

job was tackled and completed in little more than one hour.

Albert Paul, Carriage and Wagon Inspector,
Henry Shipton, Charge-man Carriage and Wagon Examiner,
David Ernest Blaber, Carriage and Wagon Examiner,

} Southern Railway.

A time-bomb fell in front of a raft of wagons, distorted the track and caused five wagons to be derailed. The leading wagon, loaded with coal, was partly tipped over, and the front axle came to rest on the bomb, which had only partially penetrated the earth between the running rails.

The bomb could not be reached until the wagon had been raised. Inspector Paul made arrangements for the tool van to be sent and, together with Shipton and Blaber, placed packing and hydraulic jacks in position under the wagon. The men, regardless of the danger to which they were exposed, operated the jacks until the weight of the wagon was taken, after which the Bomb Disposal Unit took charge.

Samuel Frederick Pritchard, Acting Station Officer, London Fire Force, National Fire Service.

Acting Station Officer Pritchard has attended numerous fires caused by enemy action on London.

He has consistently shown courage and steadfastness of purpose, and, by his qualities of leadership, has set a fine example to the men under his command.

During one air raid he entered a burning building and removed explosives to a place of safety and on other occasions has shown considerable resource and initiative in dealing with difficult situations.

COMMENDATIONS.

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

Albert Edward Crust, Auxiliary Fireman, London Fire Force, National Fire Service.
Miss Margaret Kathleen Fruin, Auxiliary, London Fire Force, National Fire Service.
Henry William Kenneth Kelly, Junior Scientific Officer, Admiralty.
Reginald Alfred Marks, Auxiliary Fireman, London Fire Force, National Fire Service.
Benjamin Ernest Storey Mitchell, Sub-Officer, London Fire Force, National Fire Service.
Miss Florence Saunders, Nursing Sister (Civil Nursing Reserve), Rest Centre Service, London County Council.

Miss Joan Audrey Sharp, Auxiliary, London Fire Force, National Fire Service.
Leonard Walden, G.M., Temporary Experimental Assistant IIA, Admiralty.
Miss Ivy Mabel Whiterod (Shorthand Typist Grade I), Member, Civil Defence Service, Ministry of Aircraft Production.

The surname of the undermentioned Warden is as now described and not as stated in Gazette Supplement No. 35327, dated 31st October, 1941.

Louis Norman Herckenrath, Civil Defence Wardens Service, Liverpool.

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St. James's Palace, S.W.1.

28th 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 (Civil Division):—

Awarded the George Medal:—

John Robert Douglas, Senior Superintendent,
James Grant, Process Man,
Stephen Tipper, Process Man,

} Explosives Factory.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

James McGivern, Process Man,

} Explosives Factory.

An explosion, which took place at a factory between a building where large quantities of nitro-glycerine were stored and the protecting embankment, caused the building to catch fire.

McGivern, knowing the nature of its contents, went inside the mound and discovered a smouldering bag which he immediately removed. Douglas and Grant then entered the building and found part of it alight. While they were subduing the fire Tipper ascended to the upper floor and played water on it from the higher level.

All these men knew the dangerous character of the contents of the building, but courageously accepted the risk of being involved in a second explosion of a much more serious nature and one which, if it did occur, they knew would result in their death. By their prompt and gallant action a serious explosion was averted and valuable plant and buildings saved from destruction.

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