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28th April, 1953.

The QUEEN 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 those specially shown below as having received an expression of Commendation for services during the recent floods in the Eastern Counties.

To be Additional Members of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire :—

Miss Helen BARCLAY, County Officer, Grade I, Norfolk Branch, British Red Cross Society. (Wiveton, Norfolk.)

Miss Barclay set out to rescue two old people who were trapped in a house at Wiveton, which was flooded to a depth of four feet. There was great danger from the morning tide and the possibility of further breaks in the banks. Two ambulance men and another helper joined her and led by Miss Barclay they climbed down a steep cliff and entered the house which was in total darkness. By torch light they waded through the lower rooms which were strewn with wreckage and very unsafe. Eventually Miss Barclay got the old people on to stretchers and with the help of the ambulance men and by using tables and furniture as stepping stones she brought them across the water and up the steep bank to safety. The journey was extremely difficult and dangerous and it was due to Miss Barclay's courage and initiative that the lives of the two old people were saved.

Laurence Fredrick FILLENHAM, Chief Engineer, Middle Level Commissioners, March, Cambridgeshire.

When the sea broke through at Sutton-on-Sea, Fillenham immediately carried out an inspection of the sea defences. He realised the extreme gravity of the situation and decided that rescue operations should be started without delay. He thereupon waded from Sutton-on-Sea, through water about four feet deep for more than two miles. There were ditches on either side of the road into which he might easily have fallen and many other obstacles.

Fillenham reported the situation to a Police Inspector and returned to Sutton-on-Sea in an Army lorry which he guided through the floods. He continued to guide this lorry into and out of Sutton as long as it was possible and personally rescued a number of people from their flooded houses. He remained in the town until rescue work was properly organised and in full operation, by which time he was completely exhausted.

Fillenham did not spare himself in his efforts to bring relief to the residents of Sutton-on-Sea and throughout the rescue showed no thought for his own safety.

Douglas Harold RAYNER, Farmer, North Shoebury, Essex.

Mr. Rayner set out for Foulness Island in a small boat. Finding a punt, fitted with a winch, lodged in a tree, he floated the punt and transferred to it. He then rescued 31 people from the Island and led a rescue party which made repeated journeys to and from the Island rescuing others. He organised the collection of cattle into groups and arranged for feeding and watering until they were rescued and brought back to the mainland. Through his leadership the party succeeded in rescuing 1,325 head of livestock.

Throughout the period of rescue Rayner showed courage and initiative. By his example and leadership he inspired the rescue party in their splendid work.

Awarded the George Medal:—

Leonard Charles DEPTFORD, Constable, Lincolnshire Constabulary. (Chapel St. Leonards, Lincolnshire.)

The sea defences on the Lincolnshire coast were breached in several places and serious flooding occurred. Constable Deptford made his way to some flooded bungalows and searched one which had collapsed into the sea. He then made a most hazardous journey across the remains of the sea bank and sandhills to a two-storey house where seven persons, mostly elderly, were sheltering in the upstairs rooms. Part of the house had disintegrated and the foundations were in a precarious state. Constable Deptford took command of the situation and organised an immediate evacuation. He roped the party together and urged them forward whilst mountainous waves broke through the gaps. He inspired the party by his cheerful determination and competent handling of the desperate situation and eventually all reached safety. Deptford made another attempt to cross the broken sea bank but was forced back by the strong tide. The Constable then returned to the police station and set out to rescue an aged couple and their daughter who were marooned in a bungalow. The elderly couple were both bedridden and, as no boats were available, Deptford borrowed six 40 gallon tanks, roped them together and removed the couple on stretchers on top of this improvised raft. The Constable managed to reach another bungalow in which several elderly people were sheltering and guided this party to safety over the sea bank and along the beach to the village. Mud and flood water had to be traversed in the strong gale which was still blowing and at intervals Deptford carried two infirm members of the party over the worst parts of the route. He continued with rescue work throughout the next 24 hours.

