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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:—

Cyril James Newman, Town Clerk and Air Raid Precautions Controller, Exeter.

During enemy air raids on Exeter, Mr. Newman has set an outstanding example of courage and devotion to duty. He took charge directly the raids started and it was due in no small measure to his personality and organising ability that the Civil Defence Services in the City carried out their duties so efficiently.

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

Robert Hamilton Moyes, M.D., Ch.B., D.P.H., Deputy Medical Officer of Health, Kingston-upon-Hull.

Throughout enemy air raids Dr Moyes has played an important part in succouring wounded and trapped people and in encouraging the personnel of Civil Defence services.

During one raid he rendered assistance to many victims and gave morphia to ease the sufferings of those who could not be immediately released. This necessitated crawling into tunnels at a time when debris was still falling but he carried on regardless of personal risk and displayed a high degree

of courage. His initiative and skill undoubtedly saved several lives and brought comfort to the suffering.

Dr. Moyes has been Medical Officer at many incidents and he has always maintained a high standard of professional skill and courage. He has worked untiringly for the injured victims of enemy air attack and his calm demeanour has been an inspiration.

Fred William Sansom, Mains Superintendent, Exeter Gaslight and Coke Company.

During enemy air raids on Exeter, Mr. Sansom worked tirelessly to ensure that damage to gas mains was repaired and an adequate supply of gas maintained. His courage and organising abilities have been outstanding and he has exposed himself to great danger in his efforts to isolate and make safe, gas mains damaged by bombs.

Awarded the George Medal:—

Ernest William Howard, Warden, Civil Defence Wardens Service, Exeter.

Victor William Hutchings, War Reserve Constable, Exeter City Police.

When a high explosive bomb demolished a house, fires broke out and five persons were trapped in a cellar under a mass of bricks and debris. A narrow chute which led into the cellar from the road was blocked with bricks and smouldering wreckage. Howard and Hutchings who had both, earlier in the night, displayed considerable courage and initiative in dealing with fires and in rescuing people from wrecked and burning houses, attempted to reach the cellar from inside the house, but smoke and flames drove them out. They then removed hot bricks and rubble from the entrance to the chute and first Howard, then Hutchings entered the cellar which was full of smoke and fumes. Howard brought out a newly-born baby and then went back and rescued a crippled man by carrying him up the chute on his back. He then led out another man. Hutchings, though almost overcome by smoke, meanwhile was able to release and carry out a man and a woman.

Warden Howard and Constable Hutchings displayed outstanding bravery in effecting the rescues which were carried out in the face of enormous difficulties and danger. After their efforts both men carried on throughout the rest of the night, Howard acting as a messenger for the Fire Services and Hutchings performing police duties.

Awarded the George Medal:—

Harold Etherington Wood, B.E.M., Police Sergeant, Birmingham City Police.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Ernest Callaghan, Police Constable, Birmingham City Police.

James Hughes, Millwright, Birmingham.
- During an enemy air raid a building was completely destroyed by bombs and two fires were started. Wood and Callaghan at once went to the building and learned that six people were trapped in an underground shelter. They found one man, attended to his injuries and put him in a safe place. They commenced digging operations and found the body of another man beneath the debris. More of the building collapsed and closed the entrance to the shelter. The two men then went to the front of the premises where the exit had been blocked by heavy debris. With help they cleared a way and found that the inside of the shelter had partly collapsed. Although water was escaping into it and there was danger from live electric wires, the Sergeant and Constable Callaghan entered the shelter and commenced rescue work. They were joined by Hughes who followed Wood inside and helped to remove debris from a woman. Another woman was recovered and passed from the shelter.

The building was four storeys high, each floor carrying heavy machinery. This and the steel framework was liable to fall on the rescuers. During their work enemy planes were overhead and bombs fell nearby.

The three men acted in a most courageous manner without thought for their own safety and, by their prompt action and determined efforts, saved the lives of three persons.

Awarded the British Empire Medal:

(Civil Division):—

Arnold Ernest Bateson, Motor Driver, Kingston-upon-Hull.

