

Treasury Chambers, S.W.1.

The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that they have made an Order under the British Hydrocarbon Oils Production Act, 1934, viz.:—

The British Hydrocarbon Oils Production (Expiration of Act No. 6) Order, 1938.

The Order has been published as Statutory Rules and Orders, 1938, No. 264, and copies may be purchased (price 1d. net) direct from His Majesty's Stationery Office at the following addresses:—Adastral House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2; 120, George Street, Edinburgh, 2; 26, York Street, Manchester, 1; 1, St. Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff; 80, Chichester Street, Belfast.

Whitehall, March 28, 1938.

His Majesty The KING has been graciously pleased to award the Edward Medal to Theodore George Barker, in recognition of his gallantry in the following circumstances:—

On the 20th October, 1937, a roof in a part of the Kustore Colliery, Bihar, from which a pillar of coal was being extracted, began to "weight" and the miners were withdrawn. It was decided to remove the props which supported the roof in order to allow it to "cave" in. There were thirty-four props and at about 10 p.m. when eight had been removed, a mass of roof stone suddenly collapsed, burying two men engaged in the work. The Assistant Manager, Mr. Barker, was informed of the accident, went to the scene, and organised rescue operations. While these operations were in progress a second fall occurred and two men, Bhima and Akal Tanti were trapped. Bhima, who was completely covered by fairly small debris but was nearer the edge of the fall was rescued within half-an-hour by Mr. Barker, working at such risk that the Agent who was also present had to pull him out twice because stone was falling where he was working. Akal Tanti was buried from the hips downwards and was firmly held by a large block of stone, whilst above him was a large mass of stone insecurely supported. Small pieces of stone were falling. Mr. Barker with the co-operation of the Agent and others put in additional props to support the roof and erected a timber cage around Tanti. Barker then, using wedges and a heavy hammer, broke up the large stone which was holding Tanti's feet and continued the work until he was released at about 4 a.m. The actual rescue of the two men took about two and three-quarter hours and Mr. Barker bore the brunt of the work. During the whole of the rescue operations, lasting about four hours, he was exposed to imminent risk of a further collapse of the roof and this actually took place after the two men had been rescued.

It proved impossible to recover the bodies of the men buried in the first fall.

Both the men who were rescued have fully recovered and have no permanent injuries.

Whitehall, April 6, 1938.

IMPERIAL SERVICE MEDAL.

His Majesty The KING has been pleased to award the Imperial Service Medal to the following officers:—

HOME CIVIL SERVICE.

Adams, Alfred, Plumber (Permanent Charge-man), H.M. Dockyard, Chatham.
Aldridge, William Victor, Sorter, London Postal Region.
Allen, Frederick George, Engine Fitter, H.M. Dockyard, Chatham.
Barber, James Richard, Inspector of Electrical Fitters (Overseeing), H.M. Dockyard, Portsmouth.
Barraclough, Arthur, Postman, Sowerby Bridge Sub-Office, Halifax.
Bartlett, Albert George, Skilled Labourer, H.M. Dockyard, Devonport.
Bennett, George Martin, Inspector, Edinburgh Telephone Area, Edinburgh.
Birchenough, Mary Eleanor, Assistant Supervisor, Class II, London Telephone Service.
Blakesley, Thomas, Postman, Bradford.
Bolton, Alice Claire, Assistant Supervisor, Central Telegraph Office.
Brett, Henry William, Sailmaker, H.M. Dockyard, Portsmouth.
Brown, William Telford, Postman, Cleckheaton Sub-Office, Bradford.
Browning, William Henry Martin, Overseer, London Postal Region.
Brunt, Frank Baldwin, Postman, Margate.
Burke, Michael Henry, Skilled Workman, Class II, Post Office Engineering Department, London.
Butt, Samuel George Francis, Chargeman of Labourers, Royal William Yard, Plymouth.
Campbell, David McWilliam, Postman, Glasgow.
Carter, Alfred George, Sailmaker, H.M. Dockyard, Portsmouth.
Casely, Samuel Charles Wesley, Hospital Officer, H.M. Prison, Dartmoor.
Chadwick, David, Sorting Clerk and Telegraphist, Northallerton.
Clark, Albert Henry, Machinist, H.M. Dockyard, Chatham.
Clayton, William Robert, Postman, Birmingham.
Colwell, William Charles, Storewright, H.M. Dockyard, Sheerness.
Conlon, David Alexander, Sorting Clerk and Telegraphist, Portadown.
Constant, Frederick James, Inspector and Resident Office Keeper, Mercantile Marine Office, Barry.
Cook, Philip, Joiner, H.M. Dockyard, Sheerness.
Couch, Alfred, Engine Fitter, H.M. Dockyard, Chatham.
Cozens, Charles, Shipwright, H.M. Dockyard, Portsmouth.
Dawe, John James, Principal Officer, H.M. Prison, Dartmoor.
Dixon, Thomas William, Recorder, H.M. Dockyard, Portsmouth.
Doe, Maud Lizzie, Assistant Supervisor, Class II, London Telephone Service.
Downey, Richard Martin, Sorting Clerk and Telegraphist, Malpas Sub-Office, Whitchurch.