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A SURPRISE MEDAL FOR GRANDMOTHER

B.E.M. for a Waltham woman

GRANDMOTHER of five, Mrs. Florence Mary Game had a surprise waiting for her this week, for she learned she had been awarded the British Empire Medal in the New Year Honours list.

Mrs. Game, who is 68, said this week that it was the most wonderful moment of her life when she knew she had been awarded the medal.

She received the award for long service at the explosives research and development establishment at Waltham Abbey. Mrs. Game started at the establishment, in the laundry, in 1941, and is now in charge.

FLAT IRONS

When she first went to the establishment, Mrs. Game had only the old-fashioned cleaning facilities — flat irons, and mangles that had to be turned by hand.

But since then modern equipment has been brought in to make the job much easier.

Mrs. Game, who lives at 34, Brooker Road, Waltham Abbey, is well known in the establishment for her social work. She does the catering for several of the societies within the establishment, and has made the tea for the cricket club at every summer match since 1948.

A CLUB

A pensioners' club — the Old Comrades' Club — which meets once a month in the club room



at E.R.D.E., is also helped along by Mrs. Game, who does the catering and arranges trips for the elderly people during the summer.

Known throughout the establishment as "Flo," she was recently presented with a silver bracelet from the Old Comrades' Club to show their appreciation of her hard work.

When Mrs. Game goes to receive her medal, her daughter, Mrs. Doreen Brawn, is expected to travel with her, and her son, Mr. John Game, may be able to make the journey.

But there are no plans for

retirement by Mrs. Game, who sees that 2,500 garments for use in the establishment are cleaned every week.

OUT OF BLUE

She commented: "It was a wonderful surprise when I heard about the award. It came like a bomb out of the blue."

Her husband, Mr. William Game, was a builder until he retired two years ago.

Mrs. Game is hoping to get some new clothes for the medal presentation, and a very pleased grandmother added: "It is as good as winning the pools."