

*Scottish Office,
Whitehall, S.W. 1.
18th November, 1929.*

The KING has been pleased, by Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, bearing date the 15th instant, to direct a Commission to be passed under the Seal appointed to be kept and made use of in place of the Great Seal of Scotland appointing Mr. William Laurence Pullar, J.P., to be His Majesty's Lieutenant of the County of Stirling in the room of George, Viscount Younger of Leckie, deceased.

Admiralty, 11th November, 1929.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the Albert Medal to Lieutenant-Commander Alexander Henry Maxwell-Hyslop, R.N., and No. Po./21038 Marine Albert Edward Streams

for gallantry in saving life at sea.

The following is the account of the services in respect of which the decorations have been conferred:—

H.M.S. "Devonshire" was carrying out full calibre firing on 26th July, 1929, when at the first salvo there was a heavy explosion which blew off the roof of one of the turrets.

Marine Streams was the only man in the gun house who was not either killed instantly or fatally injured. He was seriously shaken by the explosion and instinctively climbed to the top of the side plating to escape but, on arriving at the top he looked back and saw the conditions inside the turret, and deliberately climbed back into it amidst the smoke and fumes notwithstanding the grave risk of further explosions. He then helped to evacuate the one remaining man of the right gun's crew, and took charge and played a major part in evacuating the crew of the Fire Control cabinet. When all the wounded were out he collapsed. His bravery, initiative and devotion to duty were beyond praise.

Lieutenant-Commander Maxwell-Hyslop was in the fore control when the explosion occurred, and immediately proceeded to the turret and climbed inside. He made a general examination of the turret, and descended the gun well through most dangerous conditions of fumes and smoke, necessitating the use of a life line, remaining in the turret until the emergency was over, directing arrangements for the safety of the magazine, and supervising the evacuation of the wounded. He was fully aware of the danger to himself from the results of cordite fumes, and the grave risk of further explosions.

At the time this officer and man entered the turret the fire produced by the explosion was still burning and it was impossible to estimate the real state of affairs due to the heavy smoke. They both were fully aware that there were other cordite charges in the hoist and handing room below which might ignite at any moment with almost certain fatal results to themselves, and they deliberately endangered their own lives to save the lives of others.

Admiralty, 14th November, 1929.

R.N.

Sub-Lieuts. to be Lieuts. with seny. stated:—

T. N. Masterman. 1st Feb. 1929.
J. H. T. Stilgoe. 1st Aug. 1929.
C. M. Donner. 16th Oct. 1929.

R.N.V.R.

Sub-Lieut. R. N. Brown to be Lieut. with seny. of 21st Sept. 1929.

R.M.

Lt.-Col. Sir M. P. A. Hankey, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., R.M. (Retd.), to be Col. (Retd.). 5th Nov. 1929.

Admiralty, 15th November, 1929.

R.N.

Surg. Lieut.-Comdr. F. L. H. MacDowel L.R.C.P. & S., to be Surg.-Comdr. 14th Nov. 1929.

R.N.R.

Sub-Lieut. A. T. C. Cooper to be Lieut. with seny. of 22nd Jan. 1929.

Sub-Lieut. R. J. Galpin to be Lieut. with seny. of 11th Oct. 1929.

Proby. Sub-Lieut. J. E. Dobson to be Sub-Lieut. with seny. of 5th June 1929.

Admiralty, 16th November, 1929.

R.N.

Wt. Instr. in Cookery to be Cd. Instr. in Cookery:—

A. Lee.
T. E. Stevens.
H. E. Ingram.
16th Nov. 1929.

Surg. Lieut.-Comdr. A. W. McRorie, M.B., Ch.B., to be Surg. Comdr. 16th Nov. 1929.

Admiralty, 18th November, 1929.

R.N.

Payr. Lieut.-Comdr. R. A. Hawkesworth, O.B.E., to be Payr. Comdr. 18th Nov. 1929.

Payr. Lieut.-Comdr. (S.) W. Harfoot, M.B.E., placed on Retd. List. 17th Nov. 1929.

Maurice Ryan, L.R.C.P.S., to be Surg. Lieut. 18th Nov. 1929.

Michael Finbarr Quinlan, Esq., M.B., B.Ch., to be Surg. Lieut. 18th Nov. 1929.

Admiralty, 19th November, 1929.

R.N.

Surg. Comdr. J. M. Gordon, M.B., Ch.B., placed on Retd. List with rank of Surg.-Capt. 19th Nov. 1929.

Payr. Lieut. C. Kennedy placed on Retd. List. 19th Nov. 1929.