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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:—

Richard George Andrews, Chief Officer, Tavistock Fire Brigade.

During an air raid the Tavistock Fire Brigade, under the command of Chief Officer Andrews, was sent to Plymouth, where several large shops were on fire.

Andrews worked lines of hose on to the roof of adjacent property to prevent the spread of a fire. The heat was intense, but he continued to explore and led his crew to advantageous positions.

Andrews and his crew remained at their post continuously for nine hours, in conditions of great danger. The Chief Officer showed great determination and perseverance and set a fine example to his men by his cheerful demeanour and disregard of personal safety. He succeeded in preventing the flames spreading and remained at his post until the fire was extinguished.

Cecil Charles Cooper, Divisional Commandant, Plymouth Special Constabulary.

During air raids Mr. Cooper has given valuable assistance to the regular services.

On one occasion he searched houses for trapped persons and salvaged stocks of food from premises wrecked and on fire.

Mr. Cooper showed courage and an undaunted public spirit during long periods of duty under exacting conditions, attendant always with the risk of grave personal injury, and, by his splendid example, he gave added encouragement to those working around him.

Henry George Davies, Superintendent, London Fire Brigade.

When a serious fire, started by enemy action, threatened to involve an important building, Superintendent Davies took charge of the area. Very little water was available, apart from that contained in a battery of dams but by judicious use of this he succeeded

in retarding the spread of the fires. He organised a convoy of mobile dam lorries and by energetic perseverance, he managed to prevent the premises becoming involved.

Although suffering severely from injury to his eyes, Davies continued to take charge until late in the following morning, at which time his eyes had become so swollen that it was difficult for him to see. It was due to his leadership, initiative and courage that the buildings were saved and the fire held.

Isobel Ord MacAlister, M.B., Ch.B., Civil Defence Medical Service, Wallasey.

During an air raid H.E. bombs were dropped close to a First Aid Post to which a large number of casualties had been brought in for treatment. Severe damage was caused and the supplies of electricity, gas and water were cut off.

Dr. MacAlister was flung bodily across the ward by blast from the explosion. Broken glass and debris littered the floor and the building was in darkness.

Dr. MacAlister, although herself injured, was not deterred from her work and, by the light of hand torches, she continued to attend to the wounded in a cool and collected manner. During this time bombs were falling nearby.

Dr. MacAlister's courage was an inspiration to the staff of the Post and encouraged them to carry out their duties during the night.

Mary Lily, Mrs. Maybury, Honorary Superintendent, First Aid Point, A.R.P. Casualty Service, Nuneaton.

During an air raid Mrs. Maybury, who is a State Registered Nurse, was on duty alone at the First Aid Point. She prepared her post for action and soon afterwards bombs began to fall nearby. Telephone communication was cut and utility services were put out of action. Walking wounded and stretcher cases from neighbouring incidents soon arrived at the point and Nurse Maybury, without any assistance, worked by candlelight and attended to the wounded. She displayed a high degree of courage and devotion to duty.

John Patrick Newman, District Head A.R.P. Warden, Poplar.

Throughout the period of enemy air attacks Mr. Newman has shown great courage and devotion to duty. On many occasions he has rescued trapped people and successfully dealt with fires caused by incendiary bombs.

During one raid he was blown across the pavement by the force of an explosion. Seeing that part of a Wardens' Post had collapsed, he made an immediate search and rescued three wardens from the debris. Hearing cries coming from a demolished house, he immediately burrowed into the debris and, at great personal risk, managed to extricate a man who had been completely buried and pinned down by rafters. All this rescue work was carried out whilst Mr. Newman was himself suffering from concussion and numerous abrasions.

Awarded the George Medal:—

James Armstrong, A.R.P. Messenger, Bootle.

During air raids Armstrong, regardless of falling bombs and raging fires, has delivered

messages and thus enabled the services to co-operate. On one occasion he was blown by blast from his bicycle but he continued his journey on foot.

When incendiary bombs started a fire, Armstrong obtained a length of hose and a ladder, he mounted the ladder and from a very dangerous position played on the cross beams of the roof. Whilst so doing H.E. bombs fell in the surrounding streets. Armstrong, who is only 16 years of age and not in robust health, showed great pluck and determination.

Joshua Henry Barham, A.R.P. Post Warden, Southwark.

