MEDALS FOR PARITUT

Bronze medals were awarded yesterday to two ent New Plymouth men by the court of directors of the nce Royal Humane Society of New Zealand for the part they played in the night rescue of a young English n ates seaman from the seaward face of Paritutu.

The award was made to Police Constable Ray Petrowski of Moturoa, and to Mr Victor S. Rhodes, of 11 Dawson Street, a member of das, the Taranaki Alpine Club, ter- and the civilian instructor of the New Plymouth Search and Rescue organisation. The as rescue was Constable Pe-ce, trowski's seventh on Pari-I to tutu, and his third by night.

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The rescue, which lasted for more than five hours, took place on July 18, when a young seaman climbing on the seaward face of the rock with a companion sprained an ankle and became stranded on a narrow ledge. companion went for help, but it was already twilight before a full search and rescue operation could get under way.

SPOTLIGHT

Guided by a spotlight fixed on the trapped climber by the New Plymouth Fire Brigade, Constable Petrowski and Mr Rhodes made precarious descent down the seaward face of Paritutu using ropes and the light of torches to grope their way to the aid of the torches to grope climber.

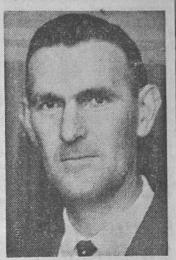
Constable Petrowski has already received the British Empire Medal for his rescue work on the rock. After his fourth rescue he was named in the 1964 New Year's honours.

OTHER AWARDS

Bronze medals were also awarded to three members Le Lievre, aged 14, of Wilof a rescue party searching liams Street, was awarded a for four lost mountaineers certificate of merit for goon the Otira side of Mount ing to the rescue of an eight-Rolleston on June 23.

The recipients are: Messrs the sea on September 1. Hans Bohny, of Arthur's Two Auckland men, Chris-

44 Hirpla Street, Wellington, ing the rescue of swimmers for going to the assistance of in distress.



Constable R. Petrowski



Mr V. S. Rhodes

a ship's greaser who fell into the Wellington harbour at the inter-island ferry berth on October 30 last year.

An Akaroa girl, Carolyn year-old girl who fell into

Pass; Ian Gardiner, 433 St topher J. Poland, of Birken-Asaph Street, Christchurch head, and Ross Markwick, of and Peter L. Squires, Mon- 14 Pupuke Road, Takapuna, treal Street, Christchurch, were each awarded a certifi-Another bronze medal was cate of merit for courage awarded to Joseph Mokarka, and determination in effectD.N. 17/12/1966