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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:—

Henry Richard Leggett, Divisional A.R.P. Warden, Southampton.

During an air raid H.E. bombs wrecked some houses and a woman was trapped in one of them. Mr. Leggett immediately led his wardens in rescue work. He directed the removal of the debris and then crawled into the demolished building, the walls of which were liable to collapse at any moment.

After working for one and a half hours he succeeded in releasing the victim. His outstanding courage and coolness were an example and inspiration to the men under his control.

Norman Guy Sisson, Technical Assistant, London Passenger Transport Board.

Mr. Sisson is responsible for the L.P.T.B. surface and sub-surface lines. He has been on duty at night from the commencement of

air raids and during this period he has personally inspected a number of unexploded time bombs and made the necessary arrangements with the Bomb Disposal parties.

Mr. Sisson has shown a fine example of coolness, courage and devotion to duty and his conduct has been an inspiration to all staff of the Department employed upon the repair of bomb damage. This work has been carried out under his personal supervision, during intense air raids, in order that the tracks should be available for service at the earliest possible moment.

Anthony Thomas, Superintendent and Deputy Chief Constable, Pembrokeshire.

Superintendent Thomas has shown conspicuous devotion to duty during enemy raids.

He has directed his men in the midst of the bombing and has shown great bravery and calmness in the face of extreme danger. He has afforded the very best possible help to the townspeople and shown skill in organising the police services.

On one occasion he was the means of saving an aged lady who had been trapped under tons of fallen debris. With utter disregard of his personal safety he directed the Rescue Party and, after eleven hours, the victim was released.

Awarded the George Medal:—

Frazer Allen, Member, } First Aid Party,
Alfred Carson, Member, } Aberdeen.

During an air raid a building was demolished and a man trapped under ten feet of burning debris. Carson and Allen

descended into a small hole in the wreckage and enlarged it until it was possible to reach the victim. The debris around the opening was burning and dense smoke made it impossible for the men to work except for short periods at a time. They were exposed to grave danger both from the fire and from the possible collapse of masonry. After working for two hours they succeeded in releasing the casualty.

Allen and Carson showed great bravery and by their determined efforts the man's life was saved.

Lawrence Barclay Young, Police Fireman, Newcastle-upon-Tyne Police Fire Brigade.

A crater made by an enemy bomb was practically filled with debris but a small cavity ten feet deep and two feet wide remained, through which a child fell. There was an unsuspected concentration of gas in the hole and a boy who was lowered on a rope in an effort to rescue the child, collapsed on reaching the bottom.

A further attempt was made by a man who lowered himself into the cavity. He also was rendered unconscious by the gas. An auxiliary fireman then descended and managed to fasten the rope to the boy who was hauled to the top. The fireman himself was overcome and collapsed at the bottom of the hole. A third fireman endeavoured to get out one of the victims but had to give up as he was suffering from the effects of gas.

Young, although fully aware that previous attempts had proved fatal to the rescuers, immediately entered the crater and, after removing some debris which had fallen on the casualties, was able to place ropes around them. He made three descents into the gas-filled hole and brought out the victims. Young was affected by the gas but on recovery helped to apply artificial respiration until all were taken to hospital.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Alfred Elijah Bowden, Electrician, Southern Railway.

Mr. Bowden displayed courage and initiative when a wharf was bombed during an air raid. He extinguished many incendiary bombs and then climbed on to the roof of a warehouse and prevented a fire from spreading to valuable plant.

The neighbouring premises were burning furiously, making a target for bombs, several of which were dropped into the fire.

William Brereton, D.C.M., Acting Detective, Southern Railway.

During an air raid a building was hit by high explosive and incendiary bombs.

The only occupant was thrown by the blast through a wooden partition and pinned down by debris.

Acting Detective Brereton entered the building, the outer wall of which had been partly demolished, climbed over the debris and released the trapped man.

By the time the rescue was effected the office was blazing and Brereton's initiative and resource in a difficult and dangerous situation undoubtedly saved the life of the man.

Jerome Collins, War Reserve Constable, City of London Police.

