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**CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.**

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1,  
21st 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:—*

Albert Edward Johnson, D.S.M., Superintendent, Police Fire Brigade, Portsmouth.

Superintendent Johnson displayed commendable courage, determination and leadership during enemy air raids on Portsmouth.

He visited the concentrated fire areas, regardless of all personal danger, giving directions and encouragement to the personnel. He was largely responsible for the excellent state of the morale of the fire fighting services, and his help was incalculable.

*Awarded the George Medal:—*

Robert Leslie Arnold, Foreman A.R.P. Rescue Party, Birmingham.

Four houses were wrecked during an air raid and a man was buried underneath. To reach him it was necessary to tunnel through from the outside. This was particularly dangerous because the debris, surrounded by walls which were in danger of falling at any moment, was partly on fire. Time was short and Arnold burrowed through until he reached the man, whom he then drew out through the hole he had made. Arnold was well aware that at any moment he might be overwhelmed by the collapse of his burrow since there had been no time to place any supporting timber in it. He showed great courage and devotion to duty.

On other occasions Arnold has rescued many persons, often in extremely dangerous circumstances.

Walter Thomas Bates, Acting Deputy Superintendent, A.R.P. Casualty Service, Birmingham.

During an air raid, a depot in which a number of people were sheltering, received two direct hits by H.E. bombs.

Mr. Bates immediately entered the building—which was in danger of collapse—in order to rescue the injured and render first aid to those who could not immediately be