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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1.
28th February, 1941.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following awards and for the publication in the London Gazette of the names of the individuals shown below as having received an expression of Commendation for their brave conduct in Civil Defence:—

Awarded the George Medal.

Herbert Stanford, Group A.R.P. Warden, Bristol.

An H.E. bomb completely demolished several houses which caught fire. Cries were heard coming from beneath the debris.

Stanford worked his way through the burning wreckage to the trapped people, handed water to them and gave them encouragement.

It was not possible to release the victims alive by removing the debris from the top, but Stanford entered the next house, knocked out the fire grate, and so obtained access. Five persons were rescued and taken to Hospital.

The whole of these operations lasted three hours and during that time the building was

burning, coal gas was escaping, and the raid still in progress.

The action of the Group Warden showed considerable bravery, initiative and perseverance, and he set a fine example.

David Ewington Barnes, Scientific Officer, Ministry of Supply.

Leonard Walden, Temporary Experimental Assistant II, Admiralty.

William James Wiltshire, Senior Scientific Officer, Ministry of Supply.

For conspicuous gallantry in carrying out hazardous work in a very brave manner.

Awarded the Medal of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, for Meritorious Service:—

Ernest Biggs, A.R.P. Warden, Southampton.

The Post area had been continuously bombed and in spite of increased bombing Warden Biggs, together with another Warden, went to deal with a fire which had broken out in a garage. A bomb fell about 15 yards away and Biggs suffered very severe injuries, but despite these he endeavoured to carry on. The other Warden was killed. Biggs showed great gallantry and devotion to duty.