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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS
OF KNIGHTHOOD.

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1.
4th December, 1942.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the undermentioned 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:—

Marion, Mrs. Patterson, Senior Fire Guard, Aberdeen.

During an enemy air raid, a bomb demolished a building and fire broke out. Mrs. Patterson crawled under the wreckage and, with a stirrup pump, extinguished what might have developed into a disastrous fire.

A man was known to be trapped in the building and to reach him Mrs. Patterson burrowed under the wreckage for fifteen feet and directed rescue operations from underneath, so that a way could be cleared through the debris to the victim. He was trapped by a heavy piece of timber across his legs and before he could be released Mrs. Patterson had to work downwards to his feet and remove the beam.

Mrs. Patterson showed outstanding courage and initiative, without regard for her own safety. She was in great danger during the rescue work and one minute after she emerged from the building it collapsed.

*Awarded the British Empire Medal
(Civil Division):—*

Henry Henslaw Cheesman, Inspector of Smiths, H.M. Dockyard, Malta.

During air raids on Malta Cheesman has shown courage and outstanding leadership in various A.R.P. activities and has set a fine example.

Robert Edward Clevely, General Labourer, Messrs. Yeadon, Adnitt Land Company, Bristol.

An enemy aircraft dropped a single bomb which exploded between two omnibuses, setting fire to them.

Clevely, who was working close by, saw that people were trapped inside one of the blazing vehicles. He released several of the injured people and passed them to safety. He continued to work inside the 'bus until it was almost enveloped in flames and he was compelled to leave.

Clevely, who was badly burned, showed courage and determination and by his efforts saved several lives.

COMMENDATIONS.

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

Hubert Arthur Hilton, Leader, Civil Defence First Aid Party Service, Smethwick.

Miss Marjorie Peeke, Matron, Royal Cornwall Infirmary, Truro, Cornwall.

Courtenay Walter Price, Company Officer, (Bath) No. 17 Fire Force Area, National Fire Service.

John Christopher Staveley, Foreman, Civil Defence Rescue Service, Hull.

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