lashed the wooden ladder against the chimney and across the gap, thus enabling the man, who was cut off by the gap, to descend to the ground.

Whitehall, 6th November 1918.

The KING has been pleased to award the Albert Medal to Lieutenant-Colonel (Temporary Brigadier-General) Alfred Burt, D.S.O., and Sergeant Victor Brooks, Canadian Cavalry Field Ambulance; and (*posthumous awards*) to Private Arthur Johnson and Driver Alfred Horn, late of the Army Service Corps, in recognition of their gallantry in saving or endeavouring to save life in France in June last. The circumstances are as follows:—

On the 30th June 1918 a Corporal of the Royal Air Force, who had been lowered by a rope into a crater caused by a bomb which had been dropped by a hostile aeroplane, was overcome by carbon monoxide gas, which had accumulated in large quantities in the crater. Endeavours were made to haul him out, but his head became caught, and Private Johnson volunteered to descend and re-adjust the rope, which he did successfully, and the Corporal was rescued, but Johnson was himself overcome. Driver Horn at once put on his respirator and lowered himself to the rescue, but was likewise overcome. Sergeant Brooks then volunteered to attempt to rescue both men, but was also overcome by the gas; fortunately he was hauled out.

At this stage Brigadier-General Burt refused to permit anyone else to descend, but did so himself, and succeeded in dragging one of the unconscious men some way towards the rope; he, however, became unconscious and had to be pulled out.

There can be no doubt that all knew the risk that they were running, and willingly incurred it in the hope of saving life.

Board of Trade,
7 Whitehall Gardens,
London, S.W. 1.

DEFENCE OF THE REALM.

Railway Wagons Disposal (Scotland).

Order dated 9th November 1918 made by the Board of Trade under Regulation 7b of the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

In the exercise of the powers conferred upon them by Regulation 7b of the Defence of the Realm Regulations, the Board of Trade hereby order as follows:—

1. The trader responsible for the loading or unloading of any merchandise, including coal, coke and patent fuel, conveyed or to be conveyed by railway, shall load or unload and tender to or place at the disposal of the railway company the wagon employed, together with the covering sheet or sheets, if any, within such time as is specified in the schedule hereto.

2. After the expiration of such time as is mentioned in the schedule hereto, a railway company may make charges for the detention of any wagon or sheet owned by them, or which for the time being they are entitled to use, or for the use or occupation of any accommodation provided by them in connection with or arising out of such detention of any wagon or sheet.

3. No trader shall, without the written consent of the railway company, use for internal purposes any wagon or sheet belonging to a railway company, or any wagon or sheet of which the Board of Trade have taken possession under any Orders made in that behalf.

4. Nothing in this Order shall extend or apply to a wagon belonging to a private owner whilst the same is upon the private siding or premises of such owner, but save as aforesaid this Order applies to all railway wagons whether owned by a railway company or by a private owner. The expression "private owner" includes a person entitled to the use of a wagon under a hiring contract.

5. In this Order, the term "trader" includes any person sending or desiring to send or receiving merchandise by railway at whose disposal a wagon, whether empty or loaded, is placed.

6. The provisions of this Order are in addition to, and not in derogation of, any other provisions for enforcing the prompt loading and unloading of wagons.

7. The Detention of Wagons and Sheets (Scotland) Order, 1917, is hereby revoked without prejudice to any matter or thing done or suffered or penalty incurred or proceedings taken thereunder.

8. Infringements of this Order are summary offences against the Defence of the Realm Regulations.

9. This Order applies to Scotland only and may be cited as "The Railway Wagons Disposal (Scotland) Order, 1918."

A. H. Stanley,
President of the Board of Trade.

Board of Trade,
9th November 1918.

SCHEDULE.

Number of Days Allowed for Loading or Unloading Merchandise.

(*a*) Wagons supplied empty for loading with Merchandise (other than Coal, Coke or Patent Fuel for shipment).

At Stations, Private Sidings, Docks, Wharves, &c.:—

Wagon to be loaded and tendered to railway company for conveyance within 1 day exclusive of the day on which the wagon is placed at the trader's disposal.

(*b*) Wagons supplied empty for loading with Coal, Coke or Patent Fuel for shipment.

At Private Sidings:—

Wagon to be loaded and tendered to railway company for conveyance within 2 days exclusive of the day on which the wagon is placed at the trader's disposal.

(*c*) Loaded Wagons after Conveyance.

At Stations:—

Traffic other than Coal, Coke or Patent Fuel:

Wagon to be unloaded and placed at railway company's disposal within 2 days exclusive of the day of receipt by the trader of notice of arrival.

Coal, Coke or Patent Fuel: