and it was necessary to take the boat alongside the dinghy. Considerable risk attended this manoeuvre but it was accomplished and both men were taken on board.

Captain Mackenzie was fully aware of the risks he was facing and his willing acceptance of them undoubtedly led to the saving of two lives.

Commendation.

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

James Edwin Penrose, Waterworks Superintendent, Southburn.

In the list of Commendations published in the Supplement to the London Gazette No. 35220, dated 15th July, 1941, the following corrections should be made. *For* D. L. Whiteside *read* D. L. Whiteside, and *for* G. Cowling *read* G. Gowling.

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