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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1.
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The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders 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:—

Awarded the George Medal:—

Stephen Robert Jeeves, Bodymaker's Assistant, Southern Railway. (Now serving as Ordinary Seaman No. JX.257401, Royal Navy.)

A large number of incendiary bombs fell on and around a railway station and inspection sheds in which were six box wagons loaded with anti-aircraft shells and bombs.

Two of the wagons caught alight causing explosions in other wagons and the flying metal made the isolation of the blazing wagons a dangerous and hazardous task.

Jeeves led an attempt to subdue the blazing trucks of exploding shells. With two volunteers he ran forward with a hose but had only gone a few paces when one of the men

fell, fatally injured by a shell fragment. Jeeves courageously carried on but was eventually forced to give up owing to the failure of the water supply. He then helped to deal with the various fires that had broken out nearby.

Jeeves showed gallant conduct and outstanding qualities of leadership in the face of extreme danger.

Fred Potter, Wagon Examiner, London and North Eastern Railway.

During an air raid incendiary bombs fell amongst valuable timber stacks and numerous fires were started.

Potter, unassisted, tried to remove a burning tarpaulin sheet from one of the stacks. The heat of the fire, however, had caused the sheet to adhere to the timber and he was unable to lift it.

There was no water available at this particular spot but, by using sandbags and ashes, Potter extinguished fires which had started in other stacks.

He then fetched four lengths of fire hose from an Auxiliary Fire Station 400 yards away and, alone, attacked another fire.

Later, high explosive bombs fell on some stables nearby. Potter removed sufficient of the debris to enable him to rescue five horses.