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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 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:—

Miss Gertrude Riding, Matron, Mill Road Infirmary, Liverpool.

Miss Riding has been most active in the reception and treatment of air raid casualties and her loyalty and enthusiasm have greatly encouraged the Nursing Staff and contributed to the smooth running of the Hospital.

When the Nurses' Home was partially demolished by a high explosive bomb, she did not hesitate, despite the danger, to make an immediate search of the premises.

Later, when the Hospital was badly damaged by enemy action, Miss Riding was seriously injured. Nevertheless, despite the fact that she was unable to see owing to an eye injury, Miss Riding was instrumental in releasing a nurse who was trapped and she endeavoured, before she finally collapsed, to help another injured member of the staff.

Miss Riding's conduct has been an example of devotion to duty and self sacrifice in the service of the Hospital.

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

Cecil Raymond Wilkin, Gas Works Manager, Manchester Corporation Gas Department.

Incendiary bombs fell on a Gas Works, damaging two of the gas holders and causing the escaping gas to ignite. Mr. Wilkin climbed to the top of each holder in turn and, with the help of his men, succeeded in stopping the escapes. During this time enemy planes were overhead and bombs exploded nearby but he continued to direct operations until the fires were extinguished. Mr. Wilkin's timely action and the resolute determination with which the work was carried out undoubtedly prevented a disastrous explosion.

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

John Ellis Wakeford, Deputy Gas Engineer and Manager, Salford Corporation Gas Undertaking.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Herbert Waters, Foreman-in-Charge, Salford Corporation Gas Undertaking.

During an enemy air raid, bombs pierced the crowns of two gas-holders and the escaping gas ignited. Mr. Wakeford at once climbed to the top of one holder upon which two fires were burning. After several unsuccessful attempts to extinguish the flames, Mr. Wakeford quickly organised a squad of men to fill buckets with puddled clay, which were pulled up on to the crown by means of a wire rope. In this manner the two fires were kept in check and, with the aid of the A.F.S., finally extinguished. Gas was then escaping freely from the rents but, under Mr. Wakeford's direction, these were soon sealed up.

A fire on the other holder was dealt with by Foreman Waters. Although high explosive bombs were dropping, he climbed to the crown and eventually was successful in extinguishing the blaze. He performed this work single-handed and showed devotion to duty regardless of personal peril.

Awarded the George Medal:—

Albert Victor Gordon, War Reserve Constable, William Henry Young, War Reserve Constable,	}	" W " Division, Metropolitan Police.
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A high explosive bomb partially demolished a house and a woman was trapped.

The beams and boards which were pinning her down were also holding up the debris and masonry which had fallen from above. Despite the danger, War Reserve Young burrowed a hole large enough to work in and, after two hours, managed to clear away sufficient rubble for the woman to be extricated.

In the meantime War Reserve Gordon got into the wreckage from a different direction and protected the victim from falling debris. His position was cramped and dangerous but he remained there, comforting the woman and indicating the best method of effecting her release.

An air raid was in progress during the whole operation and there was the additional danger of the house collapsing, which it did shortly after the rescue was completed.

Gordon and Young showed outstanding courage and determination.

Hubert Francis Jones, Head A.R.P. Warden, Percy Barham, A.R.P. Warden,	}	Coventry.
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During an enemy air attack three houses were completely demolished by H.E. bombs. In order to reach people trapped in the

wreckage, a roof was lifted and propped. Barham and Jones then crawled underneath, wrenched away floor boards and removed bricks. During this time a bomb exploded nearby and caused a fall of debris which buried Barham, but Jones, at considerable risk, managed to release him and they continued their work and rescued a girl.

To reach other victims Barham, with Jones holding his feet, was suspended head downwards in the wreckage and, after working in these conditions for a considerable period, was able to extricate a woman and her son.

Both men showed great gallantry and it was due to their untiring efforts that three lives were saved.

