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### CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1.  
20th June, 1941.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders 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 shown below as having received an expression of Commendation for their brave conduct in Civil Defence.

#### *Awarded the George Medal:—*

Thomas Montague William Henwood, Police Constable, Birmingham Police Force.

Police Constable Henwood has shown outstanding bravery and initiative during enemy air attacks on Birmingham.

On one occasion he went to a wrecked house where two persons were trapped. Henwood began to move the debris and, after working for about half-an-hour, he succeeded in releasing a woman. During this time high explosive bombs fell nearby and part of the wall of another house collapsed close to him. Despite this, he continued his efforts and rescued another casualty. Owing to the dangerous condition of the surrounding buildings, Police Constable Henwood allowed no one to work with him and it was by his efforts alone that the two persons were rescued.

William Mason, Process Hand, Salford.

During an air raid a time bomb penetrated a storage well containing 500 gallons of oil. In order to facilitate the removal of the bomb it was necessary for the oil to be pumped from the well.

Mason immediately volunteered his services and commenced operations from a pump house situated about twelve feet from the well. He completed the work and an hour later the bomb exploded, demolishing the pump house in which he had been working.

Mason knew that the bomb might explode at any moment, and he carried out a hazardous task with commendable courage.

Robert Reginald Matthews, Temporary Acting Sub-Officer, London Fire Brigade.

Whilst Sub-Officer Matthews was engaged with his crew in extinguishing an outbreak of fire a high explosive bomb dropped near to the spot at which they were at work. One of them was killed and others including Matthews were seriously injured. Although also suffering from the effect of blast, and while enemy aeroplanes were still overhead, Matthews continued to superintend the work of getting all the injured men away to hospital. He displayed great fortitude and unselfishness and repeatedly requested that others should receive treatment before himself. When the extent of his injuries was ascertained he was taken to the hospital.

Matthews displayed outstanding courage and endurance.