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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1.
30th January, 1942.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the George Medal to the undermentioned:—

1221276 Acting Corporal Thomas Hill, Royal Air Force.

On 27th August, 1941, at about 1500 hours, an aircraft crashed through the roof into the main hall of the Central Railway station at Blackpool. On impact, a large explosion occurred and the aircraft burst into a mass of flames. The heat was terrific and the whole place became an inferno. Nevertheless, Corporal Hill rushed into the fire and extricated a woman from the wreckage. He returned and got out a second woman who was under a girder. The clothes of both the women were burning and Corporal Hill, assisted by a policeman, beat out the flames. Large portions of the roof were now falling and pieces of wreckage were flying in all directions. Another woman could be heard screaming in the wreckage. Despite warning shouts that the roof was in danger of collapsing, Corporal Hill covered his face with his arm, dashed into the flames again and succeeded in extricating her. Her clothes were also a mass of flames but Corporal Hill took off his tunic and, assisted by two other persons, beat out the flames. The woman was still alive but badly burned. Corporal Hill displayed undaunted courage throughout and undoubtedly rescued the 3 persons at the risk of his own life.

960595 Leading Aircraftman Sydney Walter John Green, Royal Air Force.

One night in September, 1941, at 2150 hours, an aircraft crashed on an aerodrome

and immediately burst into flames. Ignoring the intense heat, exploding ammunition and oxygen bottles, Leading Aircraftman Green arriving on the scene, assisted in freeing the trapped gunner, a feat which was accomplished by smashing the rear turret with bare hands and breaking the guns from their brackets. With complete disregard for his own safety Leading Aircraftman Green, whose hands were burned in the process, worked heroically until the airman was saved. He set a very fine example.

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The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the British Empire Medal (Military Division) to the undermentioned:—

1100103 Sergeant James Bremner, Royal Air Force.

In October, 1941, Sergeant Bremner was wireless operator in an aircraft engaged in exercises over the sea. When some 10 miles from the coast, one engine failed. The pilot then turned the aircraft towards land after having released his bombs into the sea and, when endeavouring to make a forced landing, the aircraft crashed in a field and caught fire. Sergeant Bremner was stunned but, recovering quickly, immediately went to the assistance of the 3 other members of the crew who were completely incapacitated. He succeeded in removing from the aircraft the second wireless operator and the navigator, both of whom were unconscious. He then attempted to extricate the pilot who was strapped in the cockpit although, it is believed, he was already dead. Whilst so doing, Sergeant