A direct hit by a H.E. bomb demolished part of a building, leaving the walls in a tottering condition and liable to collapse.

Mr. Barham, ignoring the great danger to himself, entered the building and worked underneath the south wall. He was able to release four casualties and continued working until the west and south walls collapsed. He then directed the Rescue Party regarding the position of the rest of the casualties who were in the debris. Mr. Barham displayed great courage and risked his life in effecting these rescues.

Percy Gilbert Horsburgh, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., First Aid Area Commandant; A.R.P. Casualty Service, Nuneaton.

Throughout an air raid, Dr. Horsburgh, with complete disregard of his personal safety, engaged in the rescue of persons trapped in the debris of bombed buildings and in giving medical attention to the wounded.

He personally sought out and reported many of the incidents and procured the necessary assistance from the Rescue and Casualty Services.

On one occasion Dr. Horsburgh personally conducted rescue operations and crawled through the ruins of houses to rescue three people from the debris. He also succeeded, with assistance, in recovering alive a man who had been buried for more than twelve hours.

Dr. Horsburgh's work was carried out in circumstances of great and continuous danger from H.E. bombs and damaged buildings, and his gallantry and devotion to duty were an inspiration to the personnel of the local Civil Defence Services.

David Norman Starkey, Police Constable, Wallasey Police Force.

Frank Fleetwood Jones, Special Constable, Wallasey Special Constabulary.

A dwelling house was completely demolished by a H.E. bomb and three persons were buried under the debris.

Constable Starkey climbed up the pile of bricks and after tunnelling a passage with his hands climbed through it, head first.

He was joined by Special Constable Jones and both men worked strenuously for two hours, passing bricks and burning timber up to others who were at the top of the cavity.

When Constable Starkey had succeeded in uncovering the buried people a rope was lowered to him and a woman and two men were passed to safety.

During these operations high explosive bombs dropped nearby and fire broke out in the wreckage. Constable Starkey and Special Constable Jones were also in grave danger from the remaining structure which was liable to collapse.

William Harold Willson, Bromley.

During an air raid a German aeroplane crashed on two dwelling houses and completely demolished them.

Mr. Willson began to remove debris in order to reach the buried residents. After making a hole two feet deep he found two accumulators and a number of bombs, some buried in the debris and some on the rack of the damaged plane. Ignoring the danger from handling live bombs, he removed these and continued to dig until he reached a man.

Mr. Willson was in the hole for two hours and continued working until overcome by fumes.

Awarded the George Medal:—

Clarence Burdis, Leader, {
George Newstead, Leader, { A.R.P. Rescue Party, Tynemouth.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Norman Darling Black, Member, First Aid Party, Tynemouth.

A building suffered a direct hit and people were trapped in the basement. Newstead cut a hole through the wall to a room containing a number of casualties and arranged for their removal. One man was trapped by his leg under tons of debris. Medical assistance was called and an anaesthetic administered to the casualty with a view to amputating his foot, but in the meantime Newstead, at great risk to his life, succeeded in getting into position a small jack and relieved the pressure on the man's foot. By cutting away the boot he succeeded in dragging the man to comparative safety. Newstead, who was aware that at any moment during the rescue operation the building might have collapsed, showed outstanding courage.

Burdis cut through a thick wall and entered another room in the basement in which a number of casualties were lying interlaced with timber from bunks which had collapsed. In spite of the great confusion Burdis extricated these casualties one by one, passing them through the small hole to other members of the Squad. He worked unaided in a confined space for nearly four hours until he partially collapsed through exhaustion. On recovery, he insisted on returning to the basement and, by his gallant efforts, saved a number of lives.

Black made sustained and strenuous efforts to free injured persons from the debris and rendered first aid. He displayed courage and devotion to duty with complete disregard of his own safety.

Awarded the George Medal:—

Harold Percy Dingle, Member, {
Frederick James Ward, Member, { A.R.P. Rescue Party, Stoke Newington.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Oliver Charles Clarke, Member, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Stoke Newington.

A H.E. bomb demolished licensed premises. Gas and water services were damaged causing flooding and a concentration of coal gas in the basement where two adults and a child were trapped.

Dingle, closely followed by Ward, crawled through a narrow opening in the debris and, although there was a serious danger of further collapse, managed to get into the basement, one of the external walls of which was in a dangerous condition. This was temporarily supported by forming a buttress of cases. Clarke, in the meantime, enlarged the entrance hole and gave what assistance he could.

