

was pressing down on a casualty. This action made it possible for Martin to crawl through the pile and reach a woman and, after removing more debris, he succeeded in extricating her. Throughout Denyer had been holding up the wall with his back and taking the weight of the beam. Denyer and Martin remained in the dangerous passage for some time to help in handing out debris removed during the course of the rescue of the other occupants of the house. Both men showed courage and determination without thought for their own safety.

Henry MOSELEY, Sergeant, "M" Division, Metropolitan Police.

Francis Leslie PAINTER, Station Sergeant, "M" Division, Metropolitan Police.

James Samuel WHITE, War Reserve Constable, "M" Division, Metropolitan Police.

Houses were damaged as the result of enemy action and Painter, Moseley and White went to one where people were trapped. The three men, guided by voices, found a woman held down by ceiling joists. Moseley and White held up part of the ceiling, while Painter sawed through the joists and released the victim. They then saw a child's hand and legs sticking out from under some debris. Moseley, using a piece of joist as a lever, lifted the beams which were holding the child down. After moving debris and bedclothes he was able to free her and pass her out to safety. A child in bed had fallen through to the room below. As there was no way of reaching her from above, the three men went down to the street and crawled through the wreckage. After moving heavy pieces of brickwork they found the girl under the up-turned bed with two 6 inch beams across her body. Moseley and White were able to lift the bed just enough to enable Painter to crawl underneath and he sawed through the beams and released the girl. They also discovered that a man was trapped in a bed which had buckled when a large piece of brickwork had fallen on the head of it. This brickwork was too big to be moved and Painter had to break it up with a sledge hammer. The top of the bed was then prised up and the man released.

The three men then went to give a hand at the adjoining house and helped in the rescue of two more people.

Painter, Moseley and White showed courage and devotion to duty.

COMMENDATIONS.

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

Reginald Arthur ALLEN, Constable, "P" Division, Metropolitan Police.

Miss Winifred Ada Rose BUTLER, Staff Nurse, The Brook (L.C.C.) Hospital, Shooter's Hill.

Herbert Edward COOPER, Leading Motorman (Streatham Hill), Southern Railway Company.

Leonard Joseph ELLIS, Constable, "R" Division, Metropolitan Police.

Alexander GRAY, Constable, "R" Division, Metropolitan Police.

Charles George HILL, Inspector, "N" Division, Metropolitan Police.

Albert Edward HUNT, Warden, Civil Defence Wardens Service, East Ham.

Miss Barbara Janet SMITH, Sister, The Brook (L.C.C.) Hospital, Shooter's Hill.

Henry John STANDEN, Leading Fireman, No. 36 (London) Area, National Fire Service.

Leonard WOPLIN, Warden, Civil Defence Wardens Service, East Ham.

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD,

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

17th July, 1945.

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.

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

Egbert Victor Hector RIZZO.

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

Miss Anne Marie WALTERS, First Aid Nursing Yeomanry.

Awarded the George Medal:—

Miss Nancy Grace Augusta WAKE, First Aid Nursing Yeomanry.

For brave conduct in hazardous circumstances.

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

Captain Thomas Richard THOMPSON, Master, s.s. "Blairclova" (Clydesdale Navigation Company Ltd.).

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

Norman Hubert HARRIS, Second Officer, s.s. "Fort Stikine" (Port Line Limited).

Charles Davidson MICHAEL, Chief Officer, m.v. "Capsa" (Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Company Ltd.).

John Kinlock PURDON, Chief Officer, s.s. "Blairclova" (Clydesdale Navigation Company Ltd.).

Henry Edward SWAINE, Fourth Engineer Officer, s.s. "Kingyuan" (China Navigation Company Ltd.).

James Joseph TOBIN, Second Engineer Officer, s.s. "Kingyuan" (China Navigation Company, Ltd.).

Explosions occurred on board a vessel loaded with cotton and T.N.T., in Victoria Dock, Bombay, causing fires which devastated Victoria Dock and Princes Dock with heavy loss of life.

The s.s. "Fort Stikine" had about 900 tons of explosives on board but the fire actually started among a cargo of cotton while the ship was discharging. Volunteers went down into an adjoining hold to move detonators but, as the bulkhead became heated, they were ordered on deck. The fire became beyond control and all hands were ordered off the ship to the quay. Shortly afterwards two heavy explosions occurred, the ship blew