

caught and knocked down by the second explosion. Mr. James Moulder, a farmer, was working in a field about one hundred and fifty yards away, and, on hearing the first explosion, ran towards the shed. He had covered about forty yards when the second explosion occurred, and he saw Mr. Petty's son knocked down, but, regardless of the risk of further explosions, he ran on, and, entering the burning shed, brought Mr. Petty out from amongst the mass of burning wreckage and exploding fireworks to a place of safety.

JACK HEWITT.

On the evening of May 11th last a boy friend of Hewitt's, named Drury, aged nine, was playing on the quay by the side of the River Ouse at Goole, when he overbalanced and fell into ten feet of water. As the river at that point is as broad as the Thames at London Bridge, and a strong tide was flowing, Drury, who could not swim, was in immediate danger of being swept away and drowned. Hewitt, a lad but one year older than his companion, without a moment's hesitation, jumped into the river to his rescue, fully dressed, and, though both were carried out some yards by the tide, succeeded in seizing Drury, and after skilfully controlling his struggles and turning him over on his back, brought him in to the bank, where both were helped out.

Whitehall, October 10, 1911.

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to award the Edward Medal of the Second Class to William Brandon and Herbert Carter.

On the 23rd June, 1911, Alfred Butterfield, a workman employed by the Luton Corporation, descended a sump hole at the Luton Sewage Farm, and was overcome by foul gas which had accumulated there. William Brandon immediately went to his rescue and descended the hole, but was overcome by the gas. In spite of the serious danger disclosed by the previous attempt at rescue, Herbert Carter, decided to make the descent, and, placing a handkerchief over his mouth, was lowered by two ropes into the hole. There he found that Butterfield was dead and Brandon was unconscious. He placed a rope round Brandon, and they were both drawn to the surface. Carter then descended again, and attached a rope to the body of Butterfield.

Whitehall, October 13, 1911.

The KING has been pleased to grant to the following retired members of His Majesty's Civil Service, not belonging to the administrative or clerical branches, the Imperial Service Medal, which was instituted by His late Majesty for the recognition of long and meritorious service in branches other than those mentioned above:—

Abbott, Joseph Alexander, Leading Man of Labourers, Sheerness Dockyard.

Adey, John, Electrical Fitter, Portsmouth Dockyard.

Angear, George Hawkins, Shipwright, Devonport Dockyard.

Bale, Edward, Postman, Taunton.

Batten, William Henry, Joiner, Devonport Dockyard.

Baxter, William, Engine Fitter, Portsmouth Dockyard.

Beare, John, Shipwright, Chatham Dockyard.

Bennett, John, Shipwright, Devonport Dockyard.

Bennett, John Richard, Overseer, Post Office, Croydon.

Bevans, William John, Constable of Police, Queensland.

Billings, Frances Georgina, Telegraphist, Central Telegraph Office.

Blair, Henry, Postman, Paisley.

Blamey, Arthur, Shipwright, Portsmouth Dockyard.

Bland, Walter, Overseer, Post Office, Birmingham.

Blight, Samuel, Joiner, Devonport Dockyard.

Bowden, Samuel James, Skilled Labourer, Sheerness Dockyard.

Bowman, Thomas, Inspector of Postmen, Middlesbrough.

Breach, Aaron, Postman, Bristol.

Brown, Jesse, Sorting Clerk and Telegraphist, Hull.

Burgess, Mrs. Annie, Telegraphist, Central Telegraph Office.

Burridge, William, Head Porter, Post Office, London.

Burwill, Edward John, Counter Clerk and Telegraphist, London.

Butler, John, 1st Class Writer, Portsmouth Dockyard.

Butt, Frank, Postman, Stroud.

Canterbury, Edwin, Shipwright, Portsmouth Dockyard.

Chapman, John William, Plumber, Devonport Dockyard.

Chasmar, William, Head Porter, Post Office, London.

Compton, George Henry, Skilled Labourer, Portsmouth Dockyard.

Conwell, James, Assistant Inspector of Postmen, Liverpool.

Coombe, William, Painter, Royal William Yard, Plymouth.

Coombe, William Thomas, Engine Fitter (Recording Labourer), Portsmouth Dockyard.

Cordey, William, Instructing Principal Warder, Portland Prison.

Corscadden, George, Senior Postman and Lobby Officer, London.

Coxon, Francis, Postman, Burton-on-Trent.

Cracknell, Thomas, Postman, London.

Davidson, William, Postman, Reston, Dunbar.

Davies, John Lifton, Shipwright, Pembroke Dockyard.