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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