During an air raid a H.E. bomb exploded near some Alms Houses inhabited by elderly people. Two of these houses were demolished, trapping three of the inmates under the debris. There was great danger of being injured by falling masonry but, without hesitation, Bateson climbed through a blown-out window, contacted one of the women, and started to remove the rubble and bricks from her head and shoulders. The roof was hanging from the adjoining house and likely to fall at any moment but, despite the great risk, Bateson continued to clear the wreckage from the casualty.

He worked his way under the debris and at the same time held up a wall, by this action protecting the victim from further injury. Although ordered to come out by a rescue party, he refused until the wall was propped up. Afterwards he still insisted on rendering

such assistance as was in his power and did not leave until the woman had been extricated.

Bateson displayed courage and great determination.

Edwin Charles Buttle, Police Inspector, Norwich City Police.

Charles William Shore, Warden, Civil Defence Wardens Service, Norwich.

Inspector Buttle and Warden Shore have shown outstanding courage and devotion to duty whilst carrying out duties in connection with unexploded time-bombs. Both men worked continually during and after air raids with complete disregard of their personal safety and gave invaluable help to the Bomb Disposal personnel.

The Reverend John Franklin Cheyne, Senior Warden, Civil Defence Wardens Service, Southampton.

The Reverend J. F. Cheyne has shown great courage and determination throughout enemy air raids on Southampton. He has carried out his duties in the Civil Defence Wardens Service with coolness and efficiency and his leadership has been outstanding.

James Pilling Cundy, Stableman, Exeter Co-operative Society, Exeter.

During an enemy air raid the stables where Mr. Cundy worked were set alight by incendiary bombs. Attempts made to extinguish the fires with buckets of water were unsuccessful. There were fourteen horses tethered in the stables and all were terrified by the fire and explosions. The building was burning furiously and debris was falling into the stable, which was full of smoke. Cundy, disregarding the dangers of fire and possible injury from the terror-stricken horses, went into the stables to cut the halters and release the animals. He was able to save all but two which were overcome by smoke.

Mr. Cundy's only thought was for the welfare of the horses and he risked his life to save them.

Phyllis, Mrs. Falcon, Warden, Civil Defence Wardens Service, Southampton.

Throughout enemy air raids Mrs. Falcon has shown courage, resourcefulness and devotion to duty.

On one occasion her promptness in rendering immediate aid to a man who had been injured by a bomb undoubtedly saved his life.

On another night Mrs. Falcon was on duty near her residence when one of the first bombs dropped seriously damaged her home. Although suffering from shock she lost no time in reporting to her Post and throughout the raid rendered first aid with calm efficiency and resourcefulness.

John David Grix, Cyclist Messenger, Civil Defence Messenger Service, Norwich.

Messenger Grix was on continuous duty during an air raid and carried messages with complete disregard of personal safety. He was blown off his cycle no less than five times on his journeys to the Report Centre, but on each occasion he picked himself up and continued. Although severely burnt by acid from a fire, both hands being injured, he insisted on resuming his duties after receiving first aid treatment. In the course of one of his journeys he dealt effectively

with an incendiary bomb and also stopped a gas leakage at a house. During the daytime he rendered valuable assistance to Wardens and Rescue Parties.

Grix displayed courage and determination of a very high order.

William Malcolm Hall, Leading Fireman (Exeter), No. 19 Fire Force Area, National Fire Service.

Leonard Hilary Walton Turner, Leader, First Aid Party, Civil Defence Casualty Service, Exeter.

A large building was hit by a bomb and demolished and five men were buried in the debris. Fires broke out and there was imminent danger of the collapse of a high wall which separated the building from office premises.

The Fire Brigade and a First Aid Party arrived and Hall and Turner commenced rescue operations. A hose was used as a cover for the two men who worked amongst burning debris, in heat and smoke which were almost unbearable, for nearly an hour. The work was carried out within six feet of the base of the tottering wall and it was due to the tenacity and courage of Hall and Turner that one man was rescued alive.

