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### CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

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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 of the British Empire Medal, 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 Officer of the Civil Division  
of the Most Excellent Order of the British  
Empire:—*

Francis Dominick Murphy, M.B., B.Ch.,  
Senior Resident Surgeon, Fulham Hospital,  
Hammersmith.

When the Fulham Hospital suffered direct hits from high explosive bombs, Dr. Murphy displayed marked efficiency and coolness and set a splendid example to the patients and the staff.

In extremely difficult and dangerous conditions he personally directed the transfer and evacuation of patients and throughout showed courage and determination.

### *Awarded the George Medal:—*

Edward Crann, Police Constable, Liverpool  
Police Force.

During an air raid Constable Crann extinguished fires at a warehouse and an office, and was assisting the A.F.S. at another fire when a high explosive bomb dropped on the building. This caused the whole of the premises to collapse and become a raging inferno. The Constable, although severely shaken by the blast, searched for and found two injured and unconscious A.F.S. men. With assistance the Constable carried them to a nearby air-raid shelter. Although there was grave danger from burning timber and collapsing walls, Crann returned and at once set to work to release a man who was buried. Being without tools of any description he removed the debris with his hands and after a time was able to extricate the victim and carry him to safety.

The Constable then again returned to the burning building and rescued an injured and unconscious fireman.

The Constable's unselfish and brave efforts, which were carried out in the worst possible conditions, were primarily responsible for the rescue of four men who would otherwise have lost their lives.

Frederick William Lindsay, Leader, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Malden and Coombe.

Throughout enemy air attacks Mr. Lindsay and his squad have displayed magnificent courage in effecting rescues in very dangerous conditions.

While raids have been in progress and bombs falling nearby they have tunnelled under houses to bring out people trapped in the debris.

Mr. Lindsay has shown an absolute disregard of his own safety. His skilful leadership and outstanding bravery have been an inspiration to the men who, working with him, have saved many lives.

Elsie Lilian Stevens, Assistant Matron, Violet Eva Alice Frampton, Sister,	}	Bristol Maternity Hospital.
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When a message came to the hospital requesting assistance for a woman trapped under debris and whom, it was believed at the time, was to give birth to a baby, Sister Stevens and Sister Frampton readily volunteered to go out.

The journey was made through a very dangerous area. Seven people were trapped in the house and conditions were so dangerous that it was practically impossible to continue rescue operations.

Sister Stevens was lowered into a narrow opening and found it necessary to lie flat to reach one casualty. The Rescue Party and the two Sisters succeeded in releasing an old lady and two children. Sister Stevens then returned to the cellar where her patient was lying entirely covered by debris. There was considerable danger as the whole building was liable to collapse. Despite this and in an atmosphere made poisonous by an escape of gas, the Sisters carried on and after some hours the woman was released.

Sister Stevens and Sister Frampton showed outstanding bravery and devotion to duty.

Lawrence Thake, Fitter, Public Works Department, Malta.

An unexploded time bomb passed through a house and into a well. Mr. Thake was in charge of a gang of men who were pumping water from a well, fifteen feet deep, into which an unexploded time bomb had fallen. He descended twice into the well in order to remove mud from around the bomb and remained there for some considerable time.

Mr. Thake showed great courage and set a fine example to his men.

Raymond Wickens, Section Leader, John Kerr, M.M., Member,	}	A.R.P. Casualty Service, Portsmouth.
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Bombs demolished houses on both sides of a road. A man was trapped in a crater on the edge of which was a fiercely burning building. At grave risk Wickens and Kerr attempted a rescue. The wind changed and they were driven off by the flames. The two men succeeded in freeing several persons who were trapped in cellar shelters, and whose houses were burning above them. They then returned to the crater and made a further attempt to release the trapped man. The debris was very loose and

every movement might have precipitated them to the bottom bringing tons of debris and rubble down on them. Mr. Kerr, by exerting all his strength, managed to move some heavy beams which pinned the casualty. He supported these with his body and thus enabled Mr. Wickens to obtain a firm hold on the victim and between them they got him out.