Awarded the George Medal:—

William Wilfred Bennett, Auxiliary Fireman, Birmingham Auxiliary Fire Service.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

James Henry Meers, Auxiliary Fireman, Birmingham Auxiliary Fire Service.

During an air raid, Auxiliary Firemen Meers and Bennett were on duty at a Sub-Station on Works premises when it was wrecked and set on fire by a H.E. bomb.

A man on the second floor was blown by the blast across an exposed girder where he was in grave danger of being burnt to death. Meers and Bennett, although badly shaken by the explosion, at once attempted to rescue him.

Bennett, by climbing a girder, reached the victim and, with the help of Meers, brought the injured man to safety.

The fire spread rapidly and it was necessary to evacuate a basement shelter. Despite the intense heat and dense smoke, Meers and Bennett helped to remove the occupants, some of whom were injured. Later, hearing cries for help they re-entered the basement and guided two men to safety. They then rejoined their A.F.S. colleagues and tackled the fire.

Bennett showed great courage and initiative and was ably assisted by Meers.

Awarded the George Medal:—

Henry Frank Finch (deceased), Senior A.R.P. Post Warden, Finsbury.

(Award dated 9th May, 1941. Warden Finch has since been killed on duty, by enemy action.)

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Stanley Mead, A.R.P. Warden, Finsbury.

H.E. bombs demolished houses and the basements were flooded with water from a damaged main.

Wardens Finch and Mead waded in and were successful in getting several people to safety.

The water was rising fast but Mr. Finch continued his work and carried an elderly lady to a window where she was raised

to the pavement by helpers on the foot-way. He then returned through the rising water, which by this time was up to his chest, and although hampered by floating debris, he rescued an elderly man. Finch again returned to search for further victims but without success. He showed great courage and powers of endurance and, with the help of Warden Mead, saved many lives.

Both men showed complete disregard of their own safety.

Awarded the George Medal:—

Edward George Jared, Assistant Officer in Charge, A.R.P. Rescue Service, Hendon.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Thomas Daniel Harding, } Member,	} A.R.P. Rescue Party, Hendon
Isaiah Tunley, Member, }	

During an air raid a house was completely demolished and a family of four were trapped under the collapsed first floor and brickwork. To reach the victims a shaft was made from the top of the debris and a tunnel, with a headroom of less than two feet, was cut under the floor.

The floor was continually moving under the heavy load of debris and one side was lashed to a cross-piece which was held by several members of the Rescue Service. The whole operation was extremely difficult and hazardous but Jared, helped by Harding and Tunley, worked for nearly seven hours and eventually released all the victims.

Jared displayed outstanding qualities of leadership and, with Harding and Tunley, showed great bravery and endurance.

Awarded the George Medal:—

Robert Albert Pullinger, } Station Officer,	} London Fire Service.
William Everley Grant }	
Dewdney, Sub-Officer, }	

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Thomas Robert Lancelot Black, Auxiliary Fireman, } William Albert Cooper, Temporary Fireman, }	} London Fire Service.
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A hospital received a direct hit from a high explosive bomb which caused the building to catch fire.

Cries for help were heard coming from a window on the second floor and a man was seen crouching on the window sill. With great difficulty, owing to the roadway being strewn with fallen masonry, the crew of a fire appliance at once pitched the escape. Auxiliary Fireman Black, although injured by blast from the explosion, mounted the escape and brought the man down.

Other persons were in the building and Station Officer Pullinger and Sub-Officer Dewdney ascended the escape taking a hose with them. While Pullinger attacked the fire, Dewdney rescued a man who was on a bed about five feet from the window.

Pullinger carried him down to the ground while Dewdney took over the hose.

By this time the floor of the room, two of the sides of which had been wholly or partly demolished by the explosion, was sloping at an acute angle. Two bed-ridden male patients were on the floor at the far side of the room and near to the edge of the exposed portion of the floor. Pullinger again ascended the escape, passed over Dewdney and entered the room. Although the floor appeared about to collapse, he made his way across to the two men, carried one to the window, re-crossed the room and brought out the other. One man was placed on Dewdney's back and carried down while Pullinger took over the hose.

