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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 appointments 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 Additional Members of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:—

Alfred Francis, Chief Officer, Tenby Fire Brigade Service.

Horace Lloyd Howarth, Commandant, Milford Haven Fire Brigade Service.

When a large fire, the result of enemy action, threatened a town, Commandant Howarth, surmounting great difficulties, successfully organised the relaying of water.

He was joined by Chief Officer Francis whose practical experience combined with the initiative displayed by the Commandant greatly assisted the operations.

Both officers led their men with courage and displayed devotion to duty and resource in dealing with a very dangerous situation.

To be an Additional Member of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:—

John Smith, Commandant, Dagenham Auxiliary Fire Service.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Alfred Edward Jones, Deputy Commandant, Dagenham Auxiliary Fire Service.

During an air attack large fires were caused at a factory. Commandant Smith showed conspicuous leadership in organising the brigades to combat the fire and prevented its spread.

He was ably assisted by Deputy Commandant Jones who organised water supplies and the placing of the crews, thereby saving valuable machinery and stock.

Awarded the George Medal:—

William Aubrey Bailey, Captain, Church Army, Paddington.

Sidney Cyril Coomber }
Police Constable }
(Criminal Investigation }
Department), }
Reginald George Grose, }
Police Constable, }
Edwin John Pope, }
Police Constable, }

“ D ” Division
Metropolitan
Police.

As a result of enemy action buildings were damaged.

Detective Constable Coomber and Police Constable Grose entered one house and found

several men lying severely injured and one man trapped. They removed all of them to safety and then climbed to the second floor where they were joined by Captain Bailey. Search was made for two men known to be trapped on the premises. After removing a quantity of debris, one man was released and lowered to the ground. The rescuers then climbed to the third floor and eventually located the other man who had apparently fallen through to the floor below. Coomber, assisted by Bailey, tunnelled under the wreckage while Grose removed rubble passed out to him. In spite of the fact that debris was continually falling around them, and a large slab of stonework was hanging overhead in a dangerous position, they succeeded in releasing the casualty.

Police Constable Pope, who was on duty nearby, was thrown to the ground by the force of the explosion. He recovered and, after attending to two severely injured victims and helping seven people to safety, he scrambled up to the second floor of a building where a woman was trapped. He made an opening in the wreckage and, by supporting himself with his right hand, gradually lowered himself. After removing debris with his left hand, he was able to extricate the woman, who climbed over his back and was hauled to safety.

The rescues were performed while an air attack was still in progress. Huge pieces of masonry and timber were poised in perilous positions, and the danger was further increased by escaping gas and water.

Francis Bartlett, A.R.P. Warden, Hammer-smith.

A H.E. bomb demolished two houses. Warden Bartlett worked his way through the collapsed roof, the ceiling and floor of the upper room and, after sawing through joists, reached three women in a small space on the lower floor. Two were quickly released but the third was pinned down by wreckage. Bartlett with great difficulty eventually managed to extricate her.

He was in danger from the wreckage under which he worked and from an escape of gas which temporarily affected him. Despite this he afterwards entered the adjoining damaged house and helped to rescue a man.

Hannah Billig, M.B., B.S., Medical Practitioner, Stepney.

During an air raid Dr. Billig, although herself injured, left shelter to attend to casualties in the street. Bombs dropped within twenty yards of her but for four hours she continued to give treatment to the injured.

She showed great bravery and attention to duty, regardless of her personal safety and injuries.

Edward Brimmer, Member, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Beckenham.

A house was demolished by a H.E. bomb and a man was trapped. Brimmer crawled under the wreckage and removed debris by hand until he reached the casualty. He worked in a very confined space into which there was a constant leak of coal gas. Immediately above was a tottering chimney and the surrounding debris was liable to

collapse on him. Despite these dangers Brimmer remained with the man cheering and comforting him, at the same time giving directions to the Rescue Party who were tunnelling through the wreckage overhead. Eventually after nearly seven hours the victim was released.

Brimmer showed great gallantry and it was largely due to him that the man was rescued.

Bernard Doyle, M.B., Ch.B.,
Medical Practitioner,
Solomon Woolfson, District
A.R.P. Warden, } Stepney.

During a severe air raid a large building was hit and caught fire.

Dr. Doyle and District Warden Woolfson entered that part of the building which was alight and wrecked and found two men trapped. Two H.E. bombs which rocked the blazing building dropped within twenty yards of the rescuers, but they continued their rescue work and both victims were removed to safety.

More H.E. bombs fell nearby and two men of the Rescue Party were buried. One of these men was quickly removed but the other was pinned down by half a ton of masonry. Dr. Doyle was again called to give treatment and whilst so doing more bombs were dropped, but in spite of this Dr. Doyle stayed with the casualty until he was removed to hospital.