Franklyn William Horsley, Fireguard Staff Officer, Civil Defence Wardens Service, Norwich.

During enemy air raids Mr. Horsley has displayed conspicuous courage, organising ability and powers of leadership in tackling incendiary bomb fires, some of considerable magnitude.

On one occasion he entered a block of flats in which fires were burning. Bombs were falling all around, windows were being blown in and soot was coming down the chimneys. He tackled the fire from inside the building but, not making much headway, he went up through the rafters on to the roof and continued to fight the fire from there. Machine-gunning was taking place and the roof was burning furiously. The fire was eventually extinguished and Mr. Horsley then went on to deal with other fires.

He was on the roof space of some small houses tackling a number of fires when the roof fell in.

Horsley has shown devotion to duty without regard for his own safety.

John McCormack, Police Constable, Birmingham City Police.

Incendiary bombs started a number of fires in an area adjoining factories and workshops. Constable McCormack had already extinguished a great many incendiaries, when he discovered a fire in an electrical works. He took a jet through a house and reached the rear of the burning premises which were then a mass of flames. He climbed a shaky ladder placed against an old wooden building, and from there played on the fire and prevented it from spreading to adjoining factories. His position at all times was hazardous, as there was a likelihood of the outer walls of the burning four-storey building falling on him.

The work of Constable McCormack undoubtedly prevented the fire spreading and on this and other occasions during

enemy air raids he has shown courage and devotion to duty.

Josephine Mary, Mrs. Woolmer, Ambulance Driver, Civil Defence Casualty Service, Bath.

An Ambulance Depot received a direct hit from a bomb and the telephone operator was injured. The telephone room was almost in ruins, but it was found that communications could be maintained. An unexploded time-bomb was lying in a corner near the telephone but, despite this, Mrs. Woolmer volunteered to attend to the switchboard as telephone operator, which she did for a period of about half an hour. During this time messages were received and ambulances and First Aid Parties despatched to incidents.

When the telephone finally became useless, Mrs. Woolmer left the Depot intending to re-establish telephonic communication with Control. When this failed she continued to act throughout the raid as an ambulance driver.

COMMENDATIONS.

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

Stanley Leonard Bailey, Special Constable, Bath Special Constabulary.

Miss Constance Binks, lately Officer, H.M. Prison, Manchester.

Albert Edward Bullingham, Engine and Pump Attendant, Felixstowe and District Water Company.

Thomas William Byland, Temporary Sergeant, Norwich City Police.

Richard Collier, Foreman of Works, H.M. Prison, Manchester.

Arthur Cross, Leader, Rescue Party, Civil Defence Rescue Service, Isle of Wight.

Lionel John Gould, Leading Fireman (Exeter), No. 19 Fire Force Area, National Fire Service.

Albert Hill, War Reserve Constable, Birmingham City Police.

Thomas William Knights, Engine and Pump Attendant, Felixstowe and District Water Company.

Peter Lomax, Cyclist Messenger, Civil Defence Messenger Service, Norwich.

George Henry Lynham, Warden, Civil Defence Wardens Service, Bath.

Alfred William Matthews, Fireman (Exeter), No. 19 Fire Force Area, National Fire Service.

Ronald Charles Phillips, Messenger, Civil Defence Wardens Service, Birmingham.

William Rawlings, Warden, Civil Defence Wardens Service, Bath.

James Henry Reynolds, Messenger, Police Auxiliary Messenger Service, Exeter.

John Shute, Storekeeper, Exeter.

Arnold Stockdale, Police Constable, Norwich City Police.

Norman Whalley, Probationary Constable, Birmingham City Police.

Marjorie Joyce, Mrs. Whimster, Centre Organiser, Women's Voluntary Services, Bath.

Irene Rachel, Mrs. Williams, Staff Warden, Civil Defence Wardens Service, Birmingham.

Fred Walter Wilson, Leading Fireman (Exeter), No. 19 Fire Force Area, National Fire Service.

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