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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, of a Bar to the British Empire 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:—

The Reverend Arthur Wellesley Orr, M.A., Vicar of St. Paul's Church, Kingston-upon-Thames.

During the period of enemy air attacks the Reverend Arthur Orr has given much help and encouragement to Civil Defence personnel.

He has worked untiringly, organising the evacuation of casualties and the disposition of those rendered homeless.

On one occasion he searched for people in a bomb damaged building and helped the Rescue Party to extricate the victims from

the wreckage, which collapsed shortly afterwards.

The Vicar has been instrumental in saving many lives and has done much to alleviate the suffering of air raid victims.

Arthur Burness Rose, Master, Ladywell Institution, London.

Throughout the period of air raids on London, Mr. Rose, by his example, has encouraged his assistants and heartened the inmates in his charge. He has shown resource and great determination in tackling every untoward situation which has arisen and it was largely due to his outstanding devotion to duty and disregard of personal danger that considerable damage by fire was prevented,

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

John Joseph McCarthy, M.B., B.Ch., Medical Officer, Mobile Unit, Islington.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Arthur William Brown, Member,	} A.R.P. Rescue Party, Islington.
Charles Bruzénsky, Leader,	
Robert Edwin Mills, Leader,	
Henry Tuttle, Member,	

Bombs demolished houses, gas and water mains were fractured and people were trapped in the wreckage.

Dr. McCarthy worked with the Rescue Party and repeatedly entered a gas-laden tunnel to attend to casualties and administer oxygen to a trapped man.

Leaders Bruzensky and Mills, helped by Brown and Tuttle, constructed the tunnel through which the casualties were extricated. As the tunnel became filled with coal gas they worked in relays but eventually Tuttle and Bruzensky were overcome and had to be removed to hospital. Brown and Mills worked on and, as a result of the efforts of all the rescuers, nine lives were saved.

In addition to the danger from escaping gas and water the men were in constant peril from a damaged chimney stack overhanging the scene of operations.

Awarded the George Medal:—

Charles Henry Burrows, Police Constable, "E" Division, Metropolitan Police.

A block of flats was partly demolished by bombs.

Constable Burrows, after helping to remove a man buried in the debris, went through to the rear of the flats where persons were injured and trapped.

Entry to any part of the building was very dangerous and the Constable therefore directed the several civilians, who had accompanied him, to remain outside whilst he went in and searched for casualties. Burrows undertook the most dangerous part of the rescue work, utilising the civilian helpers to the best advantage consistent with their safety.

He found men, women and children lying in various parts of the premises, some severely injured and pinned under piles of debris and others less seriously injured but unconscious as a result of blast. He rendered first aid to the more seriously injured and carried them to the outside of the building.

Constable Burrows was engaged in this extremely dangerous work of rescue for nearly three hours.

He showed extreme courage and devotion to duty and by his efforts eighteen people were removed from the premises.

James William Coulthard, Member, Street Fire Party, Liverpool.

During an air raid eight persons were trapped under the wreckage of a demolished house, which was on fire. Coulthard crawled through an aperture between some fallen rafters and a wall and released a woman who was pinned underneath a gas stove. By this time Coulthard was overcome and cramped and had to be pulled out. After a while he returned, taking with him water for those people who were still underneath the building. Twenty minutes later he was again affected by smoke and fumes and was compelled to leave but not before he had succeeded in locating the position of those trapped.

Coulthard showed great courage and initiative and it was due to his efforts and the information he supplied that the victims were extricated.

Neil Robertson McFarlane, } "G" Division,
Police Sergeant, } Metropolitan
James Alexander Sherlaw, } Police.
Police Sergeant, }

A bomb dropped outside a building, the basement of which was used as a public air-raid shelter, and water from a burst main flooded the basement. Sergeant McFarlane reached the ground floor, cleared a quantity of wreckage to one side and removed brickwork which had been loosened by the explosion. He saw a Warden, trapped in a cellar about ten feet below, who was in danger of drowning. By lying full length across the edge of the damaged wall he managed, with assistance, to get a rope round the victim and eventually succeeded in dragging him to safety.

In the meantime, Sergeant Sherlaw, working up to the waist in water, cleared some of the debris and extricated several women whom he removed to safety. While trying to release another woman he was joined by Sergeant McFarlane and together they succeeded in rescuing her. As cries could still be heard, they again entered the shelter and saved two men. The two Sergeants then searched for persons trapped in a damaged Vicarage the basement of which was filling with water. There was a risk of the roof collapsing, which in fact actually happened shortly after the men had left the basement.

