

India Office,
1st January, 1917.

The KING has been graciously pleased to make the following appointments to the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire in recognition of the meritorious services of the under-mentioned gentlemen in connection with the War:—

- Major (temporary Lieutenant-Colonel) William Edmund Ritchie Dickson, Royal Engineers, General Staff Officer, 1st Grade, Army Headquarters, India (temporary).
Major Claude Bayfield Stokes, 3rd Skinner's Horse, General Staff Officer, 2nd Grade, Army Headquarters, India.
Lieutenant-Colonel Hugh Alan Cameron, Royal Engineers, Traffic Manager, North-Western Railway of India.
Lieutenant Edgar Clements Withers, Royal Indian Marine (temporary Major in the Army), Intelligence Officer, Persian Gulf.
Major William Edmund Pye, 98th Infantry, Recruiting Officer for Jats and Hindustani Musalmans.
Major Sidney Mervyn Rice, 64th Pioneers, Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General, Army Headquarters, India.
Major Edward Scott Gillett, Army Veterinary Corps, Personal Assistant to the Director-General, Army Remount Department, India.
Francis Sylvester Grimston, Esq., M.I.C.E., Superintendent, Rifle Factory, Ishapore.
Lieutenant-Colonel (temporary Colonel) Henry Alfred Young, Royal Artillery, Director of Ordnance Inspection, India.
Lieutenant-Colonel Norborne Kirby, Royal Engineers, Officiating Commanding Royal Engineer, 6th (Poona) Divisional Area.
Victor Bayley, Esq., Assistant Secretary, Railway Board, and Superintendent of Munitions, India.
Lieutenant (temporary Captain) Duncan William Wilson, Indian Army Reserve of Officers, Assistant Embarkation Staff Officer, Bombay.
Commander William Ramsay Binny Douglas, Royal Indian Marine, Senior Military Transport Officer, Bombay.
William Alexander, Esq., Traffic Department, Great Indian Peninsula Railway, Bombay.
John Dillon Flynn, Esq., Goods Superintendent, Great Indian Peninsula Railway, Wadi Bunder, Bombay.
Lieutenant-Colonel John Herbert Dickson, Indian Army, Supply and Transport Corps, Assistant Director of Supplies and Transport, Bombay.
Captain (temporary Major) Edmund Walter, Indian Army, Supply and Transport Corps, Deputy Assistant Director of Transport, Army Headquarters, India.
Captain Drury St. Aubyn Wake, C.B., R.N. (Commodore, 2nd Class).

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The KING has been graciously pleased to confer the Decoration of the Imperial Order of the Crown of India on:—

Marie Adelaide, Baroness Willingdon, wife of Sir Freeman, Baron Willingdon, G.C.I.E., Governor of the Presidency of Bombay.

Whitehall, 22 December, 1916.

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to award the Edward Medal of the Second Class to Christopher Devenport and William Walker under the following circumstances:—

On the 27th April, 1916, a large fall of roof occurred at Harton Colliery. Eight men, under the supervision of Walker, were engaged in clearing away the fallen stone, when a further and heavier fall occurred, whereby one of the men, named Hall, was caught and apparently buried beneath the stone. Devenport was at once sent for and, on arrival, crawled through a small opening, which was left between the fallen stone and the side, until he reached Hall. He found him pinned by the legs, but otherwise safe. He put in two props to keep the roof, which was still very uneasy, from falling on him, and returned. Walker and Devenport then both crept in to Hall, and, while Devenport lifted the stones from his legs, Walker dragged him out. Hall is a very heavy man, weighing seventeen stone.

The rescue occupied one hour and five minutes, during the whole of which time the roof was working and threatening to fall into the small opening by which the rescue was effected. Half an hour after the rescue it did so fall in. There can be no doubt that Walker and Devenport saved Hall's life, and risked their own lives in so doing.

Also, the Edward Medal of the First Class to William Alexander Morrison and the Edward Medal of the Second Class to George Sang and Archibald Young under the following circumstances:—

On the 20th June, 1916, a small explosion occurred at 10 a.m. in a building at the Roslin Explosives Factory. Morrison and Sang, who were aware that four girls were in the building, which had caught fire, and that the building was full of explosives, at once ran towards it. As they approached two of the girls came out and fell unconscious on the grass. The building was now blazing furiously; but Morrison and Sang, who knew the position of the explosives within, used the fire buckets so as to allay the flames in the dangerous quarter, and to enable Morrison to dash in. He groped through the smoke, which was dense white, found one girl and passed her out to Young, who had arrived meanwhile; he then returned for the second girl, and eventually brought her out, while Young placed the first girl on a bogey, which he thrust along the line out of danger, and then returned for the second. Sang meanwhile kept the fire down as far as possible with water buckets.

During the whole of this time small explosions were continually taking place within the building, and immediately after the second rescue a heavy explosion occurred, which flattened down part of it. Twelve minutes after the original explosion the whole building blew up.

Whitehall, 22 December, 1916.

The KING has been pleased to make the following appointment:—

To be a Companion of the Imperial Service Order.

INDIAN CIVIL SERVICE.

Edward Evans Harvey, Esq., Chief Accountant in the Office of the Director of Ordnance Factories in India.