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BRAVE FARMER

The British Empire Medal has been awarded to James Ingledew, a farmer, of Street Farm, near Hackforth, Yorkshire, for his bravery in attempting to rescue the pilot of a Spitfire which crashed at high speed and burst into flames in November last. - Ingledew saw the aircraft spiralling towards the ground and, realising that a crash was inevitable, told his sister to telephone the nearest airfield while he rushed to the aircraft, hoping to save the pilot. He found the pilot lying with his head in the wreckage. His body enveloped in flames. With ammunition exploding in every direction, Mr Ingledew pulled the pilot clear and removed him to safe distance. Unfortunately the pilot was already dead.