

Alfred Hobdell, Carter,
Henry Hobdell, Stableman,
Arthur Alfred Paxton,
Carter, } London Midland
and Scottish
Railway.

When stables were set on fire by enemy action, volunteers were called for to rescue the horses. Many were taken to safety, but a check being made it was found that seven animals were unaccounted for. A. Hobdell, Paxton and H. Hobdell volunteered to search the stables. The surrounding buildings were on fire, and the roof of the stables was burning. They were advised not to enter the building, but went in, brought out the horses and transferred them to other stables.

Thomas Laws Mackie, Sanitary Inspector, Port of London Health Authority.

Mr. Mackie has, since the beginning of the war, devoted all his energies and organising ability to training anti-gas squads and by constant and regular exercises has brought the anti-gas service in his Dock area to a high state of efficiency.

During intense bombardment of the Docks he volunteered to mount an observation pylon to locate the numerous fires and to assist and guide the Services. He only abandoned the post when the flames were too hot to render it habitable and when his office, immediately below, was on fire. He organised a general fire fighting service and helped in extinguishing incendiary bombs and dealing with unexploded time bombs.

George John Tagg, Temporary Acting Sub-Officer, London Fire Brigade.

At a series of large fires, on ground unfamiliar to him, Sub-Officer Tagg managed to arrange for an alternative supply of water when mains were fractured.

The untried Auxiliary Firemen under his command were rallied by his encouragement and brave example.

There is no doubt that but for Tagg's tremendous energy, bravery, and initiative, a large area of valuable property would have been destroyed.

Frederick Henry Thorne, Foreman, Carter Paterson and Co. Ltd.

Foreman Thorne showed great devotion to duty when a depot was damaged by enemy action. He extinguished incendiary bombs which dropped through a glass roof and remained at his post throughout the night although aware that there was an unexploded time bomb nearby.

COMMENDATIONS.

Those named below have been brought to notice for brave conduct in Civil Defence:—

Willie Allsop, Sub Officer, Finchley Auxiliary Fire Service.

Douglas Walter Baker, Auxiliary Fireman, London Auxiliary Fire Service.

John William Devenport, Auxiliary Fireman, London Auxiliary Fire Service.

Leonard Walter Dixon, Section Officer, London Auxiliary Fire Service.

Albert Alexandra Edmonston, Auxiliary Fireman, Coventry Auxiliary Fire Service.

Cecil Walter Henney, Leading Fireman, Coventry Auxiliary Fire Service.

William Hofton, Head Office Messenger, London Midland and Scottish Railway, Manchester.

Harold Bernard Hope, Leading Fireman, Coventry Auxiliary Fire Service.

Joseph Kelly, Head Office Messenger, London Midland and Scottish Railway, Manchester.

Gilbert William Abbott Matthews, Chief Roads Assistant, Croydon Borough Council.

Kenneth Parker, Driver's Mate, Messrs. W. G. Cooper & Sons, Ltd., Road Transport Contractors.

Charles Payne, Fitter, London Midland and Scottish Railway.

Alfred James Penn, Auxiliary Fireman, London Auxiliary Fire Service.

Arthur John Probert, Deputy Chief Officer, Coventry Fire Brigade.

Lawrence Allen Wardle Robinson, Auxiliary Fireman, London Auxiliary Fire Service.

Stanley Robert Smith, Leading Fireman, Finchley Auxiliary Fire Service.

Stanley Noel Sole, Auxiliary Fireman, Finchley Auxiliary Fire Service.

Herbert George Thomas, Special Constable, London Midland and Scottish Railway.

John Amos Usher, Auxiliary Fireman, Finchley Auxiliary Fire Service.

George Henry Weston, Sub-Officer, London Fire Brigade.

William Wild, Auxiliary Fireman, London Auxiliary Fire Service.

Henry Williams, Transport Driver, Messrs. W. G. Cooper & Sons, Ltd., Road Transport Contractors.

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

*St. James's Palace,
4th April, 1941.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the undermentioned awards of the George Medal and the Medal of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, for brave conduct and good service in dangerous circumstances during the recent air raids on the Clyde.

Awarded the George Medal:—

James Craig, Foreman, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Clydebank.

Craig led his party with courage and initiative and was on duty almost continuously for seventy-two hours. At one incident where a tenement property had been partially demolished was a young woman trapped in the basement. Craig tunnelled through the debris notwithstanding the fact that fire twice broke out during these operations. He succeeded in jacking up the joists and after working continuously for a period of nine hours rescued the woman alive. In view of the dangerous nature of the work, he refused to allow any of his party to enter the tunnel to relieve him.

John Macleod, Police Sergeant, Dunbartonshire Constabulary.

Sergeant Macleod was on his way to take up duty when bombs demolished houses on either side of him. From one of these he heard children shouting and he immediately clambered through the ruins and rescued