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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:—*

Councillor Leonard Speight, Controller and Chairman of Emergency Committee, Hull.

Councillor Speight has given outstanding service to the Civil Defence organisation in Hull and his qualities of leadership and courage have done much to encourage the A.R.P. personnel. On one occasion a bomb destroyed the Control Centre where he was on duty, killing four persons and injuring others. Councillor Speight immediately made arrangements for the re-opening of communications at an improvised centre and remained there, throughout the raid, directing operations.

*To be Additional Members of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:—*

Edward Fisher Greggains, Deputy Rest Centre Officer, London County Council Social Welfare Department.

Throughout the period of air raids on London, Mr. Greggains has displayed great devotion to duty with complete disregard of danger.

When acting as Officer in Charge of a Rest Centre Service, he showed resource and initiative in dealing with the many difficult situations which arose when Rest Centres were set on fire by enemy action.

During the height of one raid he visited damaged Centres to see that evacuation had been completed and to ensure the safety and comfort of the many persons rendered homeless.

Harold Hughes, District A.R.P. Officer, Atherstone.

Working-class houses were demolished by a H.E. bomb and eight persons, including a child aged two years, were trapped.

A Rescue Party, under the leadership of Mr. Hughes, began work. Hughes crawled under the wreckage and found that the baby was trapped by part of a fireplace lying across her legs.

He was affected by coal gas from a broken pipe and had to be brought out but returned after fifteen minutes and protected the child from falling masonry and prevented it from being choked with dust. Mr. Hughes remained for three hours, in a very cramped position, well knowing that any further collapse of debris might be fatal to him. The child was finally rescued alive and a short time afterwards the wreckage collapsed.

Robert Morland, Divisional Officer, Liverpool Auxiliary Fire Service.

Throughout the enemy air attacks on Liverpool, Divisional Officer Morland has been in charge of a Division which has borne the brunt of intensive raids. He has displayed outstanding fire-fighting abilities with total disregard of his own safety.

On one occasion the region surrounding the Divisional Headquarters was subjected to very heavy bombing and a fierce fire broke out in an adjoining building. Morland remained at his post until a wall fell on the Station and partially demolished it, thereby cutting off communications. He at once established a secondary Headquarters and by very prompt and carefully thought out action enabled effective control to be maintained over the raid conditions.

Divisional Officer Morland has shown courage and ability and has set a splendid example to his men.

*Awarded the George Medal:—*

John Miller Bennion, Section Officer, Liverpool Auxiliary Fire Service.

Bombs struck a building, setting fire to an armoury.

Section Officer Bennion went into the burning room and removed the cases of exploding ammunition which were nearest to the fire. With assistance he then removed the remaining boxes of rifle ammunition and hand grenades and thereby saved the building from destruction.

Bennion displayed a very high degree of courage and his coolness and determination were a magnificent example to his men.

William John Cox, }  
Police Sergeant, } " E " Division,  
George Murdoch Rosie, } Metropolitan Police.  
Police Sergeant, }

A high explosive bomb damaged a house, the two upper floors collapsed and a fire broke out at the back of the building.

Sergeants Cox and Rosie climbed through a ground floor window and found a man pinned underneath a large boulder and considerable debris. The Sergeants were well aware that any movement of the boulder would probably cause a complete collapse of the house, but the officers began to remove the rubble with their hands and, after half an hour, were successful in liberating the victim. Owing to the confined space he could not be carried out and the rescuers had to drag him to safety. The whole structure of the house collapsed shortly after the rescue had been effected.

Cox and Rosie displayed great courage and devotion to duty in the face of extreme danger.

Leonard Findlay, M.D., M.B., B.Ch., Medical Superintendent Mill Road Infirmary, Liverpool.

Dr. Findlay displayed outstanding courage and devotion to duty when the Mill Road Infirmary was badly damaged during an air raid.

Although badly shaken and severely burned he immediately organised rescue work and personally led parties of volunteers to release persons trapped under the wreckage. He worked without ceasing throughout the night and following day and refused to have his own wounds treated until he had accounted for all his patients and staff.

