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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 award 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:-

Leslie Victor Stanley, Temporary Assistant Victualling Store Officer, Malta.

Edward James Rowe, Acting Departmental Higher Clerical Officer, Admiralty, Malta. (Award dated 30th October, 1942. Since deceased.)

Mr. Stanley and Mr. Rowe showed great courage and devotion to duty during heavy air raids on Malta. They applied themselves unstintingly to the work of salving valuable stores and documents and also superintended the demolition work, which was of an extremely heavy nature.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):

Joseph James Hickman, Night Telephonist and Call Office Attendant, General Post Office. During an air raid, bombs fell near a Post

Office building. Bomb splinters penetrated the switchroom, all the windows were blown out and the lighting failed. Mr. Hickman ordered his staff to the shelter to man the emergency switchboard but he remained at his post.

During this and previous raids Mr. Hickman displayed outstanding courage and devotion to duty and his conduct on all these occasions has been an inspiration to his staff.

COMMENDATIONS.

Those named below have been Commended for brave conduct in Civil Defence:-

Benjamin John Stephens, Master Miller and Baker, Admiralty, Malta.

John Young, Light-house Keeper, Half Moon Caye, Belize, British Honduras.

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The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the publication in the London Gazette of the name of the person specially shown below as having received an expression of Commendation for brave conduct when an aircraft crashed:

Ernest William Meaby, Cadet, Air Training Corps.

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