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

John Vivian Bingay, Chief Incident Officer, Civil Defence Wardens Service, Twickenham.

Mr. Bingay has, since the beginning of the war, acted as Chief Incident Officer at Twickenham. In that capacity he has paid special attention to the problem of unexploded time bombs and has given valuable help and information to Bomb Disposal Units.

On many occasions he has worked in dangerous conditions with the Rescue Service and has shown courage and devotion to duty.

Awarded the George Medal:—

William Austin, Skilled Member, Civil Defence Rescue Service, Bermondsey.

An incendiary bomb set fire to a house, shed and Anderson shelter. Although the heat was intense, Austin ran through the lane of flames into the blazing shelter and released and brought out five persons who were trapped inside. Austin, as the result of his exertions, then collapsed.

He showed great coolness and courage and by his prompt action saved five lives.

Percy Albert Jones Green,
Police Constable,
Frederick Albert Spicer,
Police Constable,

Liverpool City
Police Force.

During an air raid a dock shed caught fire. The shed contained a cargo of army stores, including explosives. Immediately outside were railway trucks loaded with ammunition and moored alongside the quay was a motor-vessel containing a similar cargo. The fire spread rapidly towards the stores and the ship.

Constables Green and Spicer gave directions for the ship to be moored on the other side of the dock, cast off the mooring ropes and then began the gigantic task of removing ammunition and stores to a safe place.

A Police party arrived and the ammunition trucks were pushed out of the

direction of the fire, guns and gun limbers were dragged out of the shed and tins of kerosene and the ammunition were taken away on hand trucks.

During this time the area was a constant target for enemy bombers and burning debris fell all around the workers.

Constables Green and Spicer showed great courage and tenacity and by their efforts valuable stores and plant were saved.

William Alfred Leigh, Toolmaker, Liverpool.

During an air raid a house was damaged and a gas main fractured. Leigh squeezed through a small opening in the debris and, after hours of toil in the gas-laden atmosphere, succeeded in tunnelling under joists and other obstructions, freed a man and dragged him to safety.

Although suffering from the effects of the gas Leigh returned to the tunnel and endeavoured to reach others who were trapped. He worked until fatigue and gas fumes compelled him to withdraw.

Mr. Leigh showed great courage and determination without thought for his own safety.

Awarded the George Medal:—

George Ernest Wheeler, Able Seaman, Merchant Navy.

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

Thomas Morton Skelton, Police Inspector, Liverpool City Police Force.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Harry Gannaway, Police Constable,	} Liverpool City Police Force.
Sidney John Gardler, War Reserve Constable,	

During an air raid a ship in dock was hit by a bomb and caught fire. Two members of the crew were injured and Wheeler attempted to save them.

He climbed aboard the burning ship and fastened a rope to one of the men who was then hauled ashore by the police officers. Wheeler, with help, lowered the second casualty to the quay and then returned and searched the fore-castle for other victims. Stretchers were improvised from wire mattresses and both injured men were carried through a blazing dock shed to an ambulance.

The Police officers who were concerned in the rescue exposed themselves to great danger whilst getting the injured men away from the ship and through the burning shed. H.E. bombs, masonry, iron girders and burning embers were falling around the rescuers who acted with outstanding courage and coolness.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Arthur Lewis Cochrane, Superintendent,	} Civil Defence Rescue Service, Crosby.
George Allen, Skilled Man,	

A house was demolished by enemy action and a woman was trapped in the wreckage. Part of a wall remained at a dangerous angle and was liable to collapse.

Cochrane and Allen worked in a very limited space to clear the debris, partly holding up the wall with their backs. Enemy

planes were overhead, bombs were still falling nearby and the site was lit by a blazing gas main.

The men worked in these conditions for over an hour before they were able to release the casualty.

William Henry Cottier, Police Constable, Bootle Police Force.

During an air raid a house was demolished and set on fire. Constable Cottier heard a shout for help and, with his bare hands, scooped a hole in the debris. There was room for only one man to work as the flames were creeping nearer and the heat was intense. He began to pull the victim out through the hole but a large beam partly blocked the way. Cottier crawled under the beam and, with help, raised it sufficiently to release the man. As he got clear, the end of the beam, which was now ablaze, crashed into the hole.

Miss Dorothy Ann Daphne Dallimer, Assistant Supervisor, Class II, Post Office, Lowestoft.
Miss Beatrice Kate Newby, Assistant Supervisor, Class II, Post Office, Great Yarmouth.
Miss Winifred Mary Scanlan, Assistant Supervisor, Post Office, Dover.

These three Supervisors of Women Telephone Operators have, by their courage and devotion to duty, set a fine example to their staffs.