Under his cool and courageous direction many lives were saved and all the patients evacuated to other hospitals.

John Ernest McKenning, }  
Police Constable, } " B " Division,  
Reginald Ivor Oakes, } Metropolitan Police.  
Police Constable, }

A high explosive bomb fell on a building and wrecked the interior. A landing had collapsed on to the ground floor, leaving a chasm 12 feet across and 40 feet deep. Cries for help were coming from a room on the opposite side.

Oakes and McKenning obtained a nine inch plank and carried it up a badly damaged exterior iron staircase to the second floor where it was passed over the gap and they crossed to the other side. By climbing through an opening in the wall about seven feet from the floor Oakes reached the room where four people were trapped. He helped them to climb through on to the plank and across to the other side.

The scene of the rescue was immediately over the centre of the bomb crater and the whole of the surrounding portions of the building were liable to collapse. Throughout the operations heavy gunfire shook the building and debris was continually falling.

The Constables showed outstanding courage and resourcefulness.

Jasper Martin, Police Sergeant (Reserve of Pensioners), " V " Division, Metropolitan Police.

A H.E. bomb caused extensive damage to a house and a man and his mother were trapped underneath a partially demolished staircase. The remains of this staircase were precariously supporting the mass of debris from the upper part of the house and a dividing wall was liable to collapse at any moment. Sergeant Martin crawled into the wreckage and succeeded in extricating the injured man. He then re-entered the hole in an attempt to rescue the woman. He discovered that she was pinned down by masonry and, after ascertaining that she was dead, he crawled out of the debris, reaching safety just before the wall collapsed on to the staircase.

Sergeant Martin showed great courage in twice entering the wreckage, being fully aware of the danger to himself.

Ronald Noble, Junior Station Inspector, " X " Division, Metropolitan Police.

A high explosive bomb caused extensive damage to property and people were trapped in the wreckage. Inspector Noble, who was off duty, was blown over by blast but quickly recovered and went to the scene. On the first floor of a partially demolished block of flats he found a woman in a hysterical condition. He climbed a wall, hooked his legs round a beam and, by hanging upside down, managed to lower her to the ground.

The Inspector then heard shouts for help coming from another house. Without hesitation he began to make a hole in the rubble with his hands and after fifteen minutes unearthed an unconscious woman whom he pulled to safety. Whilst working he had to prop up the wreckage with his shoulders and bricks were continually falling round him. Shortly after he came out the whole of the wreckage collapsed.

Inspector Noble acted with great bravery, entirely disregarding his own safety.

*Awarded the George Medal:—*

Harry Gelder Cardwell, Lighterman, Hull.

*Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—*

James Alfred Hodgson, Messenger, Hull Auxiliary Fire Service.

During an air raid houses were demolished by H.E. bombs and a girl was trapped under the wreckage of her home which was on fire.

Cardwell, at great personal risk, tunneled through the debris; reached the girl and remained with her for several hours, comforting her. Owing to the cramped nature of the aperture he was unable to get into such a position as would enable him to give her a drink. He came out and Hodgson succeeded in worming his way through the small aperture made by Cardwell and so supplied the trapped girl with water. He returned to the surface, and, before Cardwell could re-enter the hole, the wall caved in.

Cardwell worked continuously for twelve hours and both he and Hodgson were in constant danger from falling debris.

*Awarded the George Medal:—*

Robert Wilson Wyse, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S.Ed., Resident Surgical Officer, Salford Royal Hospital.

David Marshall Barlow, Staff Officer, A.R.P. Casualty Service, Salford.

George Aspin, Leader, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Salford.

*Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—*

Alexander Edwards, Group Leader, A.R.P. Rescue Service, Salford.

A high explosive bomb demolished the Nurses' quarters of the Salford Royal Hospital and several nurses were trapped under tons of masonry. Dr. Wyse led the rescue operations and, at great personal risk, reached the basement which was in complete darkness and ankle deep in water. Despite the danger from damaged electric cables and

escaping gas he removed rubble and bricks and was successful in extricating three nurses who, but for his gallant efforts, would have lost their lives.

