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**CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.**

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1.  
3rd October, 1941.*

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

Arthur George Aves, Charge Engineer, Poplar Borough Council Electricity Undertaking.

During an air raid H.E. and incendiary bombs caused extensive damage in the area around a generating station. Mr. Aves, who was responsible for the co-ordination of the activities of the staff, showed great devotion to duty and under his leadership they not only saved the station from destruction but, despite the dangers of the raid and difficulties caused by the disorganisation of essential services, were instrumental in quickly restoring supplies to a large area.

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

William Albert Honour, Superintendent, " B " Division, Metropolitan Police.

*Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—*

John Cyprian Nightingale, Station Inspector,	} " B " Division, Metropolitan Police.
Wyndham Vavasor Watkins, Police Constable,	

Alan David Falk, Warden, Civil Defence Wardens Service, Kensington.

A bomb caused damage to property and fires started. A man was trapped under debris on the second floor of a building, the roof and top floor of which had fallen in. The outer wall had been blown out and a remaining wall was likely to collapse. In addition, a fire was raging in the adjoining house and another at premises opposite.

Superintendent Honour, with Nightingale, Watkins and Falk, reached the second floor and found the victim lying on a bed covered with plaster and other debris from the floors above.

The heat from the fires increased but the four men began to remove the debris with their hands. Great care was necessary to ensure that no undue vibration was caused.

After a time the man was partially uncovered but he was still pinned down by a broken joist which had fallen across the upper part of his body. The removal of this joist was attended by considerable danger as any movement was likely to cause a further collapse of the wall.

Great gallantry was shown by the rescuers and after they had worked for an hour the trapped man was released without having suffered any serious injury.