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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS  
 OF KNIGHTHOOD,

St. James's Palace, S.W.1.  
 20th March, 1945.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the undermentioned appointment to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, for the following awards 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 Member of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:—*

Miss Teresa Georgina Mayor, Civil Assistant, War Office.

For dangerous work in hazardous circumstances.

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

David Bryce, Hewer, Horden Collieries Ltd., Durham.

Walter Malt, Hewer, Horden Collieries Ltd., Durham.

A hewer was filling a tub with coal when a panel of stone, 5 ft. by 4 ft., fell from above and fastened him against the tub with his chin over the end. Further stone fell on the panel and he was in danger of being asphyxiated.

Bryce and Malt, who were working with the victim, immediately set to work to release him. They set stay props under the stone and tried to pull the tub out, but failed. Eventually, by lying down under the main stone and pushing at the tub with their feet, they managed to do so, thus removing the pressure from the man's throat. He was still pinned by the legs and, though the two men just managed to raise the stone with the help of planks, he was unable to free himself. Bryce then managed to keep the stones up, despite a further fall from above which had added to the weight, but Malt could not pull the man free. Further falls occurred and there was imminent danger of the whole place collapsing. The two men worked for about 15 minutes under the stone and, although they had undoubtedly saved the man from suffocation, more help was needed to get him to safety. Obtaining assistance, they managed to clear away the debris from underneath and, keeping up the panel with the now heavy weight of stone above it, they were able, after a further forty minutes, to free the injured man. Imme-

diately after he was drawn clear, two further falls occurred, breaking down the large stone to the ground.

Bryce and Malt showed courage without thought for their own safety and saved the life of a fellow worker.

COMMENDATIONS.

Those named below have been Commended for brave conduct:—

When an aircraft crashed and caught fire:—

Joseph Henry Bennett, Plumber and Pipe Fitter, Adderbury.

John Alexander Kelly Fergie, Engineer, Adderbury.

The Reverend Thomas Horsman South, M.A., The Vicar of Adderbury.

When carrying out rescue work in a coal mine:—

Eleazor C. Dixon, Overman, Horden Collieries Ltd., Durham.

George McGregor, Hewer, Horden Collieries Ltd., Durham.

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

Terence Creaner, Staff Officer, Civil Defence Rescue Service, Folkestone.

Throughout the war, Creaner has given distinguished service, sometimes at grave personal risk from actual shelling, but at all times under the threat of shelling, and his devotion to duty, his tenacity and splendid leadership have been an inspiration to the men under his control.

A large number of trapped people owe their lives to Creaner's power of endurance, his coolness in operations and his personal qualities, by which he has been able to extract the best services from his personnel.

John Henry Franks, Party Leader, Civil Defence Rescue Service.

As the result of enemy action houses were destroyed. One four-storey house collapsed and a fire broke out. Franks made a heroic attempt to rescue two persons trapped and buried under the burning debris. He worked in extremely dangerous conditions in a tunnel formed in debris which was not only on fire but was becoming more unstable as the result of the water from the firemen's hoses. Whilst endeavouring to force his way through, his clothing caught fire and at the same time a further collapse of the building took place. The rescue operations had to be abandoned and Franks was pulled out of the tunnel by his feet.

He set a fine example of courage and devotion to duty without thought for his own safety.