Owing to the continual fall of debris and the constant movement of barrels and cases, the task of releasing the casualties was extremely difficult.

Enemy aircraft were overhead, bombs were dropped nearby and the water rose to a depth of five feet. Portions of the building were in imminent danger of collapse and it was only by courageous and persistent efforts that Dingle and Ward, ably assisted by Clarke, were able to reach and remove the three casualties.

On returning to the open air the three men collapsed from the effects of coal gas poisoning and were removed to hospital.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Elizabeth, Mrs. Baker, Nursing Auxiliary, Mobile Unit, Bexley.

During an air raid a woman was trapped by debris in a wrecked house. Despite the efforts of the Rescue Party the victim was imprisoned for seven hours. She could be reached only by making a hole in the wall of the next door house, bricks having to be removed one at a time.

Although debris was falling and there was a possibility of the wall collapsing, Nurse Baker crawled through the hole and for three hours remained in this dangerous position comforting and cheering the trapped woman.

Dorothy, Mrs. Batt, A.R.P. Warden, Bristol.

During an air raid Mrs. Batt displayed courage and endurance in digging for people who had been buried as a result of a direct hit on a building.

After releasing three victims, Mrs. Batt searched the district for a considerable time, during which H.E. bombs continued to fall, and was successful in locating children who had become separated from their parents. She also did invaluable work at the Casualty Station.

Albert Ernest Bills, Station Officer, London Fire Brigade.

Station Officer Bills was in charge of a fire in the City area during an air raid. He maintained communications and organised water supplies in spite of great difficulties. The fires in his area became so serious that, with half his men practically smoke-blind, he decided upon the very difficult task of

evacuating them and the appliances to safety. Then he thoroughly searched all surrounding streets to ensure that everyone had left the area, being himself the last one to leave.

Station Officer Bills set a splendid example to the men by his coolness, energy and courage.

Miss Margaret Rowena Bolton (now Mrs. Jones), A.R.P. Warden, Birkenhead.

Miss Bolton displayed devotion to duty during an enemy air raid. She remained at her Post attending to casualties until an explosion occurred which extinguished the light and wrecked the doors and windows. The premises were full of choking dust but Miss Bolton continued to dress wounds outside the Post and, when the First Aid equipment was exhausted, she tore up her own underwear for bandages. Miss Bolton performed invaluable work with skill and courage.

Henry Wilson Burch, Firewatcher, (Clerk Special Class), Ministry of Labour Outstation Office.

During a heavy raid a fire broke out in office premises. Mr. Burch, with assistance, placed one table on another and then a ladder on the top table and from the top of the ladder, protruding over a staircase, smashed into the roof of the building to get to the seat of the fire. He was in this precarious position for some time before getting the fire under control. His protective jacket caught fire and had to be discarded and his other clothes were damaged. His courageous action saved the premises from destruction.

Victor Charles Cobley, Police Constable, Plymouth City Police.

When a building at Plymouth was partly demolished by high explosive bombs, Constable Cobley worked hard and intelligently to rescue the casualties.

He then helped to release several persons trapped in the basement of a private house. Completing this task, and whilst bombing was still active, he attended to the wants of victims bombed out of their homes. Further bombs dropped during this period and the Constable, with assistance, extricated three persons from a house that had received a direct hit and was on fire. This rescue was particularly hazardous and necessitated working with the greatest possible speed.

Cobley continued his work, exhibiting a conspicuously high standard of conduct generally during the period of the raid.

Charles Hartley Forster, Aircraft Foreman, Birmingham.

Joseph Jones, Motor Driver, Birmingham.

Alan Ernest Underwood, Police Constable, Birmingham Police Force.

A high explosive bomb partially demolished houses and ignited a gas main.

Jones and Forster sawed through a door and other timber and, after some time, a man was partially uncovered. It was then found that a second man was also buried.

Police Constable Underwood arrived and the three men worked in most difficult and dangerous conditions in an endeavour to get the buried men out.

Bombs continued to fall nearby and the roof of the house was leaning and continually slipping. It was necessary at times to stop work in order to prop it up. The three men displayed great courage and endurance and after six hours work both casualties were released.

Leslie Hammond, A.R.P. Warden, Chislehurst and Sidcup.

