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## CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

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The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the undermentioned promotion in and appointments 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 Additional Commanders of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire —

William Maurice LAING Chairman (21st Army Group) Young Men's Christian Association

For services to the Forces in North-West Europe

Walter Emerson WATERWORTH M B E  
Chairman, No 2 Group Council of Voluntary War Work

For services to the Forces in the Mediterranean Area

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

Miss Blanche CHARLET

For services in France during the enemy occupation

Miss Eileen Mary NEARNE, First Aid Nursing Yeomanry

For services in France during the enemy occupation

## Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division) —

John Stanley SMITHSON Farm Manager, Easingwold Yorkshire

John Raymond TAYLOR, Farm Labourer, Easingwold Yorkshire

An aircraft returning from bombing operations crashed and caught fire in a field. The main bomb load had been dropped but a large amount of ammunition and incendiary bombs carried by the aircraft exploded intermittently.

Smithson and Taylor hurried to the scene of the crash and regardless of the intense heat and the danger from the exploding ammunition and bombs rushed into the burning wreckage in response to cries for help. Lying clear of the fuselage itself but amidst the burning debris, they found one member of the crew whom they carried to safety. After giving the injured man first-aid treatment they returned to the wreckage and found and extricated the body of another member of the crew. They then continued to search amongst the wreckage for the rest of the aircrew but were unable to rescue any others. Smithson and Taylor showed courage without thought for their own safety.

## KING'S COMMENDATIONS FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

Jess Henry BEARD Driver (Colwick), London and North Eastern Railway Company

Thomas Robert GIBBONS Passed Fireman (Gorton), London and North Eastern Railway Company

Paul HALL, Driver (Gorton), London and North Eastern Railway Company

Frederick HODGES Fireman (Gorton), London and North Eastern Railway Company

Albert LAWSON Passed Fireman (Colwick), London and North Eastern Railway Company