

Whitehall, November 7, 1917.

Letters Patent have passed the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland conferring the dignities of Viscount, Earl and Marquess of the said United Kingdom upon Admiral the Right Honourable Sir Louis Alexander Mountbatten, G.C.B., G.C.V.O., K.C.M.G. (formerly Prince Louis of Battenberg), and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, by the names, styles and titles of Viscount Alderney in the county of Southampton, Earl of Medina and Marquess of Milford Haven.

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Letters Patent have passed the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland conferring the dignities of Viscount, Earl and Marquess of the said United Kingdom upon Captain Sir Alexander Albert Mountbatten, G.C.V.O. (formerly Prince Alexander of Battenberg), and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, by his names, styles and titles of Viscount Launceston in the county of Cornwall, Earl of Berkhamsted and Marquess of Carisbrooke.

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Letters Patent have passed the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland conferring the dignities of Viscount and Earl of the said United Kingdom upon Brigadier-General Sir Alexander Augustus Frederick William Alfred George Cambridge, G.C.B., G.C.V.O., C.M.G., D.S.O. (formerly Prince Alexander of Teck), and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, by his names, styles and titles of Viscount Trematon in the county of Cambridge, and Earl of Athlone.

Whitehall, November 8, 1917.

The KING has been pleased, by Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, bearing date the 6th instant, to appoint the Reverend John Beasmore Colley to the Living of Moxley, in the County of Stafford and Diocese of Lichfield, void by the resignation of the Reverend Frank Tyrer, the last Incumbent.

Whitehall, November 8, 1917.

The KING has been pleased, in pursuance of the provisions of the Second Schedule to the Military Service Act, 1916 (5 & 6 Geo. V, cap. 104), to appoint Mr. George William Chuter, of 20, Addison Road, Reading, to be a Member of the Appeal Tribunal for Berkshire, including the County Borough of Reading.

*Downing Street,
7th November, 1917.*

The KING has been pleased to appoint Sir Walter Edward Davidson, K.C.M.G. (Governor of Newfoundland), to be Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.

Board of Trade,

Whitehall Gardens,

8th November, 1917.

The KING has been graciously pleased to confer the Decoration of the Albert Medal upon Acting Quartermaster-Serjeant James William Brown, Royal Army Medical Corps, Serjeant William Seymour, Northumberland Fusiliers, and Privates Arthur Duff Hadden Allan and James Cuthbertson, of the Royal Army Medical Corps (T.).

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

On the morning of the 5th February, 1917, a serious explosion, followed by a fire, occurred on the French troopship "St. Laurent" at Malta.

After some time it was observed that three men in the forepart of the ship, where the flames were fiercest, were cut off from the rest.

None of the boats near would approach the ship owing to the heat and danger of a further explosion, until Acting Quartermaster-Serjeant Brown persuaded a Maltese Policeman to row him out; but when within thirty yards of the ship the Policeman refused to go further.

Brown returned, and was then joined by Seymour, Allan and Cuthbertson. They rowed directly to the forepart of the ship, the sides of which were by this time red hot, while the plates were falling into the sea.

When they were within a few yards of the ship two of the three men in the forepart jumped into the sea and were rescued; the third, who had climbed up the mast, was saved later when the mast fell.

NAVAL SALVAGE MONEY.

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

8th November, 1917.

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested therein, that preparations are now being made for the intended Distribution of the following Salvage Awards:—

Salvage of s.v. "Samuel S. Thorp" by H.M.S. "Zinnia" on 7th and 8th October, 1916.

Salvage of s.s. "Ewell" by H.M. Trawler "Reporto" on 21st February, 1917.

Salvage of cargo of s.v. "Terpsichore" by H.M. Ships "Sunflower," "Pioneer II," "Daisy VI." and "Stormcock" on 15th and 16th May, 1916.

Agents or other Persons having any just and legal demand, unliquidated, against the Award are required to transmit the particulars of any such demand to the Registrar of the Admiralty Division of H.M. High Court of Justice, in order that the same may be examined, taxed, and allowed by that Officer, and paid under the sanction of the Judge of the said court.

Due Notice will be given, by future advertisement in the London Gazette, of the date proposed for the commencement of Distribution.

Admiralty, 3rd November, 1917.

R.N.V.R.

To be tempy. Sub-Lieut.—

Charles B. Plimpton. 1st Nov. 1917.