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*Whitehall, May 20, 1919.*

The KING has been pleased, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, to confer the dignity of a Viscount of the said United Kingdom upon Harry Lawson Webster, Baron Burnham, Member of the Order of the Companions of Honour, and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, by the name, style and title of Viscount Burnham, of Hall Barn, in the County of Buckingham.

*Whitehall, May 20, 1919.*

The KING has been pleased, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, to confer the dignity of a Baron of the said United Kingdom upon the undermentioned gentlemen and the heirs male of their respective bodies lawfully begotten:—

The Honourable Thomas Horatio Arthur Ernest Cochrane, by the name, style and title of Baron Cochrane of Cults, of Crawford Priory, in the county of Fife.

Sir Robert Trotter Hermon-Hodge, Baronet, by the name, style and title of Baron Wyford, of Accrington, in the County Palatine of Lancaster.

Sir John Herbert Roberts, Baronet, by the name, style and title of Baron Clwyd, of Abergele, in the county of Denbigh.

Sir Thomas Robert Dewar, Baronet, by the name, style and title of Baron Dewar, of Homestall, in the county of Sussex.

NOTICE OF INTENDED DISTRIBUTION  
 OF NAVAL SALVAGE MONEY.

*Department of the Accountant-General  
 of the Navy,  
 Admiralty, S.W. 1,*

*25th May 1919.*

Notice is hereby given to the Officers, Seamen and Marines, and to all persons interested therein, that the distribution of the award for the salvage of S.S. "Irthington," between 9th and 14th July 1917, by His Majesty's Tugs "Robust," "Succour," "Perseverance," and "Advice," and working parties from the R.N. Barracks, Chatham, will commence on Wednesday the 21st instant, in the Prize Branch of the Department of the Accountant-General of the Navy, Admiralty, S.W. 1.

All applications from persons entitled to share, who are not now serving, should be addressed "On Prize Business:—to the Accountant-General of the Navy, Admiralty, London, S.W. 1." Such applications (except in the case of Commissioned Officers) should be accompanied by Certificates of Service.

*Admiralty, 20th May 1919.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the Albert Medal for gallantry in saving life at sea to—

Surgeon Lieutenant-Commander Edward Leicester Atkinson, D.S.O., R.N.

The account of the services, in respect of which this decoration has been conferred, is as follows:—

On the 16th September 1918, a serious explosion occurred amidships on board H.M.S. "Glatton" whilst lying in Dover Harbour. This was followed immediately by an outbreak of fire, the oil fuel burning furiously and spreading fore and aft. Efforts were made to extinguish the fire by means of salvage tugs. The foremost magazines were flooded, but it was found impossible to get to the after magazine flooding positions. The explosion and fire cut off the after part of the ship, killing or seriously injuring all the Officers who were on board with one exception. The ship might have blown up at any moment.

At the time of the explosion Surgeon Lieut.-Commander Atkinson was at work in his cabin. The first explosion rendered him unconscious. Recovering shortly, he found the flat outside his cabin filled with dense smoke and fumes. He made his way to the quarter deck by means of the ladder in the Warrant Officers flat, the only one still intact. During this time he brought two unconscious men on to the upper deck, he himself being uninjured.

He returned to the flat, and was bringing a third man up, when a smaller explosion occurred whilst he was on the ladder. This explosion blinded him, and, at the same time, a piece of metal was driven into his left leg in such a manner that he was unable to move until he had himself extracted it. Placing the third man on the upper deck, he proceeded forward through the shelter deck. By feel, being totally unable to see, he here found two more unconscious men, both of whom he brought out.

He was found later on the upper deck in an almost unconscious condition, so wounded and burnt that his life was despaired of for some time.