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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1.
30th May, 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 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.