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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS
OF KNIGHTHOOD,

St. James's Palace, S.W.1.
24th April, 1945.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the undermentioned appointments to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, 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:—

To be an Additional Commander of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:—

The Right Reverend Monsignor Hugh J. O'Flaherty, British Resident in Rome.
For services to the Forces in Italy.

To be Additional Members of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:—

The Reverend Father Aurelius Borg, British Resident in Rome.

The Reverend Father Giles Galea, British Resident in Rome.

The Reverend Father Edmund Madden, British Resident in Rome.

The Reverend Brother Robert Pace, D.Litt., British Resident in Rome.

For services to the Forces in Italy.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Henrietta, Mrs. Chevalier, British Resident in Rome.

For services to the Forces in Italy.

Awarded the George Medal:—

Leonard Steele, Farmer, Rufforth, West Riding of Yorkshire.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Herbert Stanley Smith, Farmer, Rufforth, West Riding of Yorkshire.

An aircraft crashed on to a farmhouse, setting it and the surrounding farm buildings on fire.

Steele and Smith hurried to the farm. Steele broke open the front door and went up the stairs which were blocked by debris. He forced his way into a bedroom and found the farmer's daughter trying to lift an elderly man out of bed. Steele, with help, removed the rubble from the bed and released the injured man. They had hardly left the room when the burning roof collapsed. Steele then heard that the farmer and his wife were still in the burning house. He climbed up the outside wall and entered their room, the walls and roof of which had caved in. Meanwhile Smith had found a ladder and entered a bedroom, but finding no one in that room, he climbed through another window and joined Steele. Together they released the badly injured victims and lowered them through the window. Steele and Smith then endeavoured to rescue the farmer's son who had been sleeping in a room at the back of the house, but the flames were too fierce and rescue efforts had to be abandoned.

Steele acted with conspicuous courage and complete disregard of his own personal safety and was ably helped by Smith.

COMMENDATIONS.

Those named below have been Commended for brave conduct.

When aircraft crashed and caught fire:—

Miss Betty Hildrith, Farm Worker, Rufforth, West Riding of Yorkshire.

Raymond Hutchinson, Police Constable, Tadcaster Division, West Riding of Yorkshire Constabulary.