Albert Edward Smith, Employed in Ship Repairing, Chislehurst.

Sidney Alfred Windall, Employed in the Cable Industry, Chislehurst.

As a result of enemy action three people were trapped under the debris of a demolished house.

Hammond, Smith and Windall, without tools, tunnelled under the wreckage, strutting a narrow way as they worked. Gas was escaping and water entering the foundations but despite these difficulties and although bombs were dropped nearby, they continued to work for four hours until the victims were released.

All three men showed bravery and perseverance with complete disregard of their own safety.

Harry Reginald Horne, Chief Engineer, Okehampton Fire Brigade.

During an air attack on Plymouth the tower of a high building caught fire and there was danger of the fire spreading.

The water mains were damaged and Horne placed his pump at a crater in front of the building, ran his hose up to the top floor, entered the roof space below the tower with a ladder, and extinguished the fire.

There was a danger of the lower part of the premises catching alight, in which event Horne's escape would have been cut off.

Horne was instrumental in saving the building and by his initiative, devotion to duty and total disregard of personal safety, set a fine example to the men under his control.

Reginald William La Fosse, Watchroom Attendant, London Fire Brigade.

During an air raid it was necessary to supply appliances working at fires with additional petrol. La Fosse, acting entirely on his own initiative, obtained a staff car, loaded it with cans of petrol and drove round the district distributing it where required. He carried on with this arduous work, which was not part of his normal duty, regardless of danger from falling debris, until the next morning. But for the initiative and courage shown by La Fosse some of the appliances would have ceased to function, with the possibility of the fires getting out of control.

Harry Uriah Lerner, Leader } A.R.P. Rescue
Walter John Beare, Skilled } Party, Poplar.
Member }

A rescue party was returning from an incident, where they had assisted in rescuing eight people, when they were informed that four persons were trapped in wreckage in the basement of a dwelling house which had been demolished by a H.E. bomb. The place was in a dangerous condition and it was possible for only two men to attempt rescue operations.

Lerner and Beare began tunnelling into the debris. Both men had to work in a confined space, lying down and passing back debris to other members of the party. After working for one and three quarter hours they had proceeded a distance of eighteen feet and were able to reach and extricate the four casualties.

John Frederick William Lindsey, Inspector, Plymouth City Police.

During an air raid the City Hospital, Plymouth, was struck by high explosive bombs. Children and nurses were trapped beneath the debris which caught fire, causing dense smoke and fumes.

Bombs continued to fall nearby but despite these dangers and difficulties Inspector Lindsey directed rescue operations and, under his able and courageous leadership, the police rescued nine children.

Nicholas Mann, Leader, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Plymouth.

During an air raid Leader Mann worked underneath a building, which was liable to collapse, in order to reach a young woman trapped beneath the debris. He was eventually successful and managed to release her.

Mann displayed excellent leadership and on all occasions has set a magnificent example to his squad by his resource and complete disregard of personal safety.

William Cecil Marshall, Police Constable	} Plymouth City Police.
Terrence Albert O'Connor, Police Constable	
Frederick Samuel Stanley, Police Constable	

Alfred Henry Dearing, Special Constable, Plymouth Special Constabulary.

During a severe air attack these Constables were on duty in the City. Business premises were hit by high explosive and incendiary bombs and many fires broke out.

While the raid was still intensive, the men were actively engaged in rescue work, liberating many people and rendering first aid to the injured.

The four Constables, who were in considerable danger the whole time from high explosive bombs and from the collapse of buildings, showed commendable courage and devotion to duty.

Charles George Martin, Leader	} A.R.P. Rescue Party, Coventry.
Clarence Duffield, Driver	

During an air raid Martin and Duffield were instrumental in saving many lives where houses had been demolished and persons injured.

At one incident a tunnel collapsed whilst Martin and Duffield were in it, placing them and the trapped persons in serious danger. There was the added danger of escaping gas but while Duffield made a small shaft in the debris for ventilation, Martin continued to direct the rescue work and all the victims were rescued. Both men have shown courage and devotion to duty.

Robert Herbert Metcalfe, Gunner, Merchant Navy.

During an air raid Metcalfe helped to put out fires on board his own and other vessels.

He then climbed on to the roof of a warehouse and successfully tackled fires which threatened to spread to surrounding buildings.

