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

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1,
25th September, 1942.*

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.