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**CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD,**

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1.*

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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 George Medal and of the British Empire Medal, and for the publication in the London Gazette of the names of those 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:—*

Frederick William HILL, Captain, Salvation Army.

For services to the Forces in prisoners-of-war camps.

*Awarded the George Medal:—*

Berthe Emilie, Mrs. FRASER, British resident in Arras, France.

For special services to the Allied Cause.

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

Joseph Charles BARRETT, Constable, "F" Division, Metropolitan Police.

Police Constable Barrett was one of four officers in a police patrol car which was chasing a stolen car at 70 miles per hour. Neither of the drivers was aware that the road led down to the river until the stolen car mounted a grass verge and dived over a 30 foot bank turning completely over on the way.

The police car was brought to a standstill, and without hesitation, the four police officers entered the water and waded out to the car which was beginning to settle down. They

rescued two of the occupants of the stolen car, but the driver plunged into the water. The man was drawn under by the current, but reappeared in the middle of the river, obviously in great difficulties. P.C. Barrett then threw off his overcoat and jacket and swam towards him.

The Constable was also dragged under by the current, but on coming up again, caught hold of the drowning man and succeeded in bringing him safely ashore. Barrett then returned to assist in rescuing the fourth occupant of the car who was unconscious and wedged inside.

Throughout the incident, P.C. Barrett showed outstanding initiative, persistence and disregard of his own safety.

William Arthur COSLETT, Engineer in charge of mobile wireless station, Cable and Wireless Ltd.

For services to the Forces in Italy.

James Arthur WILLIAMS, formerly a lead miner, Pentre Halkyn, Flintshire.

An Army working party was engaged in constructional work on a site for bulldozer training.

There was a disused mine shaft of about 50 feet in depth nearby into which rubble was dumped. During this operation the ground round the shaft gave way and one of the party disappeared down the shaft.

Mr. Williams volunteered to attempt to recover the body. The shaft was timbered and he worked steadily for a fortnight under conditions of extreme difficulty and risk from further subsidence. Conditions became so bad at the end of the period that he was compelled to wear a gas-mask whilst working. When the body was ultimately reached, Williams, who had shown courage and great determination, was brought up almost in a state of collapse.