He was also instrumental in saving a ship from destruction and throughout the raid displayed courage and enterprise.

Reginald Charles Moore, Leader, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Plymouth.

During an air raid Leader Moore, at great personal risk, searched a five-storey building which was liable to collapse at any moment. He accounted for all the occupants and saw them safely into their shelter.

By his personal courage and resource he set a fine example to the men of the Rescue Party.

John Henry Morson, A.R.P. Warden, Birmingham.

David Watson, Police Constable; First Police Reserve, Birmingham Police Force.

A high explosive bomb demolished houses and persons were buried. Warden Morson and Police Constable Watson, after working for one and a half hours removing a large quantity of debris, were successful in releasing two women.

During this time H.E. bombs were falling, one only twenty yards away. There was a delayed action bomb within thirty yards of the scene but despite this danger, of which they were well aware, the Warden and the Constable worked on with complete disregard of their own safety.

Alicia Perris, Section Officer, London Women's Auxiliary Fire Service.

Section Officer Perris was on duty in the watchroom of an A.F.S. station which was set on fire during an air raid. She was ordered to evacuate the building but notwithstanding the danger of the situation, made certain, before leaving, that as many important records as possible were taken to safety.

She took over watchroom duties at another Station until it again became necessary to evacuate. Section Officer Perris maintained her courage and composure and gave most able assistance in establishing control, and taking over watchroom duties.

Throughout the raid Section Officer Perris showed great devotion to duty, disregard of danger and fine qualities of leadership.

David Reading, District Officer, London Fire Brigade.

During an air raid District Officer Reading took charge of an area of intense fire comprising a number of City streets. In the face of great danger he made his way from street to street, safeguarding the lives of his crews and withdrawing appliances when excessive danger made this step imperative.

When the fires were at their height it was reported to him that two employees of a firm were still at their posts. With great difficulty Mr. Reading succeeded in reaching them and helped them to make their way out when most exits were cut off by fire and the whole building smoke logged. Mr. Reading suffered acutely owing to the painful condition of his eyes through the intense heat and smoke but in spite of this his direction enabled the crews to save a large building from total destruction.

Henry Edward Sanders,
Skilled Member,
Walter James Seaborne,
Skilled Member,

A.R.P.
Rescue Party,
Holborn.

A H.E. bomb fell on a large block of tenements. Owing to the destruction of the stairs the occupants of one end were trapped. Those on the lower floors were removed by a ladder which was of insufficient length to reach the fourth storey where a man and his wife and daughter were trapped.

Seaborne and Sanders entered the adjoining building, mounted to the top floor and jumped across a five foot gap over a thirty foot drop between the two buildings on to the roof of the damaged tenements. They attached a rope to a chimney stack and Seaborne was lowered to a fourth floor window which he succeeded in entering. Sanders then cast off the rope from the stack. Seaborne tied a chair knot and was about to lower the victims to the ground when a fire escape arrived. These operations were carried out while bombs were falling in the neighbourhood.

Both men showed courage and resource.

James Shannon, Staff Officer, A.R.P. Rescue Service, Nuneaton.

During an air attack Mr. Shannon displayed great courage and devotion to duty in directing and controlling the work of the Rescue Service.

He visited practically all the incidents where his Service was in operation and personally undertook the recovery of trapped persons from collapsed buildings. During the raid Mr. Shannon succeeded in rescuing two people from under debris despite danger from an unsafe wall. At another incident, he took charge of the rescue operations and carried on through heavy bombing in the course of which he was himself buried under debris.

Clifford Stroud, Inspector, Plymouth City Police.

During intense air raids on the City of Plymouth, Inspector Stroud maintained effective control of operations in the bombed area. In extremely dangerous and difficult conditions he directed the rescue of many persons trapped in debris and in burning buildings.

The Inspector was several times blown off his feet and severely shaken by blast from H.E. bombs but, although suffering from exhaustion due to prolonged hours of duty, he continued to supervise and control police operations at many large incidents.

By his display of courage and cool leadership he set a splendid example to the men under his command.

Lilian, Mrs. Summers, A.R.P. Warden, Bootle.

During an air raid this Warden, who had been working alone at her post, walked half a mile through the height of the raid to make a report. Although urged to remain under cover, as bombs continued to fall nearby, she insisted on returning to a Post where she believed wardens to be trapped.