Constable Deptford displayed gallantry of an exceptionally high order in crossing the broken sea wall at the height of a very strong gale, and in the face of mountainous seas, and successfully led a most hazardous enterprise.

Charles LEWIS, Inspector, Lincolnshire Constabulary. (Mablethorpe, Lincolnshire.)

When the neighbouring sea bank gave way the Police Station premises at Mablethorpe were soon surrounded by water several feet deep. All services were put out of action and the road outside was impassable owing to the flood water. Hearing cries for help Inspector Lewis opened a window and climbed out. The water was rushing by in a torrent carrying with it railings, parts of sheds and boxes. The gale lashed the water into waves which came up to the Inspector's neck but he reached the garage drive where an elderly man and his wife were in danger of drowning. The Inspector managed to get the woman on to his shoulders, and struggled

across the street and found shelter for the two old people in the upstairs room of a house. Before re-crossing the street he had to dive under water to pass lengths of railings which had been washed into the entrance of the house. Inspector Lewis obtained a lorry and set out for Sutton-on-Sea, where much of the promenade and the sea defences had been carried away. The main street was covered in sand and water to a depth of from two to eight feet and about 100 people had taken refuge in the cinema. The Inspector organised the evacuation of these and of old people and others from houses and bungalows. He then went on to Trusthorpe where some old people were in danger of drowning in bungalows, the approach to which was very difficult and hazardous. The attempt was made, however, and the Inspector rescued a man and three women from three bungalows and a man and two women from two cottages. The water was nearly up to his neck and at one stage he went under through stepping into a dyke.

Inspector Lewis returned to Mablethorpe and continued with the evacuation of the inhabitants until 11.30 p.m. on Monday, 2nd February, when he went off duty, having been continuously engaged for 54 hours, for 26 of which he was constantly in and out of ice cold water.

Frederick William SADD, Leading Fireman, Great Yarmouth Fire Brigade. (Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk.)

Leading Fireman Sadd was in charge of a fire appliance which attended a fire call to Gorleston where a small estate consisting of 16 prefabricated bungalows and some 30 two-storey houses was completely flooded to a depth of more than 5 feet. Sadd, seeing there were several people trapped in the bungalows and houses, and hearing their cries for help, instructed a fisherman to collect a boat and report back to him with it. Meanwhile, as something approaching panic was reigning in most of the flooded buildings, Leading Fireman Sadd, accompanied by two members of his crew, started to wade to the bungalows. The water, however, soon proved to be too deep for his companions and Sadd, realising that they were unlikely to survive, ordered them back and continued alone. The level of the water was still rising, a very severe gale was blowing, it was pitch dark and the surface of the water was exceedingly rough. At times Sadd was completely submerged but he alternately waded and swam his way from house to house, reassuring the occupants and promising them that he would return with a boat to rescue them. He then made his way back to the high ground where the fisherman had returned with a boat. No oars were available but Sadd refused to abandon the attempt and by wading, and at times swimming, either pulling or pushing the boat in the direction it was desired to take, visited each of the bungalows, rescuing the persons found in them. In almost every case it was impossible to take the boat close up to the bungalows, and Sadd had therefore to carry each person in turn from bungalow to boat. The water was exceedingly cold

and the conditions atrocious, but although suffering severely, Sadd persisted in his efforts.

After rescuing 5 adults and 5 children in this manner, Sadd collapsed, was given first aid treatment and sent back to his Station. A short while after, he responded to another call where, under similar conditions, he personally rescued a further 6 adults and 9 children from the houses on the estate.

Throughout the entire proceedings, Leading Fireman Sadd showed courage of the highest order, with little or no regard for his own personal safety.

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

John Edward BARLOW, Leading Fireman, Ipswich Fire Brigade. (Beccles, Suffolk.)