*Awarded the George Medal:—*

Stephen Herbert Green, Engineer and Manager, Main Drainage Department, Thurrock Urban District Council.

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

Yens Valdemar Stoye, Overseer, Messrs. Tileman and Company Ltd.

Mr. Green and Mr. Stoye displayed great courage and determination, in extremely dangerous conditions, whilst effecting the restoration of essential public services.

*Awarded the George Medal:—*

Wilfrid Cyril Smith, Charge Engineer, Southern Railway.

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

Frederick Paul Sheldon, Junior Charge Engineer, Southern Railway.

When a high explosive bomb hit a Boiler House it became essential to draw the fires from a number of boilers, each of which had a pair of grates holding nearly two tons of fire. Smith and Sheldon collected a band of volunteers to attempt this hazardous task. Standing in the reflected light amid showers of red hot cinders which charred their boots and clothes, they worked without a stop for over three hours until the task was successfully accomplished. All the time there was considerable danger from escaping steam and precariously suspended debris.

Although injured by scalding water, Smith continued to organise and supervise all the fire fighting arrangements and helped the men in their work whenever possible.

The work carried out under the direction of Smith was of the greatest value and both he and Sheldon showed exemplary courage in a very grave situation.

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

Mabel Anne, Mrs. Armitage, Ambulance Attendant, Philip Davey, Attendant, Miss Betty Leverton, Ambulance Attendant, Miss Ruby Gwendoline Sandford, Driver, Joseph Slipman, Driver, George Frederick William Tindall, Driver,	}	London Auxiliary Ambulance Service.
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Ambulances were sent to evacuate women and children, rendered homeless by enemy action, who were in grave danger.

Owing to intense fires only three ambulances were able to get through. Driven and attended by those named above these ambulances formed a convoy and made five

journeys to and from the affected area taking the victims to safety. During the journeys high explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped nearby and fires spread across the roads which had to be traversed, smoke at times obscuring the way.

By their devotion to duty these officers enabled a large number of people to reach safety.

**Flora Cecilia, Mrs. Woodburn Bamberger, Member (in charge of Mobile Canteen), Women's Voluntary Services, Bristol.**

Mrs. Bamberger's efficiency and devotion to duty during conditions of intense raiding have made it possible for her to render comfort to casualties and rescuers.

On all occasions during the raiding of Bristol she has voluntarily driven her canteen to the scenes of the worst incidents and has displayed courage in assisting the wounded and in fighting fires.

**Thomas Johnstone Bell, Leader, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Glasgow.**

People were trapped in the ruins of a tenement building damaged by enemy action.

Leader Bell managed to extricate a woman and pass her to safety.

A girl also was trapped and Bell, lying head downwards in a very confined space, cut away the flooring and joists. He was badly hampered by outbreaks of fire which occurred underneath and was in considerable danger from overhanging debris. After working for about four hours he released her.

**William Brockwell, Leader, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Hackney.**

Houses were demolished by high explosive bombs and people were trapped. To expedite the rescue Brockwell cut through a party wall but found that only three inches of brickwork remained to take the weight of thirty tons of wreckage. Notwithstanding the danger of a general collapse Brockwell crawled through the hole and by burrowing under the debris was able to extricate two adults and two children.

Brockwell displayed great courage and initiative in carrying out this operation.

**Leonard Case, Member, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Penge.**

A man was trapped in a bombed house and it was necessary to tunnel under the debris to reach him. Case dug through twelve feet of the wreckage and found the man in a prone position with his legs pinned under a table. He manoeuvred the casualty into the tunnel and then, crawling backwards, dragged him into the open.

Case worked for more than two hours in extremely dangerous conditions to effect this rescue.