Throughout the air raids in the areas where they work, they have maintained an efficient telephone service during periods of constant danger.

Ronald William Eustace, Patrol Officer, Exeter Auxiliary Fire Service (now National Fire Service).

During an air raid a large store was set on fire and the intense heat endangered other buildings on the opposite side of the street. The walls of the burning store were in a dangerous condition and sections crashed down at intervals, the debris being thrown across the narrow road.

It was not possible with jets placed in a reasonably safe position, to obtain a sufficient force of water to protect the premises. Patrol Officer Eustace, without hesitation, took a branch-pipe and by a series of dashes through the intense heat was able to damp down the fronts of the buildings.

He showed great devotion to duty and it was mainly due to his example and leadership that much valuable property was saved.

George Jones, Deputy Post Warden,	} Civil Defence Wardens Service, Bermondsey.
Frederick Sutherland, Warden,	

As a result of enemy action a building collapsed and caught fire. Jones and Sutherland were both injured but managed to extricate themselves from the wreckage and began to search for other Wardens who were trapped.

Although a further collapse of the wreckage was likely, Sutherland tunnelled in the shifting debris until forced to leave and have his wounds dressed. He refused to be sent to hospital until sure that all the casualties had been rescued.

Jones, although suffering from the effects of shock, pulled piles of burning debris from the spot where he knew a man to be entombed. He remained on duty continuously for thirty-six hours.

Both men showed great courage and determination.

Bernard Kyte, War Reserve Constable, Manchester City Police Force.

Incendiary bombs fell on a Gas Works, damaged two of the gas holders and caused the escaping gas to ignite. Constable Kyte climbed to the top of the gas holders in turn, each a height of 45 to 50 feet from the ground and, with assistance, succeeded in stopping the escape of gas. During this time enemy planes were overhead and bombs were exploding nearby but Kyte continued to work until the flames were extinguished.

He showed courage and determination in dangerous circumstances.

Henry Lamb, Firewatcher (Temporary Clerk), Ministry of Labour Employment Exchange, Hull.

Mr. Lamb was on fire watching duty, when a neighbouring building was burnt out and a hall, used for the Women's Department of the Employment Exchange, caught fire. He helped the Auxiliary Fire Service personnel to operate a hose on the interior of the hall and at personal risk subsequently entered the premises and extinguished the fire. His action saved the Exchange building from destruction.

Vernon Harold Sellwood, Messenger, Portsmouth Auxiliary Fire Service (now National Fire Service).

During an air raid Messenger Sellwood, who is only sixteen years of age, undertook the full duties and risks of a fireman and for a period of over four hours stood unflinchingly at his post in the face of severe bombing which killed several of the Auxiliary Fire Service personnel.

Sellwood showed courage and devotion to duty.

John Henry Slater, Officer in Charge,	} Works Fire Fighting Service, Kingston-upon-Hull.
James Snitch, Member,	

Bombs which were dropped on a Works, caused fires and severed the water mains.

In order to make use of an emergency supply it was necessary to open a valve which was under a part of the building which had collapsed and was burning fiercely.

Mr. Snitch attempted to reach the valve but was compelled to withdraw owing to dense smoke and falling debris. Mr. Slater then joined him and, after clearing away a quantity of rubble, they succeeded in reaching and opening the valve, thus providing a plentiful supply of water for fire-fighting purposes.

COMMENDATIONS.

Those named below have been commended for brave conduct in Civil Defence:—

James Besford, War Reserve Constable, Bootle Police Force.

Charles Frederick Blackburn, Police Sergeant, Liverpool City Police Force.

John Carson, Police Sergeant, Liverpool City Police Force.

Stanley Percival Jones, Special Constable, Bootle Special Constabulary.

David Charles Lewis, War Reserve Constable, Liverpool City Police Force.

Thomas Joseph McCarthy, G.M., Police Constable, Bootle Police Force.

Robert Henry Metcalfe, Police Constable, Liverpool City Police Force.

Norman Morrissey, Police Constable, Liverpool City Police Force.

Thomas Roughley, Police Constable, Liverpool City Police Force.

Douglas Gordon Sandford, Messenger, Exeter Auxiliary Fire Service (now National Fire Service).

Laurence William Saville, Fireman Driver, Edmonton Fire Brigade (now National Fire Service).

Charles Mander Stanton, Works Civil Defence Control Officer, Kingston-upon-Hull.

Henry Charles Trissler, Technical Assistant, London Passenger Transport Board.

Alfred Watson, Police Sergeant, Liverpool City Police Force.

William Arthur Young, Police Constable, Liverpool City Police Force.

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