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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 and for the publication in the London Gazette of the names of the persons shown below as having received an expression of Commendation for their brave conduct in Civil Defence.

Awarded the George Medal:—

Sidney Charles Farmer, Chief Assistant Food Executive Officer, Ministry of Food (Southampton Food Office).

During a heavy raid on Southampton Mr. Farmer saw that the back wing of a building was completely ablaze. Owing to the heavy calls upon the Fire Brigade it was only possible for them to keep one hose in action there and the firemen working it concentrated upon the back wing. This part of the building was connected to the front by means of a narrow corridor.

The fire was gradually getting hold of this communicating passage, and the steps of the short staircase at the far end were

ablaze. Mr. Farmer realised that, unless this could be stopped the front wing would ultimately catch fire. He obtained a stirrup pump, took up his place on a landing, and played a jet of water upon the staircase. Very shortly his position became dangerous owing to blazing material falling from the roof above. In order to keep his position it was necessary to cut away this roof, and this he did with an axe and a crowbar.

It was then possible for him again to attack the fire in the corridor and eventually he succeeded in subduing the flames. During this time fire broke out behind him on the landing, but this also was checked by means of the stirrup pump.

Sidney Roy Goodwin, A.R.P. Stretcher Bearer, Tottenham.

Stretcher Bearer S. R. Goodwin has rendered invaluable work on a number of occasions in rescuing casualties during air raids.

To reach one casualty he crawled through a passage under debris for ten feet, and found a person sheltering in a corner behind a door, then crawled backwards, bringing