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### CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1.  
14th March, 1941.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the undermentioned appointment to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, for the following awards of the George Medal and the Medal of the said Most Excellent Order, 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 an Additional Member of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:—*

Sydney Lawrence, Superintendent, Salford Police Force.

...When the city of Salford suffered heavy and sustained attack from enemy aircraft, Superintendent Lawrence showed outstanding zeal, efficiency and devotion to duty.

He was indefatigable in his efforts to cope with the various incidents and at no time did the situation get out of hand. By his personal example of grit, coolness and cheerfulness, he did much to minimise the effects of the raid.

He organised voluntary fire parties and successfully effected the evacuation of members of the public from areas affected by unexploded time bombs and serious fires.

Superintendent Lawrence performed his duties in particularly difficult circumstances and was at all times an inspiring leader.

*Awarded the George Medal:—*

Harry Brooks, Police Sergeant, Warwickshire Constabulary.

High explosive bombs completely demolished four large houses leaving nothing but a heap of debris. Police Sergeant Brooks forced his way through a small hole underneath the wreckage to rescue a little girl. In order to get her out the sergeant had to wriggle through on his back, but he brought her to safety practically unharmed.

He returned immediately into the hole and, twenty minutes later, he came out again with the girl's mother who was only slightly injured.

Brooks continued working and, some hours later, he located another victim who was eventually rescued. The Sergeant again crawled under tons of masonry to release another girl. He continued his rescue work until the remainder of the casualties were extricated.