

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Ruby Olive, Mrs. Boye, Santa Cruz, British Solomon Islands Protectorate (now serving in Women's Royal Australian Naval Service).

For valuable services in maintaining communications in dangerous conditions.

Leonard Cooper, Detective Constable, Cheshire Constabulary.

John Fossey, Detective Inspector (Manchester Victoria), London, Midland and Scottish Railway Company Police.

Detective Constable Cooper was on duty at Carrington Railway Sidings with Detective Inspector Fossey keeping special watch on goods vans and wagons which were standing loaded in the sidings.

A car stopped on the bridge near the sidings, the lights of the car were extinguished and three men got out and went to a shed by the side of the railway line. A few minutes later one of the men came out of the shed carrying flour flitches of bacon and went towards the car. One of the officers shone a torch and the man dropped the bacon and ran back to the shed to warn his companions. The police officers ran after him and as they entered the shed Cooper flashed a light and shouted that they were the police. The man whom they had followed into the shed was seen to be pointing a double-barrel shotgun at the policemen and the other two men were handling a case of lard. The officers closed in and one of the men shouted to the one with the gun to shoot, but the officers managed to knock the gun from his hand before he could fire. There was a struggle and two of the men escaped across the railway. They were followed by railway policemen and the third man was chased by Cooper and Fossey and, after a struggle, was caught and arrested. The other two men were arrested later. The gun was found to be loaded with two cartridges and the hammers were cocked.

Cooper and Fossey showed bravery and devotion to duty in the manner in which they effected the arrest of the three armed miscreants.

William Henry May, Groundsman, Sandhurst.
Frederick Harry Smith, Warden, Civil Defence Wardens Service, Sandhurst.

An aircraft crashed and burst into flames. Smith, May and an airman rushed to the scene although the machine was blazing so intensely that any attempt at rescue seemed hopeless.

One of the bombs carried by the plane exploded as they approached and enveloped the airman in flames. Smith, who had been thrown and burnt by the explosion succeeded, after a struggle, in stifling the flames and May then helped him to carry the victim to safety.

Smith and May showed courage in conditions of imminent danger, and before the bomb exploded made every effort to reach the occupants of the machine.

COMMENDATIONS.

Those named below have been Commended for brave conduct.

When aircraft crashed and caught fire:—

Mary Ethel, Mrs. Baldwin, Milk Roundswoman, Ashdon, Nr. Saffron Walden.

Eva, Mrs. Butters, Housewife, Sandhurst, Berkshire.

Leveson, William Goswell, Bricklayer, Little Sandhurst, Berkshire.

Mabel, Mrs. Goswell, Housewife, Little Sandhurst, Berkshire.

Francis Peabody, Butcher, Bracknell, Berkshire.

Leonard Arthur Williams, Electrician, Little Sandhurst, Berkshire.

When attempting to arrest armed miscreants:—

Arthur Ambrose Warrington, M.M., Police Constable (Manchester Central), London, Midland and Scottish Railway Company Police.

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

St. James's Palace, S.W.1.

25th July, 1944.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the undermentioned awards 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:—

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Ezekiel George Anthony, Station Foreman, London County Council Heavy Rescue Service.

A bomb completely demolished a dwelling house and a woman and a boy were trapped in the basement. The whole of the upper floors had collapsed leaving a gap of one foot between the basement floor and the debris. The adjoining party walls and chimney stacks were in a dangerous condition and further collapse of the debris appeared likely. Anthony, after removing some of the debris and constructing temporary shoring to hold back the remainder, worked his way into the gap for a distance of 14 feet and found the casualties alive. They were trapped by a table with the whole of the wreckage from the house piled on top. Working in this opening Anthony managed to release the woman. A rope was then tied around his feet and he was dragged out with the woman hanging on to him. Whilst she was receiving attention Anthony carried out the rescue of the boy in the same manner, the whole operation taking about three-quarters of an hour. Immediately after the child was brought out the floor and debris collapsed completely.

Anthony showed courage and devotion to duty without regard for his own safety.

Jonah Williams, Temporary Sergeant, Portsmouth City Police.

A bomb fell on a dwelling-house and demolished the whole building. A man and his wife were trapped in a room, the ceiling of which had collapsed under several tons of debris that had fallen and was resting at a distance of two feet six inches from the floor. After breaking away portions of the collapsed ceiling with his hands, Sergeant Williams extricated the man from his trapped position and assisted him clear of the building. The Sergeant then re-entered the building and, in