Woolfson remained at the scene of the incident the whole of the time aiding the rescue work, and did not leave until all casualties had been removed from the building.

Both men showed great courage in very dangerous circumstances.

Henry Ford, Process Worker.

During an air raid Mr. Ford voluntarily left his shelter to help in rescue work. He found a man who was badly injured and unable to move. In spite of continued bombing, Ford carried the casualty half a mile to the Ambulance Room. During this journey they twice had to shelter from falling bombs.

Ford showed great courage and risked his life to save that of his fellow worker.

James William Crichton Leslie, Police Constable, "L" Division, Metropolitan Police.

Edward Scanlon, Member, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Camberwell.

A high explosive bomb partly demolished a house and a little girl was trapped under ten feet of wreckage. Scanlon tunnelled beneath the debris towards the child but was unable to reach her. Police Constable Leslie then crawled into the tunnel and Scanlon followed him. Owing to lack of space neither man could use more than one hand, finally, by lifting the debris piece by piece and propping it in position with wooden struts they managed to reach the child, but could not get her out. The child's arm was trapped by the debris supporting the party wall, which, if disturbed, would probably bring down the wall on the child and the rescuers. The combined weight of the two men was an added source of danger and they therefore took turns at removing the debris bit by bit

above the girl's arm, until after one and a half hours' work she was lifted out uninjured.

Police Constable Leslie and Mr. Scanlon acted with great courage and without regard for their personal safety.

Justyn Paul McKenna, A.R.P. Post Warden, Stoke Newington.

A H.E. bomb seriously damaged a house, fractured the gas main and the wreckage caught fire. Warden McKenna, despite the extremely dangerous condition of the building, crawled through a small hole in the wreckage. Lying full length, he removed debris and after working in this position for an hour released two children.

McKenna showed great gallantry and devotion to duty.

Awarded the George Medal:—

Alison Jean McNairn, M.B., B.S., Assistant Medical Officer, City General Hospital, Plymouth.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Veronica Agnes Clancy, Probationer Nurse, City General Hospital, Plymouth.

When the hospital was hit Dr. McNairn was buried to the neck in debris. She was extricated, and despite shock and injuries, assisted in the rescue work and gave medical assistance to injured patients and air raid casualties admitted to the hospital. She would not have treatment for her own injuries until all other cases were being cared for, but despite severe pain continued to give aid.

Nurse Clancy helped to find and carry from the debris injured children, despite the fact that she was suffering from a severe scalp wound. She showed great devotion to duty.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division).

Joan Anderson, Probationer Nurse, Knightswood Emergency Hospital, Glasgow.

Nurse Anderson was one of a team which manned a mobile First-Aid Post summoned to render medical aid to injured men trapped in a basement shelter under a building which had suffered a direct hit from a H.E. bomb. She showed conspicuous bravery in crawling under heavy debris to administer morphine and stimulants to the casualties. Although the building was in a very dangerous state and bombs fell nearby she repeatedly did this throughout the night. On one occasion she had to be held by the feet while she made her way through the wreckage.

Frank Osborn Beard, Leader, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Leyton.

H.E. bombs caused the collapse of several houses and three persons were buried.

Beard cut his way through floor joists and furniture, propping up the tunnel with wood and jacks. He also had to cut through the staircase which had collapsed on to the casualties. This was a hazardous undertaking, as a huge pile of debris, lodged above, was liable to fall.

After eight hours' work Beard reached the victims and they were released.

Sidney Arthur Bedlow, Deputy Superintendent, A.R.P. Rescue Parties, Birkenhead.

Mr. Bedlow has done excellent work with the Rescue Parties in Birkenhead from the commencement of air operations over the city. He has several times assisted in the rescue of persons trapped in damaged houses which were likely to collapse further, and has at all times shown great leadership and devotion to duty in organising his squads both during and after air attacks.

Robert Agnew Brabender, Leader, Fire Party, (Assistant Inspector (Postal)), Renfrewshire.

During an air raid Mr. Brabender was in charge of the fire party at a Post Office. While patrolling the upper floors he was flung across a corridor by blast from a H.E. bomb but he continued his patrol.

Incendiary bombs caused a fire which was promptly attacked and extinguished by Mr. Brabender and his team. Precautions were taken to prevent further fires being caused by flying sparks from the burning buildings around.

Mr. Brabender showed great coolness and by his fine leadership, foresight and resource inspired confidence in his team with the result that the Post Office escaped serious damage.

Sidney Clark, Senior A.R.P. Warden, Woolwich.

