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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD,

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1,
28th November, 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 Officer of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:—

James Holt, Governor, H.M. Prison, Liverpool.

When Liverpool Prison suffered damage during air raids Mr. Holt displayed leadership of a high order. He was largely responsible for organising and directing the rescue of prisoners under conditions of great difficulty and danger.

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

Reginald Campbell Ratray, District Engineer, William Hill Underwood, Acting Assistant District Locomotive Superintendent,	}	London and North Eastern Railway.
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Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Peter Campbell, Locomotive Foreman, David Thorburn, Mechanical Engineer's Examiner,	}	London and North Eastern Railway.
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A time-bomb passed through a wagon of coal and broke away several feet of one of

the rails. The wagon, which was straddled across the hole, seriously hampered the activities of the Bomb Disposal Squad. Mr. Ratray, with some voluntary helpers, attempted to move the wagon to enable the Squad to reach the bomb. Mr. Underwood and Mr. Campbell offered their services and they were joined by Mr. Thorburn who brought to the site a wagon-lifting jack and blocks of wood.

Attempts to jack the wagon over on its side proved futile, as also did an effort to bridge the hole by re-arranging the fractured rail. Eventually, sleepers, extending past the edge of the hole, were packed under the axle and the wagon was rolled clear.

All four men showed courage and determination with complete disregard of the danger from the bomb which was liable to explode at any moment. They worked throughout as one unit, Mr. Ratray and Mr. Underwood taking the lead.

Awarded the George Medal:—

Cornelius Legg, Station Officer, London Fire Force, National Fire Service.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Leonard Arthur Burley, Acting Sub-Officer, William Charles Killbourn, Leading Auxiliary Fireman,	}	London Fire Force, National Fire Service.
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Legg, Burley and Killbourn were members of a Fire Service contingent sent from London to Plymouth.

They showed courage and devotion to duty in fighting fires under heavy bombardment and their work of rescue was performed with complete disregard of their own safety.

Bombs fell close to where Killbourn was working and damaged a public shelter and persons were trapped inside.