While Constable Collins was engaged with two women ambulance drivers in extinguishing an incendiary bomb, a high explosive bomb fell close by and he sustained severe injuries. Although in great pain Collins helped the ambulance drivers to a nearby First Aid Post. He then returned, found a man lying seriously wounded and, with help removed him from the debris. The Constable was then advised to go to hospital for treatment, but declined to do so. Instead he went to the First Aid Post to get an ambulance for the injured man. Being unsuccessful, he arranged for a stretcher party to remove the casualty and it was only when he was satisfied that there was nothing else he could usefully do, that he finally consented to go to hospital to have his own injuries treated.

Brinley George Furneaux, Shunter,	} Great Western Railway.
Cyril Griffin, M.M., Shunter,	

During an air raid Furneaux and Griffin dealt successfully with showers of incendiary bombs on Railway premises.

Throughout the night H.E. bombs fell nearby and the men's disregard of their personal safety and the manner in which they dealt with the many fires resulted in saving much of the Company's property.

Herbert Frederick Grey, Police Sergeant, "H" Division, Metropolitan Police.

Several houses were completely demolished and a number of others severely damaged during an enemy air attack.

Police Sergeant Grey, accompanied by other officers, immediately went to the scene and organised his party in the rescue of trapped persons. There was every likelihood of a further collapse of debris and there was also a strong leakage of gas but the Sergeant led his men with great confidence and skill and their combined efforts were successful in releasing many trapped persons.

Many of the rescued owe their lives to the splendid efforts of Sergeant Grey who has shown courage and outstanding qualities of leadership throughout the period of enemy air activity.

Edward George Hacker, Supervising Officer,	} Rest Centre Service, Social Welfare, Westminster.
Ida, Mrs. Hacker, Woman Organiser,	

Mr. and Mrs. Hacker were on duty at the Rest Centre during an enemy air attack. Explosions nearby caused damage to the Centre and some people, including Mrs. Hacker, were buried under debris. Mr. Hacker rescued two persons and Mrs. Hacker, who had extricated herself, went to the assistance of a nurse who had been injured. Fires and further bomb damage made it necessary to evacuate the 200 persons in the Centre and in execution of this, Mr. and Mrs. Hacker displayed initiative and qualities of leadership of the highest order. They showed no regard whatever for their personal safety, and their coolness and resource ensured the safety of the persons in their charge.

Frederick William }
Lloyd, Driver, } Birmingham City
Sidney Clifford } Transport Department.
Miller, Driver, }

During an air raid incendiary bombs fell on parked omnibuses and one of them was set alight. Lloyd got into the cabin of the burning bus whilst Miller moved the machine in front. Lloyd drove his bus out of the park, but fire spread so rapidly that on reaching the road the vehicle burned out despite the efforts of the Fire Brigade.

These men performed an outstanding service in a most courageous manner, disregarding the great danger of fire amongst such highly inflammable material, with the result that valuable rolling stock was saved from destruction.

Patrick Aloysius McLaughlin, Police Sergeant, Port of London Authority Police.

Sergeant McLaughlin has set a magnificent example during air raids on Docks. He has taken charge of operations for the removal of valuable material from burning warehouses and has shown initiative and leadership in dealing with fires on the docks and on board ships.

The Sergeant has been on duty during practically all the raids and his gallantry and devotion to duty have done much to counteract the effect of the bombing.

Harold Marriott, Police Sergeant, Hull Police Fire Brigade.

During air raids Police Sergeant Marriott has shown courage and resource in his duty, and his initiative and leadership have been responsible for the saving of much valuable property.

When a H.E. bomb damaged the Fire Station, Marriott refused to give up and went in search of another building. Having secured one he superintended the removal of equipment and was able to get all the fires in his area under control and damped down before the raid was over.

Albert George William Myers, Constable, Port of London Authority Police.

During enemy air raids on Docks, Constable Myers has displayed courage, devotion to duty and skill in circumstances of grave personal danger.

He has investigated and reported on unexploded time bombs and has helped the fire-fighting services on many occasions. By his example and disregard of danger he has been an inspiration to all who worked with him.

Alice Rooke, Trained Nurse, First Aid Post, Kesteven, Lincs.

