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OF KNIGHTHOOD.

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1,  
2nd January, 1942.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders 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:—

*Awarded the George Medal:—*

James Thomas Annis Scott, Foreman, Civil Defence Rescue Service, South Shields.

A building was demolished by H.E. bombs and six people were trapped. In spite of a concentration of coal gas from a broken main and the possible collapse of heavy masonry, Scott was lowered head first into the cellar and succeeded in rescuing three persons. Although badly affected by coal gas he continued searching for the remaining victims. A youth and an elderly woman were found and extricated, but another woman was buried up to her neck and in danger from the likely collapse of wreckage. Scott, without hesitation, placed himself in a position to hold the unsafe debris and maintained this position until the casualty was removed. Scott acted with great courage in extremely dangerous circumstances.

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

Edgar Charles Adams, Ambulance Driver, Port of London Authority.

Mr. Adams has, throughout the period of air raids, conveyed many casualties to First Aid Posts and to hospital. Numbers of these journeys have been made over devastated and debris-littered roads. Frequently bombs have fallen so close that his ambulance has been rocked by blast.

On one occasion a lengthy search for casualties had to be made whilst incendiaries and H.E. bombs fell around. After finding

and conveying the victims to hospital, further journeys were made. Stretcher cases had to be carried long distances to the ambulance owing to fires and the roads being blocked by debris. The blast of one bomb blew the stretcher bearers over.

Adams has shown courage and devotion to duty both as a driver and stretcher bearer, with complete disregard of his own safety. Cecil John Ashby Allen, Leader, Mobile First Aid Party (Third Class Clerk), Port of London Authority.

Mr. Allen has, in the most hazardous conditions, led his Party with courage and coolness.

On one occasion he crawled under the ruins of a shattered hut and extricated a man from the debris. This man and two other casualties who were badly injured, were carried some two hundred yards over railway lines to the ambulances.

Joseph Dugdale, Leader, Civil Defence Rescue Service, Crosby.

Joseph Sutch, Leader, Civil Defence Rescue Service, Crosby.

John Michael McDermott, Member, Civil Defence Rescue Service, Crosby.

During an air raid houses were demolished and people were trapped in the wreckage which caught fire. Dugdale, McDermott and Sutch cut a way through the mass of debris and, after working for over an hour in conditions of great danger, succeeded in bringing out two casualties. They showed courage and disregard of their own safety being fully aware of the presence of a time bomb nearby.

William Joseph Hunter, Firewatcher (Permanent Labourer), Port of London Authority.

During an air raid, Hunter tackled many incendiary bombs which fell on and around a quay, and extinguished a fire on the upper floor of a warehouse.

Later a H.E. bomb fell on a shed and Hunter led his pickets to attack the serious fire which started among the highly inflammable cargo stored there. The fire soon