

*Whitehall, August 28, 1918.*

The KING has been pleased to award the Albert Medal in each of the following cases in recognition of gallantry displayed in saving or endeavouring to save life:—

*Lieutenant Richard Walker Buswell*, Cheshire Yeomanry (*temporary Captain*, Royal Air Force).

On the 31st May, 1918, Captain Buswell was flying at Yatesbury, when he saw another machine sideslip to the ground and burst into flames. He flew to the spot and landed; and seeing that the pilot, who was enveloped in flames, was still living, he dashed into the fire and endeavoured to rescue him. Several attempts had already been made to reach the pilot, but owing to the very intense heat they were unsuccessful. Captain Buswell, however, managed to get hold of the pilot's clothes, which, being in flames, came away in his hand. He then procured a belt and succeeded in extricating the pilot, but was too late to save his life.

*Lieutenant Arthur Richard Waddams*, Indian Army Reserve of Officers.

In Mesopotamia, in November last, Lieutenant Waddams was instructing a class in firing rifle grenades. While a private of the 85th Burmans was under instruction, the rifle missed fire and the detonator of the grenade started working without the grenade leaving the rifle. Lieutenant Waddams, realising the danger, rushed forward, and, pushing back the soldier, seized his rifle with one hand and the grenade with the other, and tried to throw it over the wall before it exploded. Unfortunately, the grenade exploded in his hand and he received fatal injuries. The soldier whose life Lieutenant Waddams saved was only slightly injured.

*Lance-Corporal John Edward Bigland* and *Sapper Thomas Henry Woodman*, of the Royal Engineers; and *Sapper (acting Company Sergeant-Major) Alfred Henry Furlonger*, D.C.M., *Sapper Joseph Collington Farren*, and *Sapper George Edward Johnston*, late of the Royal Engineers.

In Flanders, on the 30th April, 1918, a train of ammunition had been placed at an ammunition refilling point, and after the engine had been detached, and was being run off the train, the second truck suddenly burst into flames. Furlonger immediately ordered Bigland, the driver, to move the engine back on to the train for the purpose of pulling away the two trucks nearest the engine. Bigland did so without hesitation, and the engine was coupled up by Furlonger, assisted by Farren, while the burning truck was uncoupled from the remainder of the train by Woodman. The two trucks were then drawn away clear of the ammunition dump, it being the intention to uncouple the burning wagon from the engine and the first wagon, and so isolate it, with the object of localising the fire as far as possible. The uncoupling was about to be done when the ammunition exploded, completely wrecking the engine and both trucks, killing Furlonger, Farren and Johnston (a member of the train crew), and seriously wounding Bigland. Had it not been for the prompt and courageous action of these men, whereby three of them lost their lives and one was seriously injured, there

is not the slightest doubt that the whole dump would have been destroyed and many lives lost.

*Lance-Corporal Sidney Williams*, 1/6th Battalion, London Regiment.

In France, on the 4th January last, a soldier dropped a lighted match in a dug-out which had been used as a store for gunpowder. Although most of the gunpowder had been removed, there was a considerable amount scattered on the floor, which caught fire. The soldier was overcome by the fumes, and in spite of the volumes of smoke issuing from the dug-out, Lance-Corporal Williams entered the dug-out and rescued the soldier, who was then badly burned and unconscious. Williams, who was severely burned, had to carry the man up twenty steps, and, if it had not been for his prompt action, the man would have lost his life.

*Private James Dunn*, Coldstream Guards.

At a railhead in France, on the evening of the 12th June, 1918, several trucks loaded with heavy ammunition caught fire, causing an explosion. Several men were wounded, and some lay underneath the burning trucks. Dunn at once rushed forward, regardless of his own safety, and carried two of the wounded men to a shelter trench close by, where he rendered them first aid. He then returned to the assistance of the other wounded men, when a second explosion took place. Notwithstanding this, and also the very grave danger of further explosions, he continued to assist the wounded and to help to rescue those who were lying helpless under the burning trucks. His bravery, coolness and prompt action undoubtedly saved several men from being burned to death.

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Letters Patent have passed the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland conferring the dignity of a Baronet of the said United Kingdom upon:—

Sir Edwin Andrew Cornwall, of Holcombe Burnell, in the County of Devon, Knight, and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten.

Sir Herbert James Francis Parsons, of Winton Lodge, in the County of Surrey, Knight, Honorary Colonel, Third Battalion, The London Regiment (Royal Fusiliers), and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten; and

Robert John Thomas, of Garreglwyd, in the County of Anglesey, Esquire, and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten.

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The KING has been pleased to give and grant unto the Right Honourable William, Baron Weir, Secretary of State for the Royal Air Force, His Majesty's Royal licence and authority to wear the Insignia of Grand Officer of the Order of the Crown of Italy, which Decoration was conferred upon him by His Majesty the King of Italy in recognition of his valuable services to the Allied cause while in control of the production of Aircraft under the Ministry of Munitions.