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### CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1.  
31st January, 1941.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to give Orders for the undermentioned appointment to the Fifth Class of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, for the following Awards of the George Medal and the Medal of the Said Most Excellent Order, 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 in Civil Defence.

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

Miss E. Margaret Smyth, Organising Secretary, Women's Land Army, East Kent.

Miss Smyth has assisted in the organisation of the Women's Land Army in Kent since the outbreak of war. The splendid record of the Land Girls working in the dangerous areas of East Kent is largely due to her untiring efforts on their behalf.

Throughout weeks of intensive bombing, when many houses have been damaged and destroyed close to her office, Miss Smyth has worked there daily.

She has shown coolness and courage, devotion to duty and cheerfulness under all circumstances.

### *Awarded the George Medal:—*

Frederick Albert Basham, Leader A.R.P. Rescue Party, Islington.

A Rescue Party, under the leadership of F. A. Basham effected the rescue of two persons from debris after seven hours' work, involving the cutting of two tunnels in darkness and coal-gas fumes, whilst in imminent danger of the wreckage collapsing. An air raid was in progress during the whole time. Success was largely due to the direction and control of Leader Basham.

Harry Bass, Police Sergeant, Metropolitan Police.

When two heavy bombs partly demolished a large four-storey building, P.S. Bass, who was on duty near the incident, immediately crawled into the basement and rescued an injured woman who was trapped inside. The building was in an extremely dangerous condition and might have collapsed upon him at any moment. By his courage in entering and dragging her out, he undoubtedly saved the woman's life.

On another occasion P.S. Bass organised and led a party to rescue a man who was buried 12 feet below a pile of debris, and, later, he assisted a rescue squad to locate and rescue a five-year-old boy who was also buried. This building was also in very great danger of collapsing.

Bass has done first-class work in bombed areas and, without any thought for his own safety, has frequently entered tottering and unsafe buildings in order to save life.