Mrs. Summers showed great coolness and courage and a complete disregard of her own safety.

COMMENDATIONS.

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

Phyllis Ivy, Mrs. Boyd, Nurse, Civil Defence Medical Service, Wallasey.

Miss Ivy Brown, A.R.P. Warden, Lambeth.

Miss Gwendoline Muriel Burn, Ambulance Driver, First Aid Unit, Plymouth.

Arthur Thomas Butler (deceased), Assembler, Coventry.

David Crofts, Driver, A.R.P. Stretcher Party, Shoreditch.

Miss Hannah Deasy, Nurse, Royal Hospital, Chelsea.

Herbert Dolby, Leader, Works Fire Fighting Squad, Stratford.

Frederick Foster, Fire Watcher, Hull.

George Alfred Gagan, Ordinary Seaman, Merchant Navy.

James Harper, Barman, Birmingham.

Lucy Elizabeth, Mrs. Hedges, Auxiliary Driver, London Auxiliary Ambulance Service.

Josephine Agnes, Mrs. Hills, Nurse, Civil Defence Medical Service, Wallasey.

Captain James Christian Houmark, Master, Merchant Navy.

Miss Adela Florence Howard, Nurse, Royal Hospital, Chelsea.

Charles Alfred Keogh, F.R.C.S., M.B., B.Ch., Surgeon, London.

William Alfred Knott, Fire Watcher, Portsmouth.

William John Loram, Police Sergeant, Plymouth City Police.

Charles David Low, A.R.P. Messenger, Wallasey.

Alexander Hendry MacKie, M.D., Medical Practitioner, Birmingham.

Charles Marson, A.R.P. Sector Warden, Birmingham.

Teresa Martindale, Nurse, Civil Defence Medical Service, Wallasey.

Stanley Boydell Mills, Boy Scout Messenger, Casualty Service, Eccles.

William John Muir, Third Engineer, Merchant Navy.

Ellen Sophia Nightingale, Auxiliary, London Women's Auxiliary Fire Service.

Buckle O'Gorman, Contractor's Man, Deptford.

William Pritchard, Temporary Sergeant, Birmingham Police Force.

Edwin Gilbert Robberds, A.R.P. Warden, Birmingham.

Ernest Sayer, Firewatcher (Employment Clerk), Ministry of Labour Outstation Office.

Gerald Shakespeare, Fire Watcher, Hull.

Alfred Smith, A.R.P. Sector Warden, Birmingham.

Alfred Edwin John Smith, Acetylene Welder, Birmingham.

Robert Smith, A.R.P. Messenger, Birkenhead.

George Edward Stanton, A.R.P. Warden, Wandsworth.

Miss Mabel Stanton, Ambulance Attendant, First Aid Unit, Plymouth.

Leonard Charles Taylor, Fire Watcher, Deptford.

Eric John Thrush, A.R.P. Messenger, Bristol.

Miss Lilian Upcott, Deputy Auxiliary Station Officer, London Auxiliary Ambulance Service.

Samuel Waring, Leader, Firewatching Party
(Temporary Clerk), Ministry of Labour Out-
station Office.

William Roy Warlow, A.R.P. Messenger,
Pembrokeshire.

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25th July, 1941.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the undermentioned appointments to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.

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

David de Bethel, Esq., until recently Clerk to the British Military Attaché at His Majesty's Legation at Sofia.

Stanley Arthur Patrick Embury, Esq., until recently Clerk to the British Air Attaché at His Majesty's Legation in Sofia.

Two suitcases containing bombs were surreptitiously added to the hand luggage of the party from His Majesty's Legation before they left Sofia in March. On arrival at Istanbul, Mr. de Bethel went to the Pera Palace Hotel with one of the suitcases. It there exploded. Several persons were killed and considerable damage done to the hotel. Mr. de Bethel was knocked almost unconscious and sustained a bad leg wound. He immediately remembered, however, the other suitcase and, in spite of his injuries, managed with great difficulty to run to the Embassy building to find out what had happened to it, with a view to preventing further loss of life. Mr. Embury was on his way to the Pera Palace Hotel when he heard the explosion. He at once hurried back to his hotel, opened the other suitcase and threw the time-bomb, which was in the form of a dry battery, on to some dry ground in a pit, thus preventing a second disaster. Both officers behaved with great courage and presence of mind.

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