Another nurse was located by Staff Officer Barlow who, in an attempt to release her, crawled under tons of debris. For hours he lay under the wreckage encouraging the nurse and moving masonry stone by stone. He was joined by Leader Aspin and, although there was danger of the collapse of about thirty tons of debris, the two men worked on without the slightest concern for their own safety.

When it became clear that the nurse's arm was so badly trapped that further attempts to release it would prove fatal to the victim and rescuers, Dr. Wyse amputated the limb and the nurse was got out.

Another nurse was trapped close by and Barlow continued tunnelling, encouraging her and doing everything possible to release her but without success.

Mr. Edwards then made a desperate effort. Lying flat under the debris he removed part of a broken chair which was impeding the removal of the casualty. It was a tremendous risk to himself as the whole weight of the wreckage might have collapsed on him. The nurse was then gradually manoeuvred clear of the debris and brought out.

*Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—*

James Black, Police Sergeant, Liverpool City Police Force.

John Bryce, A.R.P. Warden, Liverpool.

During an air raid, houses and two surface shelters were demolished by enemy action.

Warden Bryce and Sergeant Black worked untiringly and rescued sixteen people who were trapped under the shelters.

They then began to tunnel in the remains of a wrecked house. For six hours they worked in conditions of grave danger and were eventually successful in rescuing two people.

Both men showed great courage and complete disregard of their own safety.

Geoffrey Thomas Cory, Police Constable, Great Yarmouth Police Force.

During an air raid houses were demolished by bombs and two women were trapped under the wreckage.

Constable Cory, with help, tunneled ten feet into the debris and, after two hours' work in a confined space, succeeded in rescuing one of the women. He continued to work for a further two hours and released the other victim. She was injured and could not be taken through the tunnel so Cory stayed by her whilst a shaft was made from the top of the debris.

During the whole of this period there was danger of the debris collapsing and burying him, but he worked regardless of his own safety.

Robert Crowley, War Reserve Constable,  
Trevor Gwilym Hender-son James, Police Con-  
stable, } Cardiff Police Force.

Bombs caused damage to property, and a woman was pinned by her legs in the

wreckage. Constables James and Crowley cleared away much of the debris and shored up overhanging masonry. It was just possible for Crowley to reach the woman by hanging head downwards and for more than an hour he worked in this position. Finally the woman was released and brought out.

By their combined efforts and courage James and Crowley were responsible for the release of the casualty practically unhurt.

Jack Dunn, A.R.P. Messenger, Coventry.

Dunn has shown great courage and devotion to duty during enemy air raids. On one occasion when communications broke down at his Post, he made at least six journeys to deliver important messages to the Control Centre, a distance of half a mile.

He was twice blown off his cycle by blast but completed his journey and continued his duties throughout the night.

Robert Josiah Steer Eakers, Police Constable, Plymouth Police Force.

During an air raid, high explosive bombs demolished houses. Constable Eakers entered one of the houses, the remaining walls and ceilings of which were likely to collapse, and found two casualties. He organised rescue parties and working with them removed five persons from the demolished property.

Prior to this Constable Eakers had rescued a bedridden elderly woman from a house which was on fire. At considerable risk Eakers carried her down two flights of stairs to safety.

Miss Sarah Jane Hands, A.R.P. Warden, Coventry.

During an air raid a house was demolished by a H.E. bomb. Miss Hands rendered first aid to a severely injured woman during which time two H.E. bombs dropped within twenty yards of them. After the patient's removal she helped, at considerable danger to herself, to extricate a man from the wreckage.

During the night and for many hours after the raid, Miss Hands went from incident to incident, dealing with fires and helping the injured.

Her brave efforts during the night were a source of inspiration to other workers.

Geoffrey Bruce Matthews, Auxiliary Junior Despatch Rider, London Fire Service.

