



The Paragon, Bath 1942

Ministry of Home Security Inter-Departmental Committee on Civil Defence Gallantry Award

| Surname | Given Names | Age | Case Number | Rank | Service Number |
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| Cheesebrough | Thomas | 21 | 1940 | Private | 13043350 |
| Private Address | | 21st Company, Pioneer Corps, Farleigh, Down, Box, Wilts. | | | |
| Service | | 21st Company, Pioneer Corps | | Local Authority | Bath |
| Total Period of Service | - Years | | Normal Civil Occupation | | |
| Previous Honours or Awards with Dates | | | | | |
| Brief Summary of Ground of Recommendation | | Rescue work at the Paragon, Bath | | | |
| Date | | Time | | | |
| Year | Date | Night | | | |
| 1942 | 29-Apr | | | | |
| Recommendation Originated By | | Bath Controller | | Region Number | 7 (South Western) |
| Regional Commissioners' Recommendation | | | Award | Date | |
| | | | British Empire Medal | Year | Date |
| | | | 1942 | 03-Jul | |
| Documents Appended | 1 | Report by controller | | | |
| Case Considered by Committee | | Date | | Recommendation | |
| | | Year | Date | | |
| | | 1942 | 02-Aug | British Empire Medal | |
| Case Considered by Treasury Committee | | | | Treasury Recommended | British Empire Medal (Military) |
| Award (if any) Gazetted | | Date | | | |
| | | Year | Date | | |
| | | 1942 | 18-Sep | | |

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| Additional Notes | |
| Report by Controller | <p>It is considered by the undersigned, that recognition should be given to Private Cheesebrough, for his work in rescue at the Paragon, Bath. Private Cheesebrough had been giving voluntary assistance to Rescue Parties on the site. The operations had been going on under adverse conditions for three days. By that time, the fire, which had been burning in the debris near the site, had been subdued, and tunnelling was in progress. On a report that signs from someone alive had been heard, Cheesebrough applied himself to the task of tunnelling under the debris among a number of dead persons and after five hours, succeeded in extricating a person a Miss Hayden, who was still alive.</p> <p>Most of the time he was working in a very confined space under debris liable at any moment to collapse, and he insisted on seeing the job through to completion.</p> <p>He collapsed on the completion of his work, and received treatment at a house in the Paragon, and later at the Royal United Hospital.</p> <p>Witnesses:- Dr. Knowles, C. D. Lake, R. F. Cole.</p> <p>Signed. H. Hind</p> |