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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

St. James's Palace, S.W.1. 9th May, 1941.

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 the persons specially shown below as having received an expression of Commendation for their brave conduct in Civil Defence.

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

Miss Annie Caroline Robins, Matron, Bristol General Hospital, Bristol.

When the Bristol General Hospital was severely damaged by high explosive and incendiary bombs, Miss Robins showed the utmost devotion to duty and set an outstanding example of fortitude and courage to her staff.

## Awarded the George Medal:-

Bernard Campbell, Leader, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Westminster.

Leslie Ernest Finbow, Police Constable, "E" Division, Metropolitan Police.

A high explosive bomb partly demolished a large building. Search was made for sur-

vivors. Mr. Campbell and P.C. Finbow, after removing a considerable amount of debris, extricated three women.

The Warden and Police Constable, with assistance, then attempted the rescue of a man whom they could hear tapping under the wreckage.

Their task was a formidable one and became steadily worse as fires broke out.

There was an enormous amount of very heavy debris to be moved and it took nearly four hours to release the man. During the whole of this time the remaining part of the building was burning and showed signs of collapse and gas was escaping from a fractured pipe.

Campbell and Finbow displayed tenacity, skill and courage of the highest order.

Mary Fleming, Staff Nurse Aileen Turner, Senior Assistant Nurse

Grove Park Hospital.

When a high explosive bomb struck Grove Park Hospital, Nurse Turner and Nurse Fleming climbed through a first floor window, crawled across the floor of a ward which was in a highly dangerous condition and released several patients who were trapped.

The quickness, coolness and courage of these two nurses resulted in all the patients being rescued a few minutes before the floor collapsed.