Sergeants McFarlane and Sherlaw displayed great courage and devotion to duty and saved a number of lives.

Archibald Stanley Pratten, } Greenock Fire
M.B.E., Firemaster, } Brigade.
William Neill, Sub-Officer, }
James Berry, Auxiliary Fireman, Greenock
Auxiliary Fire Service.

During an air raid, fire threatened a warehouse in which inflammable spirit was stored.

Alcohol, which was leaking from the seams of a large vat, was set alight. Firemaster Pratten, with Sub-Officer Neill and Auxiliary Fireman Berry waded into the spirit under the tank and eventually managed to extinguish the flames.

Several times during this extremely dangerous operation the men were cut off from the exit by the flames running back over the spirit.

Pratten, Neill and Berry showed great courage and by their efforts much valuable material was saved.

Awarded a Bar to the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Albert Edward Alcock, Head A.R.P. Warden, Coventry.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Edward Sidney Harris, }
A.R.P. Warden, } Coventry.
Jack Rees Morgans, A.R.P. }
Warden, }

During an enemy air attack a building received a direct hit and people were buried in the wreckage.

Alcock, Morgans and Harris began rescue work and tunnelled through tons of broken concrete and removed beams and

girders during their efforts to free the trapped people. A large roof, which was hanging over the place where they were working, was constantly shifting, making the conditions extremely dangerous. They worked for many hours during which time H.E. and incendiary bombs were dropped nearby.

The three men showed great devotion to duty and disregard of personal safety and were successful in extricating many victims.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

William Henry Carroll, Leader,	} A.R.P. Rescue Party, Corporation of London.
Henry Sidney Shields, Leader.	

A bomb wrecked a building and a man was trapped in the basement.

Shields and Carroll tunnelled through twenty feet of debris and, after working in conditions of extreme danger for three hours, succeeded in releasing the victim.

Both men showed courage and perseverance.

John Henry George, A.R.P. Warden, Coventry.

During an air raid an Anderson shelter received a direct hit and five people were buried. Warden George, without tools, began to dig through the debris. Heedless of his own safety, he continued working for two hours and extricated five persons. During this time H.E. bombs dropped nearby and he was affected by blast but continued with his work. He went from one incident to another, putting out fires and rescuing trapped people. Altogether he was working for more than fourteen hours without a break.

Warden George showed bravery and untiring energy.

David Gorniot, Machine Minder, "Daily Express," London.

During an air raid a time bomb fell near to a public shelter. Mr. Gorniot, with great courage and presence of mind, arranged for the evacuation of the occupants and marshalled them to safety.

He acted promptly and regardless of his own safety.

Bruce Graham, Despatch Rider, Civil Defence Service, Belfast.

During an enemy air attack telephone communications between the Report Centre and Services were put out of action. Graham maintained contact by carrying operational messages on his motor cycle, notwithstanding the fact that bombs were falling on the district and the roads were obstructed by craters and debris. Graham was several times blown off his machine by blast. On one occasion his cycle became entangled in a mesh of fallen wires and, although bombs were falling on nearby property, he disentangled his machine amid a shower of falling debris and carried on. Though exhausted from his efforts he continued to carry messages throughout the night.

Frank Hinsley, A.R.P. Messenger, Coventry.

During an air raid telephone communications were broken and Messenger Hinsley made a number of journeys from the Post to the Control Centre, a distance of three-

quarters of a mile, to deliver vital messages. Conditions became so bad that he had to leave his cycle and walk and on the last occasion was half-way on his journey when a bomb exploded and he was severely injured.

Robert McCallum, Messenger, Greenock Auxiliary Fire Service.

Messenger McCallum showed great gallantry and devotion to duty, carrying messages in the face of considerable difficulties.

Time after time McCallum's bicycles were damaged by debris or bombs, and he had to discard six machines which were not fit for further service. On one occasion he was warned that a wall might collapse. As he jumped clear the wall fell and buried his bicycle. He commandeered another machine and continued his journey. On another occasion, shortly after leaving his bicycle it was blown to bits and he delivered his message on foot. Several times he had to carry his bicycle over debris or craters, and on one occasion he was blown from the machine by blast. McCallum showed outstanding courage and devotion to duty.

Albert Edward Mecoy, Fire Watcher (Permanent Labourer), Port of London Authority.

Mecoy was one of the fire watchers at a London Dock when fires were started by incendiaries. He organised a squad and kept the fire in check until the A.F.S. could render assistance.

Later, when a shed was found to be alight Mecoy climbed through the nearest trap door on to the roof and successfully extinguished the blaze with a stirrup pump. To approach the spot he had to cross the roof in complete darkness and climb over two separating walls.