Leading Fireman Barlow answered a call for assistance in dealing with flooded premises in South Lowestoft. The situation was serious owing to the depth of the water and his first efforts were directed towards allaying the fears of the residents. Whilst passing from house to house Barlow saw the floating body of a man. With no thought for his personal safety, Barlow immediately waded further into the swirling water until he was immersed to his neck. He reached the body but had great difficulty in maintaining his foothold whilst supporting the unconscious man owing to the turbulence of the water and to his heavy fire service clothes and knee boots which hampered his movements and made swimming impossible. He managed, however, to cling to a nearby lamp-post and eventually, with the assistance of residents, the man was taken into a house where Fireman Barlow applied artificial respiration. After some time breathing recommenced and the man regained consciousness.

Although soaked to the skin and suffering from the bitter cold Barlow insisted upon continuing with rescue work for a further four hours.

Joseph BATCHELOR, Special Constable, Essex Constabulary. (Clacton-on-Sea, Essex.)

Special Constable Batchelor reported for duty at Jaywick in the early hours of the morning, and throughout the day he helped to man the boats and assist in the rescue operations. On many occasions he carried survivors to waiting ambulances through the water, which was chest deep.

He continued to carry out rescue work under appalling conditions until sent to hospital for treatment.

George William BAUMBER, Constable, Great Yarmouth County Borough Police Force.

Constable Baumber was on motor patrol duty when he was informed that persons were trapped by flood water in a caravan enclosure near the River Yare. He immediately left the car about 20 yards from flood water, took off his uniform and entered the water. The strong current washed him off his feet but he was able to wade to the enclosure by making use of shelter afforded by buildings and walls. He found caravans surrounded by water nearly 5 feet deep and still rising. At the first van the Constable

helped a woman on to the roof. He tried to open the door of another caravan but a stack of wood logs collapsed and as he was in danger of being crushed or severely injured he climbed to the roof, broke a window and entered by that means. He waded out of the water, returned with a ladder and attempted to construct a raft but, largely owing to numbness due to the intense cold, was unsuccessful. A boat was then obtained and he helped to rescue persons who had sought temporary safety on roofs nearby.

Vera, Mrs. BECKERTON, Housewife, King's Lynn, Norfolk.

On the night of the flood Mrs. Beckerton, with her three adopted children and two children of a neighbour, was in her bungalow when the sea came over the sea wall. Water broke into the bungalow and the family moved into the kitchen. Mrs. Beckerton, seeing their boat was about to drift away, went outside in water waist deep and helped to secure it with two sheets knotted together. She then got the children into the boat. By this time the water was up to her neck and she and her husband hung on to the boat for nearly two hours to keep it close to the wall. In that position she retained her hold, often alone, while her husband cleared the boat of articles which were washed in. When the tide started to go down the water heaved them on to a ledge of shingle. Mrs. Beckerton found some blankets in a shed and wrapped the children in them. They then climbed on to the roof of a nearby building from which they were rescued some hours later.

During this terrifying ordeal lasting nearly eight hours, Mrs. Beckerton showed courage, coolness and determination.

Henry William Thomas BRADFORD, General Foreman, Felixstowe Urban District Council.

At the time of the flood, Bradford was engaged inland but he immediately returned to Felixstowe and went to the area which appeared to be the worst flooded. There he tried to wade and swim out to a bungalow to rescue people who were in danger of drowning but fences and other obstructions prevented him. He then arranged for rowing boats to be brought to the area and was responsible for rescuing at least a dozen people. Bradford's actions were attended with considerable risk and he showed great determination in very difficult conditions.

John Geoffrey BRAY, Sergeant, Lincolnshire Constabulary. (Mablethorpe, Lincolnshire.)

Sergeant Bray received a message that the sea had broken through the defences at Sandilands. He went to the spot where the water was flowing strongly along the road. The Sergeant tried to reach an elderly lady in a bungalow below the sea bank but he was unable to force his way against the current which was carrying along quantities of debris.