Meanwhile Cooper climbed the escape with a lowering line and, while Pullinger and Dewdney lowered the last of the four patients to the ground, entered the room and continued to fight the fire. While the rescues were being made the fire was increasing and bombs were dropped nearby. The floor of the room collapsed shortly after the patients were rescued.

Pullinger showed outstanding qualities of leadership and both he and Dewdney displayed exceptional courage and a total disregard of their own safety in rescuing three patients who would otherwise have lost their lives.

Black's endurance and courage enabled him, in spite of his injury, to rescue the first patient from a precarious position.

The last rescue was achieved largely through the promptitude and foresight of Cooper in taking the line up to the room.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Harold Auty, Police Constable, " R " Division, Metropolitan Police.

Police Constable Auty has displayed outstanding courage and devotion to duty at many air raid incidents, using his expert knowledge in the extrication of trapped persons.

On one occasion when several people were trapped as a result of enemy action, Auty, who was off duty, tunnelled twelve feet under the debris and rescued three persons. A heavy raid was in progress and at any moment he might have been buried by a further collapse of the wreckage. For over three hours he continued helping in rescue work and extinguishing fires.

Miss Winifred Muriel Caesar, } Ambulance Driver,	} A.R.P. Medical Service, Southampton.
Miss Maud Helen Tinsley, }	
Ambulance Driver, }	

Miss Caesar and Miss Tinsley have been on duty throughout air raids on Southampton.

They have both made numerous journeys during periods of intense bombardment and on several occasions have run great personal risk in order to carry out their allotted tasks.

At one incident in spite of continued activity by enemy aircraft they helped, by digging in debris, to release several trapped persons.

Thomas Edward Davies, Skilled Member, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Bournemouth.

As a result of enemy action a house was demolished and a woman trapped in the wreckage.

Davies shored up the masses of broken concrete which could not be moved but had to be made secure before the casualty could be reached.

After four hours work the victim was freed with the exception of one ankle which was pinned under tons of debris. With much patience and skill Davies, at great risk to himself, continued in a most difficult and cramped position to work for a further two hours until the victim was released uninjured.

Philip Dixon, Police Sergeant, Manchester City Police.

James Taylor, Senior A.R.P. Warden, Manchester.

During an air raid a high explosive bomb exploded only 50 yards from Sergeant Dixon and Warden Taylor.

Although badly shaken, both men rushed to the scene of the incident, where they found that the bomb had demolished some houses. Together they searched for people who were trapped and performed this duty with such courage and skill that before the rescue squads arrived they had succeeded in releasing thirteen people.

The rescues were carried out whilst bombs continued to fall nearby but both men worked with complete disregard of their own safety.

Albert Edward Dodson,

Valveman,

James O'Rourke, Assistant

Valveman,

} Gas Light and
Coke Company.

During an air raid serious fires were caused at a Gas Works.

Dodson and O'Rourke were blown over by blast but on recovering hurried to where a fierce fire had broken out.

The heat and glare made it almost impossible to approach but, shielding their faces as best they could, the two men began to isolate the plant and in less than half an hour they had the more serious fires under control.

The prompt and courageous action of Dodson and O'Rourke prevented further explosions and saved much valuable plant.

These men, on other occasions during air raids, have shown determination and devotion to duty when combating dangerous fires in the Gas Works.

Frank Albert Eastes, Fire Watcher (Stoker), Electricity Department, Hastings County Borough Council.

An incendiary bomb dropped on a fire-watcher, rendered him unconscious and set fire to the bed on which he was resting. Mr. Eastes immediately caught hold of the bomb with his bare hands and threw it on the floor. He then carried the man outside and handed him over for first-aid treatment. Although Eastes suffered from burns he returned to extinguish the bomb. He then climbed to the roof and dealt with more incendiary bombs.

Eastes prompt action undoubtedly saved the man's life and prevented damage to valuable property.

Albert Edward Evans, Inspector, Hull Police Force.

