

of a pair of timbers, a fall of roof and sides occurred. Dixon was caught by the fall and fell in a sitting position, being buried up to the neck with rubbish and timber, about eight tons of which had fallen.

Morris was eight yards away when the fall occurred, and at once responded to Dixon's call for help, and, although heavy stones were still falling from the roof, and Morris was urged by Dixon to stand back, he persisted in his efforts to release his fellow-workman.

A large stone was then seen to be in imminent danger of falling on their heads, and with commendable presence of mind Morris ran back 20 yards for a piece of timber, which he fixed in a slanting position over Dixon to support the stone temporarily. Morris then restarted uncovering Dixon, and succeeded in releasing him in about twenty-five minutes after the accident occurred.

Dixon was badly bruised and cut all over his body, and while his injuries were being attended to by Morris, who himself suffered from cuts, the stone, which had been supported temporarily and which weighed about two tons, fell to the ground on the place where the men had been, and would undoubtedly have killed them both had the rescue been effected less expeditiously.

Morris displayed coolness, intelligence and initiative. He was 600 yards from the nearest man working in the mine, and if, as is the usual custom, he had gone for help, Dixon would have been buried by the falling debris and have lost his life.

Also to Lieutenant John Morley Stebbings, Corporal Charles Ashley, Bombardier Bert Dugdale, Acting Serjeant Charles Thomas Harris, and Acting Bombardier Arthur Frederick Edwards on account of their gallant conduct in assisting in the rescue work on the occasion of the explosion which occurred at Faversham on the 2nd April, 1916.

Also the Edward Medal in silver to George Henry Taylor and Thomas Stokes, and the Edward Medal to Thomas James White and Eli Purser, under the following circumstances:—

On the 31st May, 1917, an accident occurred at the Askern Main Colliery, Yorkshire.

Two men were trapped by a fall of roof weighing about thirty tons, and extending over an area of about 160 square feet—one of them completely buried near the edge of the fall, and the other was partially buried and severely injured. Eight of their fellow-workmen were soon on the spot, and after working bravely for two hours succeeded in releasing both men alive. All the four men recommended for medals ran considerable risk, for a space of two hours, of being buried by further falls, and, had it not been for the presence of mind and self-sacrifice, their two comrades would certainly have lost their lives. Taylor and Stokes were exposed to the greatest danger, and displayed special initiative.

Whitehall, 22nd December, 1917.

The KING has been graciously pleased to grant unto James Sherratt, of Trenant, in the parish of Peterchurch and county of Hereford, Esquire, and unto Mabel Clare, his wife, His Royal Licence and Authority that they may, in compliance with a clause contained in the last Will and Testament of Richard Delahay,

late of Green Hill Villa, in the parish of Newport and county of Monmouth, Gentleman, deceased, take the surname of Delahay in lieu of and in substitution for that of Sherratt, and that the said surname may in like manner be taken, borne and used by the issue of their marriage.

And to command that the said Royal Concession and Declaration be recorded in His Majesty's College of Arms, otherwise to be void and of none effect.

067

*Downing Street,
19th January, 1918.*

The KING has been pleased to approve of the nomination of Arthur Knowlton Everest Hampshire, Esq., to be an Unofficial Member of the Federal Council of the Federated Malay States.

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE BRITISH PRIZE COURTS OVERSEA.

In continuation of the notification on page 864 of the London Gazette of the 15th January, 1918, information has been received that proceedings have been instituted in the Prize Court in Sierra Leone in respect of certain goods ex the following vessel. Appearance should be entered by all persons claiming an interest as soon as possible.

Prize Court.	Name of Ship.
Supreme Court of Sierra Leone	Kronprinsessan Victoria. Prinsessan Ingeborg.

Colonial Office,
22nd January, 1918.

*Board of Trade,
Whitehall Gardens,
21st January, 1918.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to confer the Decoration of the Albert Medal in Gold upon Mr. Alfred William Furneaux, a chief steward in the Mercantile Marine.

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

In April, 1917, the steamship in which Mr. Furneaux was serving was torpedoed by the enemy, and a Lascar, who was on the spot where certain deck plates had buckled and broken, had his legs so firmly caught between the plates that he would have gone down with the ship. Mr. Furneaux, however, went to the man's assistance and managed to get one leg out, but the other was nearly severed through above the knee. Finding it impossible to pull this leg out, Mr. Furneaux amputated it with an ordinary clasp knife and then carried the man to a boat. When in the boat he dressed the wound as well as possible, and gave the life belt he was wearing to the wounded man. Mr. Furneaux also rendered first aid in the boat to another Lascar who was badly scalded.

Mr. Furneaux was in imminent danger of losing his life in rendering the service.