Bombs were dropped and one damaged a house in which Nurse Rooke was staying. She was injured and temporarily blinded by dust and debris. In spite of this she rescued an invalid lady and then hurried to commence her duties at the First Aid Post which, however, she found unusable. She organised a temporary dressing station and started work there less than half an hour after the bombs had fallen.

It was due to Nurse Rooke's very quick and efficient treatment, both of injuries and

for shock, that there was only one fatal casualty. Her courage and conduct were an example to all concerned.

Henry Donald Scott, District Commander, Lancashire Special Constabulary.

Mr. Scott exercises a most efficient supervision over his men and has set them an excellent example by his courage and determination. He undertakes the most dangerous duties and on one occasion, at great personal risk, he rendered valuable assistance in checking a large fire which threatened to engulf important buildings.

Mr. Scott has given outstanding service without thought of his own safety.

Cecil Steele, Permanent Way Ganger, Southern Railway.

During an air raid fires were started around a gas holder and on a railway track, where several sleepers caught alight.

Ganger Steele, who was off duty, subdued the fires, notwithstanding explosions occurring nearby. He then discovered an unexploded time bomb and, with help, removed it to a safe distance from the railway.

Steele showed courage and initiative.

Christopher Joe Wheeler, Head A.R.P. Warden, Southampton.

During an air raid houses were demolished by enemy action and people were trapped.

Mr. Wheeler immediately organised parties of wardens to extricate the casualties. He managed to release a woman who was being crushed by the weight of the debris and her life was undoubtedly saved by his efforts. He then formed a party to excavate amongst the ruins of a house for a man known to be buried underneath. Wheeler worked with courage and determination throughout.

William John Whelan, Telephone Attendant, Great Western Railway.

When a Docks was attacked by enemy aircraft, Whelan displayed initiative and courage in dealing with many fires that broke out and throughout the night performed invaluable service in carrying messages, shifting burning railway wagons and manning hoses.

Although blown over by blast from a nearby bomb explosion, Whelan carried on and by his efforts prevented considerable damage to Railway premises and equipment.

COMMENDATIONS.

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

William Henry Andrews, Porter, Grade I, London Midland and Scottish Railway.

Joseph Blackman, Special Constable, Southern Railway.

Jack Bourne, Police Constable, Southern Railway.

Bertram Richard Bragger, Mechanical Foreman, Port of London Authority.

George Wilfred Bruce, Leading Fireman, Newcastle-on-Tyne Auxiliary Fire Service.

William Edgar Carey, Foreman, A.R.P. Rescue Parties, Portishead.

Winifred Rachael Mary, Mrs. Crabbe, Telephone Operator, Great Western Railway.

- William Nathaniel Albert Downs, Milk Round Supervisor, Plymouth.
- Clarence Frederick Drinkwater, A.R.P. Instructor, Bristol Area, Great Western Railway.
- Albert Edward Fallon, Police Constable, Lancashire Constabulary.
- Thomas Henry Furniss, Police Constable, Hull Police Force.
- Frank James Green, Patrol Officer, Coventry Auxiliary Fire Service.
- John Harley, Navvy, Messrs. A. M. Carmichael Ltd., Glasgow.
- Allan Ince, Signalman, London Midland and Scottish Railway.
- William Ernest Johnson, Constable, Port of London Authority Police.
- Harold Stanley Miller, 3rd Class Clerk, Port of London Authority.
- Horace Jack Osman, Detective, Southern Railway.
- Charles Palmer, Fire Watcher, Plymouth.
- Mark William Parrett, Constable, Port of London Authority Police.
- George Pearson, Navvy, Messrs. A. M. Carmichael Ltd., Glasgow.
- Arthur Vincent Searson, Machinery Attendant, Port of London Authority.
- James Arthur Slade, Police Constable, Great Western Railway.
- Percy William Lewis Waldron, A.R.P. Warden, Plymouth.
- George Wanless (deceased), Auxiliary Fireman, Newcastle-on-Tyne Auxiliary Fire Service.
- William Arthur Weatherley, Ambulance Driver, Port of London Authority.
- Alan Webber, A.R.P. Messenger, Plymouth.
- Joan Maynard, Mrs. Youngson, Driver, London Women's Auxiliary Fire Service.

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