Junior Despatch Rider Matthews has been on duty on nearly every occasion when enemy air attacks have been made on London.

He has carried out his duties in a remarkably efficient manner and with complete disregard of the dangerous conditions in which he worked. He has throughout shown a high degree of reliability and steadfastness of purpose in the performance of his duty.

Robert Harold Middleton, A.R.P. Warden, Coventry.

During an air raid a dwelling house received a direct hit, and a woman was buried under the wreckage. Middleton began to

tunnel from the pavement through the wreckage of two rooms. He removed debris bit by bit and strutted the hole with timber as he went. It was necessary to saw through joists impeding his progress but he eventually succeeded in rescuing the woman.

Middleton showed bravery and devotion to duty.

John William Harry Pratt, Leading Man (Painter), Samuel Vardell, Hired Skilled Labourer, George Weaver, Hired Bricklayer,

Admiralty Outstation.

Pratt, Vardell and Weaver showed great skill and initiative in combating fire caused by enemy action. With outstanding courage they faced the danger from exploding ammunition and bombs, rescued many wounded men and saved much valuable property.

James Roberts, A.R.P. Fire Warden, Salford.

Two men were buried under debris of a 3-storey house and shop which had been demolished by a H.E. bomb. One man was trapped in a cellar and portions of the debris had to be supported. Roberts directed these operations and then, working in a shallow tunnel in an exceedingly cramped position, he made his way to the casualty, who was eventually extricated.

After further propping of sections of the dislodged structure, Roberts was lowered head first into another portion of the cellar and succeeded in freeing the other man.

Roberts worked courageously and without respite throughout the whole of these operations which lasted several hours.

George Robert Symington, Police Constable, Liverpool Police Force.

Thomas Joseph Grant, Foreman, Bertie Kavanagh, Member,

A.R.P. Rescue Party, Liverpool.

During an air raid a man and a boy were trapped beneath a demolished building.

Constable Symington, together with Grant and Kavanagh, began tunnelling operations. Enemy aircraft were overhead and bombs fell within fifty yards of the men and demolished a nearby building. One of the two remaining walls of the wrecked house collapsed and Symington was buried to the thighs in debris. He remained in this position, supporting part of the wreckage with his body until, after two hours' continuous effort, the two victims were brought to safety.

All three men showed courage in effecting the rescue, being aware of the likelihood of the collapse of the remaining walls.

Stanley Thompson, A.R.P. Warden, City of London.

Warden Thompson, who is Verger of St. Dunstan-in-the-West, has shown courage and devotion to duty during air raids and by his initiative has prevented serious fires.

When tackling incendiary bombs on the roof of the vestry of his Church he was blown to the ground by an explosion but although badly shaken he continued to fight the fires. On another night his prompt action in dealing with an incendiary bomb which penetrated the roof of the Church undoubtedly saved the building from destruction.

Winifred Adelaide, Mrs. Tribe, Lately Section Officer, Bristol Women's Auxiliary Fire Service.

Mrs. Tribe has shown splendid courage and indefatigable devotion to duty during air raids. Despite grave danger she has taken the Mobile Canteen to many incidents and supplied the fire service personnel with food and drink.

On one occasion when no ambulance was available, Mrs. Tribe attended to wounded men until relieved by a First Aid Party and then resumed her normal canteen duty.

Alfred John Ward, Deputy Head A.R.P. Warden, Coventry.

During an air raid a H.E. bomb demolished several dwelling houses. Warden Ward at once took charge of the rescue of persons who were trapped in the debris. Regardless of the danger from unsafe walls and debris he crawled into the wreckage and succeeded in bringing out the victims.

Ward displayed qualities of leadership and his devotion to duty at all times has been outstanding.

David Warren, Senior A.R.P. Warden, Liverpool.

During a heavy air raid Senior Warden Warren supervised the sending of communications from his Sector, evacuation of residents in the area and the carrying out of rescue work at incidents where most dangerous conditions existed, personally leading the wardens in these tasks. When the possibility of serious fires in the district became apparent he organised and led fire teams, thus minimising the spread of fires.