Mecoy displayed great courage and devotion to duty and prevented an extension of the fires.

Patrick Reid Meiklejohn, Auxiliary Fireman, Greenock Auxiliary Fire Service.

Auxiliary Fireman Meiklejohn was entrusted with an important message in the early stages of an air raid. During the journey he ran into a bomb crater and sustained head injuries. Although dazed and injured and suffering from shock and concussion, he insisted on continuing his journey and delivered his message. After a short rest he resumed his duties and though ordered to a First Aid Post, remained on duty throughout the raid.

Meiklejohn showed courage and performed services of great value.

Godfrey Metcalfe Phillips, A.R.P. Warden, Paddington.

A bomb demolished the greater part of a building but parts of the upper floors still held in their original positions. It was known that a number of casualties were inside and Warden Phillips burrowed his way through debris from a point on the third floor to the fourth floor where a man was trapped and seriously injured. The part of the fourth floor which still remained in position was some forty feet above ground and liable to collapse. Phillips gained access to it and succeeded in reaching the casualty. He remained with the man, comforting and supporting him, for half an hour until a Rescue Party arrived, when

the casualty was with some difficulty extricated and lowered to the ground.

Mr. Phillips gave an outstanding example of coolness, bravery and devotion to duty in most dangerous and difficult circumstances.

Edwin James Povah, Deputy Leader, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Willesden.

A high explosive bomb damaged a house and five persons were trapped inside. The only means of obtaining access was by tunnelling under a wall which was in an extremely unsafe condition.

Mr. Povah personally carried out most of this tunnelling work which took about three hours.

He displayed great determination and courage and by his efforts the five persons were rescued.

Miss Barbara May Rendell, Watchroom Attendant, Plymouth Auxiliary Fire Service.

Miss Rendell worked throughout the intensive air raids on Plymouth and, although several H.E. bombs fell nearby, she remained at her post and carried out her duties in a cool and efficient manner.

An explosion caused windows, doors and ceilings to be blown into the room in which she was working and Miss Rendell sustained injuries and was partially buried in the debris. After treatment she wished to return to her work but was not allowed to do so.

The courage, fortitude and determination displayed by this girl were outstanding.

George William Saunders, Leader, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Hackney.

Four women were trapped in the rear portion of a four-storey building which had collapsed when hit by a bomb.

Mr. Saunders tunnelled through the wreckage for about twelve feet and found the women pinned under a table. As he removed the debris, more fell on them, so he built an arch over their legs and remained inside while his men cut struts and boards to his instructions. With these he propped up the falling debris and was able to free the casualties without harm to them.

He worked for more than ten hours in a very confined space and, as the whole house was liable to collapse at any moment, refused to let any of his men relieve him.

Saunders showed coolness and courage and was responsible for saving four lives.

Henry Smith, Patrol Officer, Greenock Auxiliary Fire Service.

Patrol Officer Smith behaved with great coolness and disregard of personal danger when his sub-station was set on fire during an air raid. He was partially buried under falling debris but despite the injuries he received he continued to carry out his duties and set a magnificent example to his men.

Henry John Smith, War Reserve Constable, "N" Division, Metropolitan Police.

A bomb damaged a building, the remains of which were liable to collapse. War Reserve Constable Smith obtained a ladder, climbed to the top of it and then hauled himself on to a balcony which went round the first floor. He climbed through a window and entered a room where he found a woman buried up

to the neck in rubble. He began to dig with his hands although debris was falling and further bombs were dropped in the neighbourhood.

Smith eventually released the victim and carried her to safety.

William Norman Tudman, Section Officer, Greenock Auxiliary Fire Service.

Section Officer Tudman was in charge of a Fire Float when a bomb struck a quay, killing one of the crew and injuring another. The craft was also machine gunned. Nevertheless, with the casualties aboard, the Float was taken to its appointed post and was immediately put into action.

Tudman displayed considerable courage during the operations and was outstanding in the cool manner in which he went about his work and encouraged his men. He showed qualities of leadership which contributed in no small measure to the success of the Fire Brigade operations carried out in this raid.

Charles Baden Turner, Assistant Foreman, Port of London Authority.

During an air raid, Turner led a fire-fighting party with great courage and vigour, regardless of personal safety, and undoubtedly prevented many fires and the destruction of valuable property.

Samuel James Walker, Pier Master, Mersey Docks and Harbour Board.

Throughout the period of air raids Pier Master Walker has displayed great courage and devotion to duty.