**Wilfred Thomas Collins, Chief Locomotive Foreman, Southern Railway.**

During an air raid Collins, who was off duty, left his home and went to his Engine Shed which was on fire. He immediately organised a fire-fighting squad and, by means of earth and water carried in buckets, got the fire under control. It was then found necessary to put out two boiler fires. Mr. Collins again formed a bucket chain and both the boiler fires were put out. Collins, by his

courage, leadership and initiative, prevented considerable damage to railway property.

Henry Cooke, Deputy Superintendent (Award dated 3rd May, 1941. Deputy Superintendent Cooke has since been killed by enemy action when on duty),	} Liverpool Salvage Corps.
Harry Cooper, Deputy Superintendent,	

On a number of occasions Deputy Superintendent Cooke was in charge of Salvage Corps fire-fighting detachments engaged at serious fires, whilst bombing was taking place, and, on one occasion, under machine-gun fire. He showed fine qualities of leadership and, with complete disregard of his personal safety led operations which undoubtedly saved several fires from getting out of control.

Deputy Superintendent Cooper has been instrumental in preventing immense damage to vital commodities. In addition he has been on several occasions in charge of Salvage Corps fire-fighting detachments at serious fires in large premises. Cooper's devotion to duty and leadership have been outstanding.

**William Morris Coombes, Police Constable, Hampshire Constabulary.**

During a number of raids Police Constable Coombes has set a fine example to his colleagues.

He has entered buildings, which were on the point of collapse, in order to effect the rescue of persons trapped inside.

At the height of one raid Constable Coombes climbed on the roofs of buildings which were encircled by fire and extinguished incendiary bombs. He was directly instrumental in saving the premises from being destroyed.

**Edward John Donohoe, Police Sergeant, Portsmouth City Police Force.**

Sergeant Donohoe displayed consistent bravery combined with the highest sense of duty during the air raids on Portsmouth. He took charge of an area which had been subjected to a severe attack and, with utter disregard of personal safety, carried out his duty in the face of heavy bombing.

Frederick Evans, Telephone Night Supervisor,	} London Telecommunications Region.
Alexander Bert Tandy, Skilled Workman, Class 1,	

During an air raid on the City, Evans and Tandy displayed courage and resource and, by their devotion to duty, ensured the maintenance of vital services.

Mr. Tandy led the fire-fighting staff who kept the fires at bay for a considerable period, thus enabling Mr. Evans to remain at his post despite the damage caused by H.E. bombs.

Richard Garnett, Chageman,	} Admiralty Outstation.
Victor Hugh Brayne, Labourer,	

It was largely due to Mr. Garnett's organisation and training of the Fire-Fighting Party and to his courage and leadership during air raids that much valuable property was saved.

Mr. Brayne as second in charge most ably helped Garnett at all times.

Alexander Glennie, A.R.P. Warden, Glasgow.

During an air raid Warden Glennie entered the wreckage of a house and, notwithstanding an outbreak of fire, worked untiringly for about four hours to release a family of eight. He was in danger not only from collapsing debris and continued bombing, but also from a burning gas main.

Glennie was instrumental in rescuing alive the entire family.

Thomas Goodfellow, Fire Watcher (Chief Packer), Frederick Horton, Fire Watcher (Dispatch Clerk),	}	G. B. Kent & Sons Ltd., London.
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Incendiary and high explosive bombs were dropped around a building where Goodfellow and Horton were acting as firewatchers for their firm. Incendiary bombs penetrated through the roof to the top floor. The two men tore the roof away and eventually extinguished all the fires. Flames from the adjoining property set fire to the window frames and these fires were immediately tackled and kept completely under control. The roof of the premises became so hot that it was almost impossible to stand upon it.

Goodfellow and Horton acted with calm and determined courage, and their devotion to duty saved the building and much valuable material.

Frederick George Gurr, Head Postman, London Postal Region.