Afterwards, although considerably fatigued, he saw to the personal comfort of evacuees from his sector who had been placed in a Rest Centre.

#### COMMENDATIONS.

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

Edward Barnard, M.B.E., Officer in Charge, Admiralty Outstation.

Edmund Barry, Officer in Charge, A.R.P. Stretcher Party, Bermondsey.

Norman James Calcraft, Member, London and Westminster Loan and Discount Company Limited Fire Squad.

William Basil Candlish, War Reserve Constable, "B" Division, Metropolitan Police.

Alfred Charles Dilloway, Skilled Workman, Brighton Telephone Area.

Arthur John Ferre, Skilled Labourer, Admiralty Outstation.

Arthur Charles Fisher, Leader, A.R.P. Stretcher Party, Deptford.

William Victor Goodfellow, Skilled Labourer, Admiralty Outstation.

Albert George Richard Henley (deceased), Mayor of Bermondsey.

Charles Edward Hibbitt, War Reserve Constable, "D" Division, Metropolitan Police.

Albert Edward Holmes, Hired Skilled Labourer, Admiralty Outstation.

David Reece Jenkins (deceased), Hired Skilled Labourer, Admiralty Outstation.

Charles George Lee, Police Sergeant, "B" Division, Metropolitan Police.

Frank Richard Lemay (deceased), Hired Skilled Labourer, Admiralty Outstation.

Thomas Macfarlane, D.C.M., M.M., Leader, A.R.P. Stretcher Party, Bermondsey.

Clive Desmond Thornton Needle, A.R.P. Messenger, Coventry.

Ernest Jack Orford, Driver, Rescue Service, Norfolk.

Donald Charles Peacock, Skilled Workman, Brighton Telephone Area.

Charles Thomas Phillips (deceased), Acting 2nd Class Draughtsman, Admiralty Outstation.

Philip James Phillips, Constable, Royal Marine Police Special Reserve.

Edmund Pike, Skilled Workman, Brighton Telephone Area.

Albert Edward Tagg, Bricklayer, Admiralty Outstation.

Richard Turrell, Driver, First Aid Party, Great Yarmouth.

John Wales (deceased), Boilermaker, Admiralty Outstation.

Christopher Valentine Walsh, Steel Erector, Liverpool.

Sidney Walter Watson, Police Constable, Great Yarmouth Police Force.

John Wedlake, M.B.E., Superintending Armament Supply Officer, Admiralty Outstation.

Glyndwr Williams, A.R.P. Messenger, Coventry.

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*Awarded the British Empire Medal  
(Civil Division):—*

Harry Broadberry, Farmer.	} Nottinghamshire.
Amelia, Mrs. Broadberry.	

When an aircraft crashed and caught fire in Nottinghamshire, Mr. and Mrs. Broadberry heard the crash and hurried to the scene. They went first to the assistance of the two badly injured pilots who were lying close to the burning plane. With the aid of two members of the crew who were in a very dazed condition, they managed to drag the injured airmen clear of the flames.

The rear gunner was trapped in his turret. Mr. Broadberry obtained an axe and worked in intense heat for one and a half hours before he finally extricated the gunner. Meanwhile, Mrs. Broadberry rendered first aid to the injured airmen. She also managed to give some assistance to her husband in his efforts to free the gunner. During this time, the petrol tanks blew up and ammunition was continually exploding. Mr. and Mrs. Broadberry showed complete disregard of their own safety and, as a result of their courage and endurance, three lives were saved.

#### COMMENDATIONS.

Those named below have been brought to notice for their brave conduct:—

For services when rescuing crews of crashed aircraft.

John Lister Miller, Farmer, Albrighton.  
George Brian Slater, Deputy Head Observer,  
Royal Observer Corps.

For brave conduct in hazardous circumstances.

Alfred Ernest Edward Smith, Labourer,  
Admiralty Outstation.

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