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TUESDAY, 23 APRIL, 1929.

Whitehall, April 5, 1929.

His Majesty The KING has been graciously pleased to award the Edward Medal to Henry Charles Hamblin in recognition of his gallantry in the following circumstances:—

On the 10th November, 1928, Henry Charles Hamblin and his brother Arthur Albert Hamblin, colliers, were working in a seam at Mells Colliery, Somerset, when at about 9.40 a.m. the supporting timbers suddenly gave way and there was a fall of the roof. Arthur Hamblin was caught by the falling debris and was pinned by the right foot. In struggling to extricate himself a further fall occurred burying him to the waist. Henry Hamblin, on hearing the fall, immediately ran to the scene of the accident and tried to free his brother but could not do so. A further fall buried Arthur Hamblin up to his shoulders. Henry Hamblin shouted for help, but, being unable to make anyone hear, he was forced to leave his brother and go for assistance. On his return he found his brother almost buried. As the roof continued to fall, Henry crouched over his brother's head to shield him and remained in that position for some twenty minutes until assistance came and a temporary covering of timber was erected over his brother's head. He knowingly exposed himself to considerable danger and

himself received severe bruises while shielding his brother with his own body from the falling stones. His gallant conduct probably saved his brother's life.

Whitehall, April 20, 1929.

The KING has been pleased, by Royal Warrant bearing date the 19th instant, to appoint Charles Doughty, Esq., K.C., to be Recorder of the City of Canterbury.

Whitehall, April 8, 1929.

IMPERIAL SERVICE MEDAL.

His Majesty The KING has been pleased to award the Imperial Service Medal to the following officers:—

HOME CIVIL SERVICE.

Abbott, Reginald Elverston, Smith, H.M. Dockyard, Portsmouth.
Allen, George, Skilled Labourer, Royal Naval Armament Depot, Bull Point.
Andrews, Alexander Charles, Skilled Labourer, H.M. Dockyard, Portsmouth.
Angus, John Cooper, Postman, Coatbridge and Airdrie.