

## ROYAL NAVY AND ROYAL MARINES, BALANCES OF PAY, Etc., UNDISPOSED OF.

Names of Petty Officers and Seamen of the Royal Navy, Non-commissioned Officers and Men of the Royal Marines, and Mercantile Ratings who served in the Royal Navy, whose deaths have been registered between 1st April, 1926, and 31st March, 1927, and whose Naval Assets are held by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty for distribution amongst the next-of-kin or others entitled.

Applications from persons supposing themselves entitled as next-of-kin or legal representatives should be addressed by letter to "The Inspector of Seamen's Wills, Admiralty, Cornwall House, Stamford Street, London, S.E.1."

Admiralty, April, 1929.

Case No.	Name.	Rank or Rating.	Date of Death.	Ship, &c.	Amounts due.
156/1927	Anderson, G. ...	Pensioner, R.M.	24 Jan., 1927	—	£ s. d. 2 16 3
673/1926	Burberry, B. ...	Leading Stoker	22 Oct., 1926	"Valerian" ...	31 16 0
676/1926	Charles, H. ...	Leading Sick Berth Attendant	22 Oct., 1926	"Valerian" ...	5 13 1
445/1926	Charley, T. ...	Trimmer	9 Nov., 1919	—	2 15 0
481/1926	Collins, G. ...	Ship's Cook	Aug., 1919	—	5 8 0
643/1926	Day, H. T. ...	Pensioner, R.N.	4 Oct., 1926	—	7 19 3
600/1926	Edwards, W. W.	Pensioner, R.N.	22 Aug., 1926	—	14 16 6
429/1926	Fry, R. G. ...	A.B. ...	26 Apl., 1926	—	65 13 0
349/1926	Grant, J. ...	Pensioner, R.N.R.	21 Apl., 1926	—	3 8 6
145/1927	Harvey, W. J. ...	Boatswain	26 July, 1919	—	9 0 0
572/1926	Langford, F. C. ...	A.B. ...	19 June, 1919	—	2 10 0
162/1927	Mason, J. ...	Pensioner, R.N.	5 Feb., 1927	—	6 12 0
163/1927	Masters, W. ...	Pensioner, R.M.	31 Jan., 1927	—	7 16 0
86/1927	Miller, W. H. ...	3rd Writer	17 June, 1919	—	5 0 0
836/1926	Moore, T. W. ...	Pensioner, R.N.R.	29 Aug., 1926	—	15 0 0
207/1927	O'Shaughnessy, T.	Pensioner, R.N.	8 Feb., 1927	—	2 10 9
280/1926	Parnell, T. ...	Pensioner, R.M.	20 Apl., 1926	—	12 10 6
765/1926	Pearton, J. H. ...	Pensioner, R.M.	12 July, 1925	—	8 3 6
842/1926	Preston, W. C. ...	Petty Officer, 1st Class	11 Dec., 1926	—	35 11 11
595/1926	Pring, H. ...	Pensioner, R.M.	27 Aug., 1926	—	12 7 8
786/1926	Stephens, J. M. ...	Stoker, 1st Class	29 Aug., 1926	—	96 10 0
794/1926	Stone, J. B. C. ...	Ship's Steward	26 Nov., 1915	—	26 5 3
606/1926	Sweeney, W. H. ...	Officers' Steward, 1st Class	22 Sept., 1926	"Veronica" ...	23 13 1
837/1926	Townsend, W. F.	A.B., R.N.V.R. ...	6 Nov., 1918	—	17 5 0
735/1926	Usher, C. J. ...	A.B. ...	22 Oct., 1926	"Valerian" ...	68 19 2
318/1926	Whent, G. A. W.	Stoker, 1st Class	13 Mar., 1926	—	66 16 0
745/1926	Woodley, W. ...	Pensioner, R.N.	13 Oct., 1926	—	19 9 9

Admiralty, 10th April, 1929.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the Albert Medal to No. Ply/21668 Marine Albert Ernest Richards for gallantry in saving life.

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

On the 25th September, 1928, blasting operations were in progress for the removal of rock on a site at St. Helena under the charge of No. Ply/14790 Sergeant Stewart Symons. Four charges had been laid, two in drilled holes and two in crevices in the rock. The drilled hole fuzes were each to be lit by a Marine and the crevice fuzes by Sergeant Symons. The hole fuzes and the upper crevice fuze were lit simultaneously, and the Sergeant was bending down to light the lower crevice fuze when the charge in the upper crevice exploded unexpectedly, blinding Sergeant Symons and knocking him helpless close to one of the drilled holes. The Marines who had lit

the other fuzes had by this time run clear, but Marine Richards, seeing that the Sergeant was disabled, turned back and helped him to his feet and dragged him clear of the subsequent explosions from the effects of which he shielded him with his own body.

Marine Richards was well aware that at least two further charges were due to explode within some thirty seconds, and his presence of mind and disregard of personal danger undoubtedly saved Sergeant Symons from death.

Admiralty, 15th April, 1929.

R.N.

Cd. Ord. Offr. W. F. P. Draper to be Ord. Lieut. 15th Mar. 1929.

Cd. Gunner W. R. Dale to be Lieut. 29th Mar. 1929.

Cd. Eng. L. Bury to be Lieut. (E.). 7th Apr. 1929.