He managed to reach another house where he helped a man to his bedroom. On coming down a few minutes later he found that water to the depth of about 5 feet was flowing strongly carrying with it sea defence material, garden sheds, beach huts and other

heavy debris. It was no longer possible to leave the house on foot. The Sergeant waited until 1.30 a.m. by which time the water had receded to some extent, and he was able to climb out of a window and reach a Hotel where there was less than a foot of water and where most of the local residents had assembled. He then decided to visit the houses of the residents who had not been accounted for and went to a house, which had been half demolished by the sea, from a bedroom in which he rescued an elderly man and his wife and took them to the Hotel.

Sergeant Bray was completely out of touch with his senior officers, but he continued to use his initiative and to work without ceasing for 46 hours until the worst of the danger had passed.

He had been wet through the whole time and the icy wind had served to intensify the cold.

Gerald BUNNEY, Sergeant, Norfolk Constabulary. (Dersingham, Norfolk.)

Sergeant Bunney attempted to gain access by a back way to Snettisham beach along the agricultural road at Dersingham. When he was within about a mile of the sea he saw torrential flood water rushing inland. He turned and raced the floods back to Dersingham to warn the local inhabitants. He then went to Snettisham where he took charge of the rescue operations. He organised a rescue party and at the head of a rope life line penetrated into the surging flood waters which at times came up to the necks of the rescuers. The current was so strong that only very slow progress could be made and after three quarters of a mile the rescue team split up. Sergeant Bunney led a party to a house which was flooded to the first floor and rescued 18 persons. During this rescue one of the rescuers, who was carrying a child, was attacked with cramp and fell in the water. Sergeant Bunney immediately helped him and both the man and the child were safely brought to dry land. Bunney continued rescue work throughout the night and during the next day.

William Victor BURRELL, Fisherman, Aldeburgh, Suffolk.

Soldiers were employed on the repairs to the river wall at Aldeburgh. Under the supervision of Burrell the soldiers were transported across the breach in several small boats, manned by experienced fishermen of Aldeburgh. Owing to the rush of water it was necessary for each boat load to make a large detour around the breach to avoid being swept through by the current. Some 60 men had been transported in good order and the whole operation was working smoothly, when two boats capsized. The soldiers and fishermen were thrown into the water and carried away by the tide. Burrell realised the danger and the need of quick action and immediately took complete charge of all the soldiers on the west side of the gap. Under his instructions they manhandled a boat over the wall, through the mud, and launched it in the river where he and another fisherman manned it. The boat was rowed rapidly to the men in the water who were being carried downstream

by the fast tide. One of the fishermen had already perished in the water and Burrell hurried on to the aid of the remaining four men who were pulled into his boat and eventually landed and taken to hospital. The whole incident was quickly over but there is no doubt that the four men who were rescued owe their lives to Burrell's speed of thought, action and courage. His quick presence of mind and subsequent actions were carried out with the greatest possible speed when each second was vital.

Basil William ELSDEN, Divisional Officer, St. John Ambulance Brigade, Holt, Norfolk.

The villages of Cley, Salthouse and Wiveton were suddenly invaded by sea floods. Communications were cut and trees blocked roads. The St. John Ambulance Brigade, Holt Unit, carried out house to house checks of flooded properties in Cley and Salthouse. At Salthouse the houses adjoining the main road received the full tidal force and were in danger of collapse. Divisional Officer Elsdén led the rescue of two women who had taken refuge on the first floor of one of the houses when the stairs were washed away. The strength of the gale and the absence of any artificial light greatly hampered the work but Elsdén's immediate action and determined demeanour in this and other instances proved invaluable.

Sidney William LANCASTER, Sub-Officer, Stalham Fire Brigade.

The Stalham Fire Brigade with Sub-Officer Lancaster in charge was called to Sea Palling where the water was running at a terrific pace and far too deep for the use of the pumping appliance. A large number of persons had been cut off when the sea broke through the sand dunes and were signalling for assistance. Lancaster obtained a boat and immediately commenced rescue work. Throughout the night, at times almost completely immersed in the water, he worked on, until he was finally overcome by exhaustion and extreme cold. The conditions were deplorable with the tide running strongly, high winds and the whole area littered with all types of floating debris.