On one occasion a bomb demolished an air raid shelter and four men were trapped under the debris. Walker at once took charge of rescue operations and two of the men were rescued alive. During the rescue work bombs fell nearby.

Charles William White, Extra Dock Gateman, Mersey Docks and Harbour Board.

As the result of a bomb explosion a crane driver was blown into a dock. White dived into the water, swam a distance of twenty feet to the man and, supporting him, reached the anchor of a ship lying at the adjacent berth. In this position White held him until a ladder was lowered down the quay wall.

During the rescue, shell splinters and a considerable amount of debris were falling and White showed courage and endurance in effecting the rescue.

COMMENDATIONS.

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

Sidney Ashton, Extra Dock Gateman, Mersey Docks and Harbour Board.

Sidney Arthur Bedlow, Deputy Officer in Charge, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Birkenhead.

Leslie Edward George Burrows, Ambulance Driver, St. John's, Ambulance Brigade, Bristol.

Ernest Clifford Smith Clarke (deceased), Boy Scout, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Charles Henry Cozens, Leader, A.R.P. Stretcher Party, Camberwell.

Jack Dabbs, A.R.P. Messenger, Southwark.

Ernest Francis Denyer, Fire Watcher (Permanent Labourer), Port of London Authority.

- Laurence Frederick Dick, Permanent Labourer, Port of London Authority.
- Ronald Dodd, A.R.P. Messenger, Coventry.
- Ernest Halliday, Auxiliary Worker, Mobile Unit, A.R.P. Casualty Service, Islington.
- Alfred Hardy, War Reserve Constable, " G " Division, Metropolitan Police.
- Harold James Hopkins, Ambulance Driver, St. John's Ambulance Brigade, Bristol.
- James William Thomas Humphreys, A.R.P. Warden, Southwark.
- Eva Mary, Mrs. Hyde, Motor Driver and Canteen Worker, Leicester Fire Service.
- Richard Lambert, Fire Watcher (Permanent Labourer), Port of London Authority.
- Isaac Levy, War Reserve Constable, " G " Division, Metropolitan Police.
- David Howard Lindsay, J.P., House Governor and Secretary, Poplar Hospital, London.
- Grace Elizabeth McConkey, M.B., B.Ch., Medical Officer in Charge, First Aid Post, Liverpool.
- Hector McDonald, Leading Fireman, Clydebank Auxiliary Fire Service.
- The Reverend Robert Edward Marsden, B.A., A.R.P. Warden, Falmouth.
- Terence Murray, Dock Master, Mersey Docks and Harbour Board.
- Miss Ellen Owen Oliver, Nurse, Mobile Unit, A.R.P. Casualty Service, Islington.
- Albert Pemberton, A.R.P. Post Warden, Bromley.
- John Alfred Phillips, War Reserve Constable, " G " Division, Metropolitan Police.
- Richard Symons Reid, Ambulance Driver, St. John's Ambulance Brigade, Bristol.
- Margaret Ada, Mrs. Restall, A.R.P. Warden, Coventry.
- William John Lawrence Roberts, A.R.P. Warden, Falmouth.
- John Ross, Member, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Birkenhead.
- Miss Olive Alice Sales, Assistant Matron, Poplar Hospital, London.
- Miss Dora Shadbolt, Driver, London Auxiliary Ambulance Service.
- Charles Frederick Smith, Fire Watcher, Camberwell.
- Herbert Arthur Timms, Fire Watcher (3rd Class Clerk), Port of London Authority.
- John Scott Tulip (deceased), Auxiliary Fireman, Newcastle-upon-Tyne Auxiliary Fire Service.
- James Wilkinson, Skilled Member, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Hackney.
- Walter Wilson, Fire Watcher (Lift Attendant), Port of London Authority.
- Miss Margaret Wood, Driver, London Auxiliary Ambulance Service.

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The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the undermentioned award and for the publication in the London Gazette of the names of the individuals shown below as having received an expression of Commendation for brave conduct.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Albert Woolgar, Foreman Erector Fitter, Fairey Aviation Company.

Mr. Woolgar displayed courage and devotion to duty in very dangerous conditions, when engaged in the maintenance and repair of aircraft.

COMMENDATIONS.

Those named below have been brought to notice for brave conduct when aircraft crashed and caught fire:—

Ralph George Buckingham, Superintendent, Oxford City Police.

Gordon James Busby, Lorry Driver, Oxford.

Geoffrey Gorham Holmes, M.B., B.Ch., Medical Officer, Mobile First Aid Unit, Bishop's Stortford.

Gavin Hamilton Livingstone, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Surgeon, Oxford.

Charles Roydon Warner, Police Constable, Oxford City Police.

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