Mr. Gurr volunteered to organise and carry out the hazardous work of clearing correspondence from damaged posting boxes in heavily bombed areas. The work was carried out in situations of great danger amidst shattered buildings which were liable to collapse. Fires and unexploded time bombs have on occasions been an additional risk. In these conditions Mr. Gurr has shown courage, determination and resource in reaching and forcing open receptacles buried beneath debris in danger zones and has been successful in retrieving a considerable amount of correspondence with the minimum of delay.

James Alfred Jones, Acting Chargeman of Labourers, Charles Francis Williams, Fitter, Edward James Wood, Chargeman of Labourers,	}	Admiralty Outstation.
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During an air raid Mr. Williams and Mr. Wood were in charge of Trailer Pump crews and Mr. Jones led a Working Party. They worked hard and courageously and by their efforts much valuable property was saved from destruction by fire.

Thomas McDonagh, Inspector, Hampshire Constabulary.

Inspector McDonagh has been unremitting in his efforts to cope with the many difficult and dangerous situations which have arisen during air raids. He has personally undertaken the examination of many reported unexploded time bombs and he has entered partially demolished houses in search of the occupants, often with bombs falling nearby.

Inspector McDonagh has set a fine example to the men under him and has at all times proved himself an inspiring leader.

James McKenna, Member, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Glasgow.

A bomb partly demolished a two storey tenement and persons were trapped. The remaining walls and an overhanging portion of the roof were in a highly dangerous condition. Despite this McKenna entered the ruins and worked, for many hours, moving and lifting heavy timbers to enable the trapped people to be released.

Fred Mitchell, Head Shepherd, North Somerset.

Incendiary bombs were dropped on a farm and lambing pens caught fire.

Mr. Mitchell, who was alone, made every effort to put out the fires but had to abandon the attempt. Although the fires were spreading rapidly and high explosive bombs were dropped nearby, Mr. Mitchell entered the pens and carried the lambs through the flames to the open field. The ewes followed and all the animals were saved.

Mr. Mitchell showed courage and devotion to duty.

Albert Vincent Santillo, Hired Laboratoryman, Admiralty Outstation.

Santillo was sent with a party to recover the contents of trucks, loaded with ammunition, shells and explosives, which had been damaged by enemy action. There was danger from fire and from an unexploded time bomb nearby, but Santillo, who displayed courage and devotion to duty, completed the salvage which took nearly a week.

Fred Sharp, Fire Watcher (Cleaner), Post Office, Liverpool.

Bombs fell on the roof of a building where Mr. Sharp was acting as fire watcher. Fires broke out and high explosive bombs fell near the building. Observing a fire in the loft he entered through a trap-door and, crawling along under the roof, tried to extinguish the flames but was driven away by the intense fumes. Although injured by a fall on the roof, Mr. Sharp continued for some hours to assist in extinguishing the fires.

His courageous efforts, with those of his colleagues, undoubtedly prevented serious damage.

William Smith, Inspector, Manchester Fire Brigade.

During enemy air attacks on Manchester, Inspector Smith was in charge of a major appliance at many fires. He planned his attack systematically and, despite the injuries he sustained, continued with his work and directed operations so thoroughly that he obtained the maximum effort from personnel and appliances.

Throughout, Inspector Smith showed courage and devotion to duty.

Robert Charles Wainwright, Chief Inspector, City of London Police.

Chief Inspector Wainwright has been on duty during every air raid on the City and has visited the scene of every major incident which has occurred in his division.

On receiving reports of unexploded time bombs he has always gone at once to the site to arrange for any necessary evacuation.

This Officer's general conduct, courage and cheerfulness in very trying conditions have set a fine example to the members of the Force.

Andrew Whyte, Sergeant (temporary), Manchester Fire Brigade.

During the enemy air attacks on Manchester Sergeant Whyte has been conspicuous for his gallant behaviour.

On one occasion he helped to operate jets inside a warehouse until it became necessary, owing to the intense heat, to withdraw all personnel from the building. Whyte then climbed with his jets to the roof of an adjacent building and from there tackled the fire.