Sub-Officer Lancaster's leadership and initiative were responsible in the main for the initiation of rescue efforts and his courage and resourcefulness were outstanding.

Frederick James MAYHEW, Inshore Fisherman, Southwold, Suffolk.

During the first night of the floods, Mayhew was responsible for saving the lives of two women, a baby and three men. This involved making two trips in a small rowing boat across flooded marshes under very hazardous conditions. Each trip was fraught with considerable danger as the boat had to be navigated in the dark across an area interspersed with submerged fences and walls which could easily have holed and sunk the boat. Gale conditions whipped up the water and the rescue called for a high degree of gallantry and skill.

Francis Joseph MIDGLEY, Constable, Lincolnshire Constabulary. (Mablethorpe, Lincolnshire.)

Constable Midgley was off duty and at his home when the water came over the sea

defences at Sandilands, Sutton-on-Sea. The water rose rapidly and he waded into the street to bring three people into the safety of his own house. He then waded out again and rescued two elderly women who were struggling in the water. He saw a man and woman struggling chest deep in water and with difficulty managed to reach them and was taking them along his garden path when the water washed them bodily into a deep hole which had been scoured out by the flood. The man and his wife were submerged up to their necks. Constable Midgley retained hold of them but the force of the water washed the man's feet from under him and he floated away. Constable Midgley managed, however, to get hold of him and after a struggle the three persons reached the comparative safety of the garden path.

At 11 p.m. the water receded somewhat and Constable Midgley waded out of the house to assist with the evacuation.

Henry Ernest NOBBS, Police Constable, Norfolk Constabulary. (Snettisham, Norfolk.)

Constable Nobbs helped to organise a rope line and entered the flood waters to rescue a man who was clinging to a telegraph pole some distance away. Owing to the terrific current, and waves whipped up by the severe gale which was blowing, only slow progress could be made from telegraph pole to telegraph pole. At each pole the line was made fast to steady the men on the rope and allow further penetration into the flood and also to leave a life line back to safety. One man was found in an exhausted condition. Nobbs left the rope and grabbed this man and brought him to safety. The flood water at this point was very strong and high and but for this immediate rescue the man would have been drowned in a very short time. Later Constable Nobbs led a team into a Holiday Camp and rescued three persons who had been sitting in the rafters.

Reginald F. PARTRIDGE, Bird Sanctuary Warden, Orford, Suffolk.

The R.A.F. Research station at Orfordness was submerged by the sea, leaving two Air Ministry Police Constables clinging to a roof top. A party set out with two motor boats and two rowing boats in an attempt to rescue them. To reach the two men it was necessary to travel down-stream for a considerable distance and pass through much floating debris. While still a quarter of a mile from the Station the propellers fouled. Partridge thereupon took a rowing boat and rowed 200 yards up Stoney Creek, rescued the two men and brought them back. The rescue took over two hours in extremely rough water and with a gale blowing.

Gilbert PAUL, Joiner, Chapel St. Leonards, Lincolnshire.

The sea defences on the Lincolnshire coast were breached in several places and serious flooding occurred. It was impossible to launch a boat and Paul, as a member of a rescue party, reached a bungalow and working in four feet of water, helped to rescue the occupants and take them to a place of safety. He then set out for a

bungalow, part of which had collapsed into the sea. He searched it thoroughly but found no one and then made a most hazardous journey across the remains of the sea bank and sandhills to a house where seven persons, mostly elderly, were sheltering in the upstairs rooms. An immediate evacuation was organised and eventually the party reached the comparative safety of the inner marsh. Paul and two other men, all roped together, then made a second attempt to cross the broken sea bank to reach another house but the sea bank collapsed and they were obliged to abandon the attempt. After a rough journey back to the assembly point Paul waded and walked to a house and took the family to safety along the beach and over the sandhills.

Paul displayed courage and fortitude of a very high order.

Frank SMITH, Harbour Master, Wells-next-the-Sea, Norfolk.

