

When apprehending an armed man:—

Thomas Dennison, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

When stopping runaway horses:—

Edward Francis Warren, M.M., Constable, "M" Division, Metropolitan Police.

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD,

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

*9th January, 1945.*

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 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:—*

Miss Madeline Annetta Crowther, Matron, Royal Victoria Hospital, Folkestone.

The hospital received a direct hit from a shell fired by the enemy across the Channel. At the time Miss Crowther was on a tour of the Nurses' Home and she was blown down the stairs by the blast. Although suffering from shock, she immediately went to the sitting-room and found that the nurses could not be got out without assistance. Miss Crowther helped in the rescue and made the necessary arrangements for staff to be available for duty.

Miss Crowther showed courage and devotion to duty. She exercised a calming influence and set an outstanding example.

Una Mary Mulvany, M.B., B.S. (Mrs. Swanston), Medical Officer in charge of First Aid Post, Civil Defence Casualty Service, Southsea.

Dr. Mulvany has been on duty during every heavy raid and has always been on her way to duty within seconds of the first bomb falling, never waiting to be called. By her unflinching courage and complete disregard of danger she has set a wonderful example and her kindness and cheerfulness have given great comfort to many.

On one occasion when a building received a direct hit Dr. Mulvaney immediately went to the scene. She worked her way through the debris to reach three people who were trapped in the cellar and administered morphia to them. Although she must have known that there was imminent danger of the place collapsing, she remained with them for nearly two hours.

Tertius Thomas Bryce Wood, M.B., Ch.B., Officer-in-Charge of Mobile Unit, Civil Defence Casualty Service, Watford.

A flying bomb damaged houses and people were trapped. During the early stages of the rescue work walls were still collapsing and

fires were burning. Dr. Wood took risks on many occasions in order to administer morphia to the injured trapped in the debris. His cheerful leadership and devoted service were an inspiration to the other rescue workers, and his efforts not only contributed materially to the saving of life but were a real source of encouragement to the trapped persons.

*Awarded the George Medal:—*

William John Mason, Leading Fireman, No. 36 (London) Area, National Fire Service.

Albert Edward Wright, Fireman, No. 36 (London) Area, National Fire Service.

A flying bomb demolished business premises and thirteen women were trapped by the collapse of the floors and reinforced staircase. Mason, assisted by Wright, tunnelled with bare hands vertically from the ground floor to the basement, a depth of 10 feet. A horizontal tunnel, 8 feet in length, was also made and six women were passed out through these tunnels. One woman, however, was found in an extremely difficult position hanging downwards by her legs. Whilst Mason supported her weight, Wright used his body to support the falling masonry in an endeavour to prevent a heavy fall of debris. An escape of coal gas during the whole of the rescue operations rendered the work of the rescuers more difficult. The two men continued their efforts and did not withdraw until the job had been completed. At no time did they give any thought to their own safety. As soon as they reached the open air, both men collapsed and were removed to hospital suffering from the effects of coal gas poisoning.

The courageous efforts of Mason and Wright undoubtedly eased the pain of several of the victims and also assisted in the saving of several lives.

*Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—*

George Edward Chatwin, Gas Fitter, The Dover Gas Company.

A shell from the German long range guns demolished a building and people were trapped. The debris caught fire and escaping coal gas made rescue work almost impossible.

Chatwin broke through the party wall, tunnelled through the debris in the cellar of the demolished building, finally getting to the supply pipe which he cut and sealed off, thus enabling the N.F.S. to subdue the fire and rescue work to proceed. During this time the shell warning was still in operation.

Chatwin showed courage without thought for his own safety.

Alan Richard Taylor, Orderly, Friends' Ambulance Unit.

A flying bomb exploded on a hospital and immediately a fire broke out. A team was formed to remove oxygen and nitrous oxide cylinders from the store room in the dispensary to a place of safety and Taylor rendered valuable assistance in dealing with this task which was becoming increasingly dangerous as the fire gained hold. His courageous efforts contributed largely to the safe removal of all the cylinders.