During an air raid a shelter suffered a direct hit. Several people were trapped under the broken concrete roof which weighed two or three tons and was resting on the demolished walls.

Rescue work was carried out under the direction of Inspector Evans and it was due to his courageous leadership that many lives were saved.

Frederick George Hawkes, Police Constable, Peterborough Police Service.

A bomb wrecked a building and three persons were buried beneath the debris.

Hawkes crept through a narrow opening under the wreckage and, after sawing through wooden joists, was able to release the victims.

During this time there was danger of further collapse of the building but Hawkes continued his work with complete disregard of his own safety.

Peter Bernard Hellings, Firefighter (Clerk), Great Western Railway, Swansea.

During an air raid Hellings worked hard extinguishing incendiary bombs and his knowledge of railway premises proved invaluable to A.F.S. personnel.

When cottages were hit by a H.E. bomb he helped to marshal the occupants to shelters and by his calmness allayed their fears.

He afterwards went to a large fire and rendered all possible assistance on the pumps and hoses. Hellings' conduct throughout the raid was outstanding and he was on continuous duty for eighteen hours.

Ronald Heys, Messenger, Bootle Auxiliary Fire Service.

During the height of an air raid Heys carried many messages and obtained information of vital importance to the Fire Services.

In the course of his various journeys five bicycles were damaged by blast and falling debris whilst in use by him. On one occasion he was blown from his machine and rendered unconscious for a time but, on recovering, completed his journey and delivered his message.

Messenger Heys showed great devotion to duty and gave splendid service.

William Irwin, Foreman, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Hull.

During an air raid a Works was damaged and a fire spread rapidly along the whole length of the building. Part of the roof collapsed and red hot steelwork lay around.

Foreman Irwin found a man trapped and unconscious. The heat was so intense and the fire so close that the clothes of the trapped persons caught fire and the members of the Rescue Party suffered from burns through handling hot debris. After strenuous efforts, this man and two others were rescued.

Irwin showed outstanding determination and courage and it was due to his inspiring leadership that three lives were saved.

Charles Johnson, Valve Locator,
 Thomas Benjamin Stapleton, Valve Locator Driver,
 Albert Arthur Tomlinson, Valve Locator, Acting Assistant Foreman,

Gas Light and Coke Company.

Johnson, Stapleton and Tomlinson have shown courage and determination in carrying out their duties during the height of air raids. Their work as valve locators is particularly hazardous and is invariably carried out in difficult conditions.

On occasions the men have been injured by bombs or burnt by gas but they have always completed the vital tasks assigned to them. Not one of the men has ever considered his own safety and their team work and devotion to duty has been outstanding.

Fred Payne, Mechanic in Charge, Grade II, Engineering Department, Post Office, Liverpool.

On two occasions, when a Post Office garage was threatened by fire and unexploded time bombs, Mr. Payne displayed initiative and courage in circumstances of great danger. He has carried out his difficult tasks with determination and resource, and has been responsible for the salvage of valuable property.

Harry Basil Wetjen, Leader, A.R.P. Stretcher Party, Croydon.

During an air raid a house was badly damaged and was liable to collapse at any moment.

Wetjen climbed through an aperture and, with assistance, removed a casualty. He returned to release a man who was trapped by beams and debris.

There was a strong leakage of coal gas in the wreckage but, regardless of the danger, Wetjen worked until he succeeded in getting the injured man on to a stretcher. Whilst he and a member of the Rescue Party were passing the victim to safety the Rescue man collapsed and was supported by Wetjen until help came.

Mr. Wetjen carried out his duties with great bravery.

COMMENDATIONS.

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

Allan Albert Morgan Ashcroft, Cadet, Liverpool Civil Defence Cadets.

Robert Egarr Ashcroft, Motor Mechanic, Engineering Department, Post Office, Liverpool.

John Ashe, Leading Fireman, Bootle Auxiliary Fire Service.

Cyril Ashworth, Motor Mechanic, Engineering Department, Post Office, Liverpool.

