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### CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1.  
29th August, 1941.*

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.