

Second Class to John Cairns under the following circumstances :—

On the 13th of March an inrush of water from old workings occurred at the Townhead Iron Ore Mine, Egremont, Cumberland, shortly after a number of men had descended the pit shaft to their work. As soon as the alarm was raised all men made for the shaft bottom, with the exception of James Ward, who had gone alone to his usual working place some distance from the others. Cairns was rushing to the shaft to escape when he recollected that Ward, who was working alone, would be unaware of the danger till too late. He promptly turned back to find Ward and hurry him out of the working. By the time he had reached him the water had risen and the two men found it impossible to get back to the shaft. Luckily, they reached a stone drift above the water level, which happened to be connected with the surface by a six-inch bore-hole. Through this bore-hole communications were made to them from above and food was sent down. They remained imprisoned for 5½ days until they were rescued after the mine had been cleared of water.

There is no doubt that Cairns imperilled his own life by his plucky action in going back into the mine to give warning to Ward.

Also to Thomas Wagstaff and Allan Holliday under the following circumstances :—

On 20th February 1913, at the Burton Brewery Company's Work, Burton-on-Trent, a number of men were lime-washing the ceiling of a hop-press room. On the wall, about two or three feet above the scaffolding on which the men were standing, a shaft was running, driving two cog-wheels. One of the men, named Arbon, was leaning over the shaft when he was suddenly caught and dragged into the machinery. Holliday, who was standing near, at once seized hold of him and became entangled in the gear-wheels himself. The clothes of both men were torn from them, and they were in imminent peril. With great presence of mind Wagstaff seized hold of Holliday and succeeded in keeping clear of the cog-wheels. Holliday escaped with very serious injuries, but Arbon unfortunately lost his life.

There can be no doubt that by their plucky action both Holliday and Wagstaff incurred the gravest risk to their own lives.

DOWNING STREET, July 24, 1913.

The King has been pleased to give directions for the appointment of Frank Arthur Stockdale, Esq. (Director of Agriculture), to be a Nominated Member of the Council of Government of the Colony of Mauritius.

ADMIRALTY, July 24, 1913.

His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve of the Polar Medal with clasp inscribed

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being granted to the under-mentioned members of the British Antarctic Expedition, 1910-1913, the medal and clasp to be in silver for those who served for more than one voyage, and in bronze for those who made one voyage only; the silver clasp alone being awarded to those who already possess the silver Polar Medal :—

*Silver Medal.*

Captain Robert Falcon Scott, C.V.O., D.Sc., R.N. (deceased) (clasp only).  
 Commander Edward Ratcliffe Garth Russell Evans, C.B., R.N.  
 Commander Harry Lewin Lee Pennell, R.N.  
 Commander Victor Lindsey Arbuthnot Campbell, R.N.  
 Lieutenant Henry Edward de Parny Rennick, R.N.  
 Lieutenant Henry Robertson Bowers, R.I.M. (deceased).  
 Commander Wilfrid Montague Bruce, R.N.R.  
 Captain Lawrence E. G. Oates, 6th Inniskilling Dragoons (deceased).  
 Surgeon George Murray Levick, R.N.  
 Surgeon Edward Leicester Atkinson, R.N.  
 Assistant Paymaster Francis Randall Hugo Drake, R.N.  
 Edward Adrian Wilson, M.A., M.B. (deceased) (clasp only).  
 George C. Simpson, D.Sc.  
 T. Griffith Taylor, B.A., B.Sc., B.E.  
 Edward W. Nelson.  
 Dennis G. Lillie, M.A.  
 Frank Debenham, B.A., B.Sc.  
 Charles S. Wright, B.A.  
 Raymond E. Priestley (clasp only).  
 Herbert G. Ponting, F.R.G.S.  
 Cecil H. Meares.  
 Bernard C. Day (clasp only).  
 Apsley Cherry-Garrard, B.A.  
 Trygve Gran.  
 Francis Edward Charles Davies, Acting Carpenter, R.N.  
 William Williams, R.N.  
 William A. Horton, R.N.  
 Alfred B. Cheetham, R.N.R.  
 W. W. Archer.  
 W. Lashley, R.N. (clasp only).  
 Thomas Clissold.  
 Edgar Evans, R.N. (deceased) (clasp only).  
 Robert Forde, R.N.  
 Thomas Crean, R.N. (clasp only).  
 Thomas S. Williamson, R.N. (clasp only).  
 Patrick Keohane, R.N.  
 George P. Abbott, R.N.  
 Frank V. Browning, R.N.  
 Harry Dickason, R.N.  
 Frank J. Hooper.  
 Frederick Parsons, R.N.  
 William L. Heald (clasp only).  
 Arthur S. Bailey, R.N.  
 Albert Balson, R.N.  
 Joseph Leese, R.N.  
 John Hugh Mather, R.N.V.R.