Montague Austin Bratley, Police Constable, Peterborough Police Service.

Albert William Bull, Messenger, A.R.P. Medical Service, Southampton.

Joseph Patrick Carahar, Section Officer, Bootle Auxiliary Fire Service.

John Chadwick, Technical Assistant, Salford Corporation Gas Undertaking.

Ernest Walter Collins, Valve Locator, Assistant Foreman, Gas Light and Coke Company.

Edgar Allen Colmar, Patrol Officer, Bootle Auxiliary Fire Service.

Albert Cook, War Reserve Constable, Manchester Police Force.

Stanley Lawrence Craven, Section Officer, Bootle Auxiliary Fire Service.

Edward Davies, Section Officer, Bootle Auxiliary Fire Service.

John Charles Dickinson, Police Constable, Hull Police Force.

Richard Doughty, Senior A.R.P. Warden, Liverpool.

Michael Joseph Enright, Fireman, Bootle Auxiliary Fire Service.

William Herbert French, Police Constable, Royal Marine Police Special Reserve.

Francis Gardiner, Deputy Leader, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Bournemouth.

Lawrence Giblin, Deputy Depot Leader, A.R.P. Casualty Service, Hull.

Alfred John Gould, Valve Locator, Gas Light and Coke Company.

Harry Grimshaw, Valve Locator Driver, Gas Light and Coke Company.

Lewis Alexander Hales, War Reserve Constable, "K" Division, Metropolitan Police.

Frederick George Hartgroves, Engine Fitter, Gas Light and Coke Company.

Stanley Vivian Hilton, Messenger, Bootle Auxiliary Fire Service.

John Hollins, Lorry Driver, Gas Light and Coke Company.

Frederick Ernest Hood, Valve Locator Driver, Gas Light and Coke Company.

Phillip Lamb, Fire Watcher (Temporary Cansasser and Collector), Salford Corporation Gas Department.

George McCracken, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., Medical Practitioner, Manchester.

Thomas Maguire, Fireman, Liverpool Auxiliary Fire Service.

Leonard William Maidment, Skilled Member, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Bournemouth.

Stanley Mainprize, Omnibus Conductor, Hull.

David Chase Pallett, Schoolboy, Plymouth.

John Robert Patterson, Temporary Fireman, London Fire Service.

Herbert Ernest Pilgrim, War Reserve Constable, "K" Division, Metropolitan Police.

William Potter, Acting Station Officer, London Fire Service.

Leslie Albert Richardson, Police Constable, Peterborough Police Service.

Frederick Roach, Messenger, A.R.P. Medical Service, Southampton.

Charles Henry Ryder, Fire Watcher, Liverpool.

John Francis Smerdon, Motor Mechanic, Engineering Department, Post Office, Liverpool.

James Henry Smith, Gas Fitter, Gas Light and Coke Company.

Joseph Geoffrey Thirlwall, Motor Mechanic, Engineering Department, Post Office, Liverpool.

Paul Anthony Thomas, Cadet, Liverpool Civil Defence Cadets.

William Tibke, A.R.P. Warden, Liverpool. (Now Private No. 10553639, R.A.O.C.)

George Turner, Valve Locator Driver, Gas Light and Coke Company.

Charles Warren, Meter Repairer, Salford Corporation Gas Department.

George Williams, Police Sergeant, "K" Division, Metropolitan Police.

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The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following award:—

*The British Empire Medal
(Civil Division):—*

William Richard Howells, Farmer, Carmarthenshire.

An aircraft crashed and caught fire. Howells rushed to the spot and found the

pilot in the burning wreckage. Regardless of danger from exploding bullets he tore off the pilot's leather coat and with it beat out the flames. He then dragged the pilot out of danger and, with help, carried him to a nearby farm.

Mr. Howells who showed pluck and initiative was injured in the course of his efforts.

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The name of William Pettet, in the list of Commendations published in the Supplement to the London Gazette No. 35239, dated 8th August, 1941, should read as now shown.

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