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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD,

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

4th September, 1945.

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 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.

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

William Howard BARKER, Fire Force Commander, No. 10 (Lincoln) Area, National Fire Service.

When a fire broke out at a Royal Air Force bomb dump, the National Fire Service was called out. Fire Force Commander Barker, on arrival at the fireground, immediately assumed control of the operations. Shortly after his arrival, a second dump blew up and explosions continued for some 2½ hours. He accordingly concentrated his main forces in the vicinity of the large dump of high explosive bombs, his actions being marked with most satisfactory results.

He handled an extremely difficult and dangerous situation with outstanding initiative and courage. Fire Force Commander Barker showed complete disregard of his own personal safety, but was at all times deeply concerned that the men under his command should not suffer injury. That no Service injuries were sustained was mostly due to his control of the situation.

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

185510 Acting Flight Lieutenant (Honorary) Arthur Vivian BREEN, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.
 9903 Flight Officer (Honorary) Beatrice Yvonne CORMEAU, Women's Auxiliary Air Force.
 9904 Flight Officer (Honorary) Cecile Pearl WITHERINGTON, Women's Auxiliary Air Force.
 8108 Section Officer (Honorary) Phyllis LATOUR, Women's Auxiliary Air Force.
 8109 Section Officer (Honorary) Maureen O'SULLIVAN, Women's Auxiliary Air Force.
 9910 Assistant Section Officer (Honorary) Sonia Esmee Florence D'ARTOISE, Women's Auxiliary Air Force.
 For services in France during the enemy occupation.

Dems William KRONOPOULOS, British Resident in Greece.

Henry MOAZZO, British Resident in Greece.
 For services to the forces in Greece.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Walter JOHNS, Plumber and Gas Fitter, Bideford Gas Works, Devon.

An aeroplane crashed and caught fire.

Johns ran alone to the field in which the machine had crashed and found that its forward part was a mass of flame. He heard cries for help from somewhere near and found an airman lying on the ground. Johns dragged him clear of the burning machine. He then returned and, seeing no-one, got down flat on the ground and squeezed in underneath the remains of the starboard wing and found a hole through which he entered the aeroplane. He saw an airman caught between the engines and the stays with his feet off the floor. He had got the man on to his shoulders when the floor of the aeroplane gave way, and he fell to the ground with the injured man still on his shoulders. He slid the airman on to his back so that he was flat on the ground, and with assistance, both were pulled clear. Ammunition was exploding during this action and Johns showed courage and determination in effecting the rescue.

Charles RAEPER, Deputy, Ryhope Colliery, Durham.

Charles THIRLAWAY, Stoneman, Ryhope Colliery, Durham.

A heavy fall occurred in a coal seam, trapping two men. Raeper and Thirlaway began shifting the stones, in spite of the fact that the roof was weighting heavily and further falls were taking place higher up. They were assisted by two other miners, but Raeper, assisted by Thirlaway, formed the spearhead of the rescuers. They carried on under very dangerous conditions until, after about 4 hours, they were able to get through to the other side and assist one man, uninjured but suffering badly from shock, back through the hole to safety. The work of rescue was continued with all possible speed until the second man was at last rescued but he was found to be dead. The rescue work was carried on under very