

To be an Additional Member of the Civil Division of the Third Class, or Companions, of the said Most Honourable Order, viz.:—
Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel and Commandant Arthur Treherne Norton, Volunteer Medical Staff Corps, the London Companies.

War Office, December 18, 1897.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased, under Clause 3 of Her Majesty's Warrant, dated 11th December, 1897, to confer the Decoration of the Royal Red Cross upon—

Her Majesty the Queen of Greece.

Her Royal Highness Princess Sophie, Crown Princess of Greece, Duchess of Sparta.

Admiralty, December 17, 1897.

HER Majesty the Queen has been graciously pleased to confer the Decoration of the Albert Medal of the First Class on—

EDWARD LYNCH, Stoker of Her Majesty's ship "Thrasher."

The following is the account of the services in respect of which the Decoration has been conferred:—

At 3 A.M., on the 29th September, 1897, the torpedo destroyer "Thrasher," with the "Lynx" and "Sunfish" in company, left St. Ives on passage to Falmouth.

In the thick and foggy weather which was subsequently met, the "Thrasher," followed by the "Lynx," grounded at Dodman's Point, causing serious injury to the boilers, and the bursting of the main feed pipe.

A falling tide caused the "Thrasher" to heel quickly over to about 60°. The ship's company was therefore landed on the rocks, a few men being kept on board, with boats ready to land them.

There were six Petty Officers and men in the stokehold. Of these the Chief Stoker happened to be coming on deck by the starboard hatchway at the moment of striking, and escaped.

This hatchway became distorted by the doubling up of the deck, preventing further egress.

Stokers EDWARD LYNCH and James H. Paul were compelled to escape by the port hatchway close to a break in the steam pipe.

The hatchway through which they passed was partially closed up, and Paul was unable to follow LYNCH, who then kneeling or lying on the deck, reached down into the escaping steam and drew James Paul, who was on the ladder, up on to the upper deck.

LYNCH was shortly after observed to be badly scalded about the head, arms, and upper portion of the body in this rescue, the skin hanging off his hands and arms. Oil and wool were applied to alleviate the pain, but LYNCH called attention to Paul, whom he wished attended to first, saying that he himself was not much hurt, but Paul was very bad.

Neither man had said anything or called any attention to his injuries until this time, although quite five minutes had elapsed since the accident.

The surgeon who attended LYNCH and Paul reports that the former, though very badly scalded and in great pain, would not allow his assistant or himself, for a considerable time, to do anything for him, saying, "I am all right; look after my chum."

The manly conduct of LYNCH induced the surgeon to make inquiries concerning the rescue of Paul from the stokehold, and he found that

LYNCH with difficulty released himself from the hatchway (much narrowed by the accident), lay down and leaning into scalding steam, caught Paul and dragged him up through the hatch, and in this way received his own wounds, which are such as to show that, in rescuing his comrade, he must have plunged the forepart of his own body into what was practically a boiling cauldron.

It transpired also that LYNCH in a most heroic manner had previously sacrificed his own opportunity of quitting the stokehold, in order to aid his comrade Paul in escaping.

Paul subsequently succumbed to his injuries, and LYNCH, for a long time, was not expected to recover.

Foreign Office, December 10, 1897.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Sir Edward O'Malley, Knt., to be the Judge of Her Majesty's Supreme Consular Court for the Dominions of the Sublime Ottoman Porte.

Downing Street, December 18, 1897.

THE Queen has been pleased to appoint Sir Henry Arthur Blake, G.C.M.G. (Governor of Jamaica), to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Hong Kong and its Dependencies.

Downing Street, December 18, 1897.

THE Queen has been pleased to appoint Sir Augustus William Lawson Hemming, K.C.M.G. (Governor of British Guiana), to be Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief of the Island of Jamaica and its Dependencies.

Downing Street, December 18, 1897.

THE Queen has been pleased to appoint Sir Walter Joseph Sendall, K.C.M.G. (High Commissioner and Commander-in-Chief of Cyprus), to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of British Guiana.

Downing Street, December 18, 1897.

THE Queen has been pleased to appoint Sir William Frederick Haynes Smith, K.C.M.G. (Governor of the Bahama Islands), to be High Commissioner and Commander-in-Chief of the Island of Cyprus.

Downing Street, December 18, 1897.

THE Queen has been pleased to appoint Sir Gilbert Thomas Carter, K.C.M.G. (lately Governor of Lagos), to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Bahama Islands.

Whitehall, December 20, 1897.

THE Queen has been pleased to issue a Commission under Her Majesty's Royal Sign Manual to the following effect:—

VICTORIA, R.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland Queen, Defender of the Faith, to

Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor Sir Nathaniel Lindley, Knight, Master or Keeper of the Rolls and Records, Chairman;

Our right trusty and entirely-beloved Cousin and Councillor Schomberg Henry, Marquess of Lothian, Knight of Our Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, President of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland;

Our right trusty and entirely-beloved Cousin and Councillor Robert Arthur Talbot, Marques,