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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:—

Louis Agius, Officer in Charge of Demolition and Clearance, (Engineer First Class, Public Works Department), Malta.

Mr. Agius has performed work of outstanding value in bombed buildings. On one occasion it was due to his courage and powers of leadership that a number of persons trapped in debris were rescued alive.

At another incident he and his men dug their way into a cellar of a large house and cut away portions of stone ceiling on top of which lay some hundreds of tons of fallen masonry. By this means, requiring great skill and courage, they reached two men buried in the room above and rescued one of them alive.

Mr. Agius has shown untiring energy and devotion to duty and has been responsible for saving many lives.

Richard George Allen Clark, Engineer and Manager, The Dover Gas Company.

A gas works suffered damage from high explosive bombs and fires broke out. Mr. Clark's house sustained considerable damage and he and his wife were practically buried under debris. Although suffering from shock, he at once went to the works to give instructions for turning off the gas from the damaged holders. He then successfully organised the emergency repair work so that a full gas supply was restored within a period of five hours.

Mr. Clark has shown exceptional qualities of leadership and courage throughout the period of intensive enemy action.

Roger Corderoy, A.R.P. Officer, Civil Defence Service, Stepney.

During an air raid Mr. Corderoy was in control of Civil Defence operations and handled the situation in a practical and efficient manner. His cool and confident bearing, in a situation fraught with considerable danger, acted as an example to all who came in contact with him. When it became necessary to evacuate the Control Centre because of burning buildings immediately overhead, he acted with initiative and resource. He set up an improvised Control and from there continued to direct operations until it was possible to return to the Control Centre. Throughout the night Mr. Corderoy displayed outstanding courage and leadership in maintaining the vital Civil Defence Services.