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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 appointments to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, for the following awards of the George Medal, of a Bar to the British Empire 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 Additional Members of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:—*

Charles Robert Briggs, Superintendent, " M " Division, Metropolitan Police.

After fighting fires caused by incendiary bombs, Superintendent Briggs, although very exhausted, went to a building that had been partially demolished by a H.E. bomb. Some people were trapped in a basement room and he climbed down under the debris several times to search for them.

Aircraft were overhead and H.E. bombs were falling, one of which set the debris alight

within six yards of him. The Superintendent came up to help subdue the flames and, when the fire was under control, he again crawled underneath the debris to ascertain the position of the entrapped persons.

Superintendent Briggs showed great courage and leadership with absolute disregard of his own safety and through his persistency fifteen casualties were extricated.

John Desmond Dillon, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Medical Officer in Charge, Mobile Unit, Greenwich.

Dr. Dillon, during the whole period of his association with the Casualty Services, has rendered splendid service.

On one occasion a casualty was trapped in the basement of a building the upper storey of which was blazing. Quite regardless of the risk to himself, Dr. Dillon went down amidst the wreckage in order to extricate the casualty.

Water heated by the fire was streaming down into the debris but the Doctor crawled through, reached a boy and administered morphia.

Dr. Dillon was himself at the time of this incident a casualty, for earlier in the evening he had been injured when extinguishing an incendiary bomb.