Smith organised the rescue of a Chief Coastguard from the Coastguard Look-out Post on Wells Beach. He exhibited great courage and bravery and outstanding seamanship in getting a small rowing boat through the torrents of water pouring through three gaps, made worse by the gale.

Stanley Scott WOOD, Pumpman, Vacuum Oil Company, Ltd., Coryton Refinery. (Basilton, Essex.)

Wood was on night duty on the Water-intake Structure which is about 100 feet out in the Thames. At 1 a.m. all lights and power failed and his situation was extremely dangerous. Unaided, and in very bad conditions, he succeeded in getting an emergency lighting system started, thus giving guidance to river traffic. He remained without any thought for his own safety until he had taken every possible action to ensure the safety of the apparatus.

QUEEN'S COMMENDATIONS FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

Frederick Ieuan ASHTON, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Medical Practitioner, Sutton-on-Sea, Lincolnshire.

John Charles COOKE, Constable, Lincolnshire Constabulary. (Sleaford, Lincolnshire.)

Leonard KEENE, Protection Officer, Eastern Fisheries Board, Mablethorpe, Lincolnshire.

Dennis Clifford NEEDHAM, Constable, Lincolnshire Constabulary. (Wragby, Lincolnshire.)

Arthur TROUT, Sergeant, Lincolnshire Constabulary. (Wragby, Lincolnshire.)

Robert TURNER, Assistant Teacher, Harold Street School, Grimsby. (Theddlethorpe St. Helens, Lincolnshire.)

Charles William WALKER, Constable, Lincolnshire Constabulary. (Gainsborough, Lincolnshire.)

For rescuing people trapped by the floods at Sutton-on-Sea, Lincolnshire.

Miss Kathleen BLOMFIELD, Commandant, No. 28 Norfolk Detachment, British Red Cross Society. (Watton, Norfolk.)

John Thomas BRIGGS, Divisional Superintendent, St. John Ambulance Brigade, Holt, Norfolk.

For services to persons stranded in flooded houses at Cley, Norfolk.