A house was demolished by a H.E. bomb. Senior Warden Clark immediately went to the rescue of the occupier who was buried under the wreckage. The task was a precarious one as debris and masonry were falling, but in spite of this Clark supervised and actively assisted in rescuing the man.

On another occasion the Senior Warden at great risk to himself searched for many hours in dangerous buildings trying to trace missing people.

Leonard Douglas Clarke, A.R.P. Warden, Hampstead.

A H.E. bomb partly demolished a house. Warden Clarke, with great difficulty, entered the wreckage and released two women who were trapped in the basement. He then climbed to the first floor being throughout in considerable danger from overhanging masonry and there found a man who was buried to the waist. Clarke released him and succeeded in the difficult and dangerous task of carrying him through the crumbling debris to safety.

John Henry Cole, A.R.P. Warden, Wandsworth.

During an air raid a woman was trapped when trying to leave a building through the hall. The side wall and roof had collapsed on her, leaving dangerously poised debris overhead. She was seriously injured and great care was necessary whilst effecting her rescue. Cole worked in the narrow space without regard for the danger which threatened him and it was due to his outstanding work that the casualty was safely extricated.

On another occasion Cole crawled through a hole under the floor of a collapsed building to search for people thought to be trapped in a cellar which was rapidly filling with water.

John William Faulkner, A.R.P. Post Warden, Crayford.

A H.E. bomb partly demolished a house. Post Warden Faulkner worked amongst the wreckage, which was extremely unstable and overhung by the remainder of the house, and after an hour managed to release the occupant.

Subsequently, Mr. Faulkner, in the course of a systematic search in darkness among ruined houses, found and extricated another casualty.

Kenneth Horsley, Clerk, Coventry.

A H.E. bomb partly demolished a house and the remainder was in a very dangerous condition.

A hole was tunnelled from the side of a crater next to the top of the stairs through which Horsley entered. He passed out brick after brick until he reached people who were trapped under the stairs.

The rescue took two hours to complete and during this time bombs fell nearby.

Horsley showed great courage and by his efforts five persons were released uninjured.

Herbert Edwin Midmer, Jnr., Labourer, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Dagenham.

A house was demolished by a H.E. bomb and people were trapped in a gas-laden atmosphere. Midmer cut through a dangerous wall of the adjoining house and tunnelled nine feet into the debris. This not only allowed fresh air to get to the casualties but enabled them to be freed and removed to hospital.

William George Rapp, Auxiliary Fireman, London Auxiliary Fire Service.

During an air raid incendiary bombs fell on laden lorries parked near a garage.

Auxiliary Fireman Rapp, who was not on duty, drove three of the lorries out of the yard undamaged, but as he returned to remove others his task became increasingly dangerous as the fire by this time had spread to the garage. The next lorry saved by Rapp was slightly damaged but the fifth and last to be brought out was alight and a jet had to be played on to the cabin to allow him to complete his task. Had Rapp not removed the five lorries, all the vehicles and the building would have been a total loss.

Rapp displayed considerable courage and tenacity.

James Arthur Robson, Police Sergeant, "E" Division, Metropolitan Police.

Throughout the whole period of heavy enemy air attacks Police Sergeant Robson has displayed outstanding gallantry and devotion to duty.

On all occasions he has, by his leadership and courage, been an example and inspiration to all with whom he has come in contact.

He has rescued a number of trapped persons from bombed buildings, and on one occasion, although he was not on duty, the Police Sergeant made strenuous efforts to check a fire. It became necessary, however, to evacuate a large air-raid shelter nearby and, in spite of the heavy bombardment in progress, Robson carried out this work with complete absence of panic among the shelterers.

Douglas Sargent, Third Officer, Leicester Fire Brigade.

Throughout an intensive air attack on Manchester, Third Officer Sargent showed great skill in fighting the resultant fires. He organised personnel and equipment and it is largely due to his gallant leadership that much valuable property was saved.

Edward Saunders, Firm's Fire Watcher, Hull.

During an air raid many incendiary bombs were dropped on a building. One lodged on the roof immediately above a tank of varnish. In order to deal with the bomb Saunders stood on the tank and using an axe, made a way through to the roof and knocked the bomb to the ground outside.

Saunders acted with great presence of mind and by his prompt and brave action prevented a serious fire.

George William Smith, A.R.P. Warden, Hackney.

A H.E. bomb demolished a dwelling house. Warden Smith climbed over debris to a hole leading to the basement, where he found four persons trapped. He got under the wreckage and raised it, supporting the full weight on his shoulders. He remained in this position for four hours until the victims were released.

The total disregard of his own safety and the devotion to duty displayed by Smith saved the lives of four people.