#### COMMENDATIONS.

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

Donald Charles Bain (deceased), Labourer, Admiralty Outstation.  
 Stephen John Blaney, Unestablished Skilled Workman, London Telecommunications Region.  
 William Eric Burgess, Fireman, Manchester Fire Brigade.  
 James Carolan, Workman, Messrs. Tileman and Company Ltd.  
 Leslie Lionel Cayzer, Skilled Workman, Class II, London Telecommunications Region.  
 Ernest Fox, Labourer, London Passenger Transport Board.  
 Patrick Frain, Foreman, Messrs. Tileman and Company Ltd.  
 Ernest John Greave, Acting Assistant Victualling Store Officer, Admiralty.  
 Alexander Hamilton, A.R.P. Warden, Glasgow.  
 Edgar Hardcastle, Leading Stoker, Southern Railway.  
 Jack Helgeson, Shop Assistant, Grimsby.  
 Richard Hill, Workman, Messrs. Tileman and Company Ltd.  
 Oswald Hitchen, Temporary Assistant Mechanical Training Officer, Admiralty Outstation.  
 John Hodges, Workman, Messrs. Tileman and Company Ltd.  
 John George Hodgson, Salvageman, Liverpool Salvage Corps.  
 James Henry Honey, Leading Stoker, Southern Railway.  
 William Kidd, Barge Captain, Messrs. John Harker, Ltd.  
 James Leech, Lorry Driver, Ministry of Supply.  
 Neil Leitch (deceased), Boy Messenger, Glasgow Auxiliary Fire Service.  
 Henry Liddell, A.R.P. Chauffeur, Clyde Navigation Trust.  
 Alfred Henry Longhurst, Auxiliary Plant Attendant, Southern Railway.  
 John Henry McKenzie, Skilled Labourer, Admiralty Outstation.  
 James Mitchell, Firemaster, Clyde Navigation Trust.

Thomas Richard Morris, Postman Driver, Leeds.

Malcolm MacLeod Morrison, Unestablished Skilled Workman, London Telecommunications Region.

Dennis O'Keeffe, Postman, Liverpool.

Thomas Peterson (deceased), Acting Skilled Labourer, Admiralty Outstation.

Henry Richard Philcox, D.C.M., Postman, London Postal Region.

Edward Thomas Potts, Skilled Workman, Class II, London Telecommunications Region.

Albert Henry Putman, Stoker, Southern Railway.

Percy Frederick Robinson, Skilled Labourer (Hired), Admiralty Outstation.

Louis Eugene Rouse, Storekeeper, Brixton.

Trevor Samuel, Labourer, Admiralty Outstation.

Leslie Arthur Shelley, Workman, Messrs. Tileman and Company Ltd.

Robert Harry Shipway, Acting Deputy Victualling Store Officer, Admiralty.

Arthur Smith, Stoker, Southern Railway.

Edward Stevenson, Workman, Messrs. Tileman and Company Ltd.

John Herbert Sutton, Auxiliary Fireman Driver, Penge Auxiliary Fire Service.

Harry John Watts, Postman, London Postal Region.

George Weldon, Working Stable Foreman, London and North Eastern Railway.

William Edwin Richard Whitlock (deceased), Acting Storehouse Assistant, Admiralty Outstation.

James Henry Wilden, Storehouseman, Admiralty Outstation.

Edward Henry Williams, Checker, London Midland and Scottish Railway.

Frederick George Wright, Workman, Messrs. Tileman and Company Ltd.

Albert Edward Yaxley, Auxiliary Plant Attendant, Southern Railway.

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For services on the occasion of a serious lorry accident:—

Watts Austin, Superintendent, Isolation Hospital, Stanhope.

David Robert Sinclair Crackett, Deputy Welfare Supervisor, Wolsingham.

John O'Hara, M.B., Ch.B., Medical Practitioner, Stanhope.

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