- Douglas Arthur BOND, Constable, Lincolnshire Constabulary. (Mablethorpe, Lincolnshire.)
- George Charles RAWSON, Constable, Lincolnshire Constabulary. (Spilsby, Lincolnshire.)
- William Henry RUSSELL, Fireman, Lincolnshire Fire Brigade. (Mablethorpe, Lincolnshire.)
- For rescuing people trapped by the floods at Mablethorpe, Lincolnshire.)
- Albert Victor BRINKLEY, Ferry Boat Pilot, Orford, Suffolk.
- For rescuing two men from drowning at Orfordness, Suffolk.
- John Joseph BULLINAIRE, Turbine Driver, Littlebrook Power Station, British Electricity Authority. (Dartford.)
- Edwin Granville BUTLER, Turbine Driver, Littlebrook Power Station, British Electricity Authority. (Eltham, S.E.9.)
- Frederick GREGORY, Acting Charge Engineer, Littlebrook Power Station, British Electricity Authority. (Dartford.)
- For services when the Littlebrook Power Station was flooded.
- Lieutenant-Colonel Basil CAREY, O.B.E., Raymonds Farm, Canewdon, Essex.
- For rescuing people and livestock trapped by the floods at Wallasea, Essex.
- Frederick Arthur Frank CHAMBERS, Station Officer, Kent Fire Brigade. (Gravesend.)
- For services when a fire broke out in a flooded Firework Factory at Dartford, Kent.
- Arthur COOK, Sea Palling, Norfolk.
- For services to persons in flooded houses at Sea Palling, Norfolk.
- James George Thomas CROOKS, Works Foreman, Lowestoft Gas Works, Eastern Gas Board. (Lowestoft.)
- For ensuring the safety of the gas making plant at Lowestoft.
- Noel Edward DONNE, Constable, Norfolk Constabulary. (King's Lynn.)
- Raymond Yorick SKERRITT, Constable, Norfolk Constabulary. (King's Lynn.)
- For rescuing people trapped by the floods at King's Lynn, Norfolk.
- Leslie George DUNNETT, Sergeant, East Suffolk County Constabulary. (Felixstowe.)
- Edward NEWSON, Boatman, Felixstowe.
- Jack NEWSON, Boatman, Felixstowe.
- William SPURLING, Ganger, Felixstowe Urban District Council.
- For rescuing people trapped by the floods at Felixstowe, Suffolk.
- Olive Daisy, Mrs. DURRELL, Member of the Centre Staff, Women's Voluntary Services, Chelmsford. (Ingatestone, Essex.)
- For services to persons trapped by floods on Canvey Island.
- Frederick ELLENDER, Labourer, Wells Urban District Council.
- George JAY, Labourer, Wells Urban District Council.
- For rescuing a man trapped by the floods at Wells, Norfolk.
- John Frederick FLEMING, Station Officer, Hunstanton Fire Brigade.
- Arthur Bertram MASON, Garage Proprietor, Sea Palling, Norfolk.
- Geoffrey William SEARLE, Camping Site Proprietor, Hunstanton, Norfolk.
- William Douglas STONEY, Entertainments Officer, Hunstanton Urban District Council.
- For rescuing people trapped by the floods at Hunstanton, Norfolk.
- Donald Percival HARMER, Constable, Essex Constabulary. (Clacton-on-Sea.)
- For rescuing people trapped by floods at Jaywick, Essex.
- John William HOLLING, Second Assistant Engineer, Eastern Electricity Board, Tilbury. (Grays, Essex.)
- For ensuring the safety of the high voltage apparatus at Tilbury.
- Charles William HORTON, Sub-Officer, Kent Fire Brigade. (Herne Bay.)
- For services when fighting fires in flooded buildings at Herne Bay, Kent.
- Lewis William REEVE, Constable, East Suffolk County Constabulary. (Wherstead, Suffolk.)
- Peter SEGERS, Coppersmith, Wherstead, Suffolk.
- For rescuing people trapped by floods at Wherstead, Suffolk.
- Jack Edward ROACH, Fireman, Suffolk and Ipswich Fire Brigade. (Lowestoft.)
- For rescuing a man from drowning at Lowestoft.
- Frederick SAGE, Telephone Operator, Coryton Refinery, Vacuum Oil Company Ltd. (Southend-on-Sea.)
- For operating an emergency telephone system.
- Charles Thomas SKIPPER, Sub-Station Attendant, Eastern Electricity Board, King's Lynn.
- For ensuring the safety of the high voltage apparatus at King's Lynn, Norfolk.
- Ronald Mons SMITH, Reeler Assistant, Empire Paper Mills, Greenhithe, Kent. (Swanscombe, Kent.)
- For services to persons at Greenhithe stranded in a flooded house.
- Arthur William STANNARD, Merchant Seaman, Southwold, Suffolk.
- For helping to rescue the occupants of a flooded bungalow at Southwold, Suffolk.
- Sidney THOMSETT, Farmer, Dartford, Kent.
- For rescuing livestock from drowning at Dartford.
- Arthur Stanley TILLOT, Sub-Officer, Lincolnshire Fire Brigade. (Skegness.)
- For rescuing people trapped by floods at Goldmells Point, Lincolnshire.

Frank Edgar WESTOBY, Assistant Engineer,
Eastern Electricity Board, Southend Area.
(Leigh-on-Sea.)

For maintaining electricity supplies in the
Southend district.

Joseph William WITHERDEN, Sub-Officer, Kent
Fire Brigade. (Cliffe, Kent.)

For rescuing people trapped by the floods
at Cliffe, Kent.

QUEEN'S COMMENDATION FOR
VALUABLE SERVICE IN THE AIR.

John Archibald CAMERON, Junior Captain,
Helicopter Unit, British European Airways.
(Crawley, Sussex.)

For service during the floods in Eastern
England.

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A number of awards for good service during
the floods will be announced in the Coronation
Honours list on 1st June.

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