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

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1.
7th November, 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 specially shown below as having received an expression of Commendation for their brave conduct in Civil Defence:—

Awarded the George Medal:—

Albert Aslett, Leader, Civil Defence Stretcher Party Service, Wandsworth.

A bomb damaged a house and the wreckage caught fire. Aslett found a woman trapped by the legs and after some time succeeded in removing the debris which held her. He saw by the light of the fire that a girl was pinned down beneath a table and a mantleshelf, with part of the ceiling and other wreckage piled on the top. The danger from further collapse of debris and from the fire was very great, and it was necessary to play water on and around Aslett as he continued his efforts to rescue the girl, who was extricated an hour and a half later.

Aslett showed great courage and was responsible for saving two lives.

Awarded the George Medal:—

Michael Hogan, Driver, Works Fire Service, Portsmouth.

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

John Godfrey Adrian Way-Hope, Control Officer, Works A.R.P. Organisation, Portsmouth.

During an air raid Hogan, who was working as a member of the crew of a fire engine, was twice blown from a quay into the water, by blast of H.E. bombs, but he climbed out and continued his work.

The raid increased in intensity and a large shelter, occupied by women and children, was threatened by spreading fires. A request was made for volunteers to remove the shelterers to a place of safety and, although high explosive bombs were being dropped in considerable numbers, Hogan made a number of journeys, transporting the people to safer areas. Whilst thus engaged an incendiary bomb lodged just in front of the windscreen of the van he was driving. He promptly extinguished it and resumed his journey.

Hogan showed great bravery and continued fighting the fires throughout the following day and night.

Mr. Way-Hope was responsible for organising and co-ordinating all the Works Civil

Defence Services which were brought into action during this raid and, by his devotion to duty, contributed to the efficient handling of the situation.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Leslie Bonham, Head Warden, Civil Defence Wardens Service, Coventry.

During an air raid a bomb fell on a dwelling house and one woman was injured and two trapped. Warden Bonham attended to the casualty and, at great risk to himself, crawled under the wreckage and extricated the other victims. Whilst he was working, two bombs fell within twenty yards of him and he was knocked over and covered with debris. Despite this he then entered another demolished house, a wall of which was liable to collapse, and succeeded in rescuing seven people.

Mr. Bonham showed courage and qualities of leadership and continued in his work of rescue throughout the night.

Daniel Crutchley, Police Constable, Plymouth City Police.

A bomb demolished houses and persons were trapped in one of the basements. A large quantity of masonry and loose timber, liable to collapse, was immediately over the spot at which it was necessary to begin rescue work. Regardless of this danger and the presence of coal gas, Constable Crutchley, working in a very limited space, started to remove the debris.

He was partly overcome by the gas but after a brief rest continued until, five hours later, three men were rescued.

Crutchley worked ceaselessly and untiringly for a further five hours in an attempt to rescue other casualties.

It was due to the efforts, courage and initiative of the Constable that the three persons were rescued alive.

Stanley Horscroft, Sub-Officer, Edmonton Fire Brigade (now National Fire Service).

Sub-Officer Horscroft, when engaged on duties at a serious dock fire, organised a water relay service thus effectively getting to work many pumps that would otherwise have been out of action.

During intense aerial bombardment his example, leadership and disregard of danger, greatly contributed to the fire being got under control.

Leslie Gordon Whyman, Police Sergeant, Bootle Police Force.

Sergeant Whyman's duties as Liaison Officer between the Police and the Bomb Disposal Section have necessitated him searching for unexploded time bombs over a large area in the dark during the height of enemy attacks.

In addition to this highly dangerous work the Sergeant made arrangements for the immediate evacuation of large numbers of people and it is due to his promptness and courage that many lives have been saved.

Sergeant Whyman has shown courage and devotion to duty and his conduct has been an example to all.

Thomas David Young, Section Officer, Tottenham Auxiliary Fire Service (now National Fire Service).

During an air raid Section Officer Young was on leave but volunteered to form one of the crew of a heavy unit ordered to a fire at a warehouse. After this fire was extinguished, a number of half-submerged barges were seen to be alight. The barges were moored to a ship lying alongside a quay but were lying off from the ship some thirty feet. Young boarded the barges by sliding down the mooring line from the ship's deck and enabled a hose to be got to work on the barges which prevented the fire reaching an adjoining transport ship.

Young remained in this precarious position for some hours, even when the barges were in a sinking condition. It was not until a tug was obtained and the barges pushed ashore that help could be given.

Young displayed exceptional courage and daring.

COMMENDATIONS.

Those named below have been Commended for brave conduct in Civil Defence:—

John James Brown, Police Constable, Birkenhead Police Force.

Daniel David Dansiger, Warden, Civil Defence Wardens Service, Wandsworth.

Percy Thomas Gollop, Special Constable, Plymouth Special Constabulary.

George Herbert, Member, Civil Defence Stretcher Party Service, Wandsworth.

William Arthur Humphrey, Post Warden, Civil Defence Wardens Service, Wandsworth.

Albert Edward Onions, Warden, Civil Defence Wardens Service, Birkenhead.

William Francis Pethick, Corps Superintendent, County Staff, St. John Ambulance Brigade, Plymouth.

Douglas Benjamin Richards, District Warden, Civil Defence Wardens Service, Wandsworth.

Alfred Shillabeer, Member, Fire Watching Organisation, Plymouth Co-operative Society, Ltd.

Albert Spencer, Fire Watching Organisation, Plymouth Co-operative Society, Ltd.

William Tushingam, Police Constable, Birkenhead Police Force.

John Watson, Leader, Civil Defence Stretcher Party Service, Wandsworth.

In the list of Commendations published in the Supplement to the London Gazette No. 35271, dated 9th September, 1941, the name of Ernest Halliday should read Ernest Holliday.

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of Commendation for brave conduct when rescuing the crews of crashed and burning aircraft:—

Evan James Bowles, Member, Tractor Driver,
Burford, Oxon.

Doris May, Mrs. Haynes, Honeybourne, Nr.
Evesham.

Francis Robert Wheeler, Market Gardener,
Badsey, Nr. Evesham.

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