Mark Stanford, M.C. (Captain, late General List), Deputy District A.R.P. Warden, Wandsworth.

During the period of air raids Captain Stanford has attended practically every incident in his district. He has directed and participated in rescue work with marked skill and efficiency and with complete disregard of danger.

John Wilkins, Leader, } A.R.P. Rescue
Jack Weeks, Labourer, } Party, Holborn.

Owing to enemy action buildings collapsed and caught fire. People were trapped in a ground floor room and Wilkins, followed by Weeks, reached it through a service hatch. Two brick columns leant over towards a wall and between these was a large heap of debris. Hindered by the fire raging on the other side of the wall and drenched by firemen's hoses, Wilkins and Weeks removed the debris. Because of the removal of this support to the leaning columns, the whole of the wreckage was liable to collapse on to them. They were finally successful in extricating a woman, who was passed to safety through the service hatch.

COMMENDATIONS.

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

Percy Harold Alexander, A.R.P. Warden, Wandsworth.

William Barrowman, Auxiliary Fireman, Dagenham Auxiliary Fire Service.

Arthur Albert Birmingham, A.R.P. Messenger, First Aid Post, West Ham.

John Henry Brown, Driver, A.R.P. Rescue Service, Deptford.

- Walter John Byson, Leader, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Deptford.
 Miss Williamina Campbell, Works Nurse, Clydebank.
 Stanley Guy Clark, Leading Fireman, Dagenham Auxiliary Fire Service.
 Harold Charles Cowie, Third Officer, Dagenham Fire Brigade.
 Kenneth George Dewin Crowhurst, Station Inspector, "G" Division, Metropolitan Police.
 Arthur Dade, A.R.P. Post Warden, Hendon.
 Frederick James Eckett, A.R.P. Messenger, Wandsworth.
 Gwendoline Jane Edwards, Probationer Nurse, City General Hospital, Plymouth.
 George Evans, Deputy A.R.P. Post Warden, Chelsea.
 Isaac Fox, Leader, Works Fire Fighting Party, Clydebank.
 Kathleen Margery Giles, Probationer Nurse, City General Hospital, Plymouth.
 Claude William Langmaid, Resident Manager, The East Anglian Electric Supply Company Limited.
 James Alfred Leach, Chargehand Labourer, Manchester.
 Miss Morag Campbell McMartin, Works Nurse, Clydebank.
 Henry Alban Marsden, Works A.R.P. Officer, Manchester.
 Samuel Herbert Melling, Leader, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Deptford.
 Edwin Harold Neville, A.R.P. Warden, Shore-ditch.
 Thomas Norman Nicholson, Assistant Engineer, The East Anglian Electric Supply Company Limited.
 Joseph William Payne, Linesman, The East Anglian Electric Supply Company Limited.
 Charles Pettit, Leader, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Deptford.
 Frederick John Redpath, Skilled Member, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Holborn.
 Peter Renton (deceased), A.R.P. Warden, Crayford.
 Thomas Roseblade, Police Constable, "G" Division, Metropolitan Police.
 Albert Edward Ross, Fireman, Dagenham Fire Brigade.
 William Alfred Scheurer (deceased), Works Fire Watcher, Woolwich.
 May Stanley, Staff Nurse, Knightswood Emergency Hospital, Glasgow.
 Thomas Swaine, Leader, Voluntary Street Fire Party, Greenwich.
 Ernest George Thomas Taylor, A.R.P. Messenger, Wandsworth.
 William Edgar Wigley, A.R.P. Warden, Wandsworth.
 Winifred Maud Yearling, Sister, City General Hospital, Plymouth.

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The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following awards:—

*The British Empire Medal
 (Civil Division).*

- Arthur Harry Spence, Chief Inspector, Northampton Fire Brigade.
 Kenneth Cameron, Divisional Officer, Northampton Auxiliary Fire Service.
 Percy John Butler, Patrol Officer, Northampton Auxiliary Fire Service.

An ammunition lorry caught fire. Divisional Officer Cameron and Patrol Officer Butler attacked the fire and were joined by Chief Inspector Spence who, so as not to endanger his men, took over the branch. Butler mounted the lorry and pulled the blazing tarpaulin sheet and camouflage material from the ammunition boxes which were then burning.

Although these three Officers knew that the wagon contained ammunition they courageously attacked the outbreak and in a very short space of time subdued the fire and enabled the lorry to proceed.

Their prompt action averted serious danger to life and property.

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The London Gazette Supplement Number 35180 of 6th June, 1941, page 3198, should be corrected as follows, under the heading "Awarded the George Medal". For Thomas Denholm read Thomas Denham.

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