

severe explosion occurred resulting in the deaths of 27 persons most of whom had been sent down for the purpose of erecting stoppings to seal off the fire. The Rescue Brigade were but slightly affected by this explosion and, having made their way to a telephone, they arranged to come out to secure fresh breathing apparatus since their supplies of oxygen were running low.

During the period of some two hours, during which the Brigade had been searching for the lost men under Clarke's leadership, they had survived two other explosions of lesser intensity (as well as the major explosion to which reference has been made) and had been working throughout in conditions of the greatest difficulty and danger with the realisation, moreover, that further explosions might occur at any moment.

Having secured new apparatus Clarke again led the Brigade into the danger zone. Traveling down the road over falls of ground and derailed tubs, and past other debris produced by the explosion, and extinguishing a fire encountered on the way, they came upon a number of badly injured men and dead bodies. They made the injured as comfortable as possible, and arranged for stretchers to be sent in.

On the arrival of further assistance some members of the Brigade helped in evacuating the injured and the dead, while Clarke and others made a further examination of the workings with a view to ensuring that no living person had been left behind. By 3.35 p.m. all the men known to be alive had been recovered, and as it was thought that there was a considerable risk of a further explosion all the men were withdrawn from the mine. The Rescue Brigade had worked almost continuously in breathing apparatus since 7.30 a.m. Later on doubt arose as to whether there might still be some injured persons alive in the pit, and at 6 p.m. Clarke again led a brigade down the mine. After an exhaustive search they found no live men below, and returned to the surface at 8.30 p.m. In view of the serious nature of the brigade's report on the conditions in the mine it was decided that no more men should be allowed to go down until the fire area had been flooded.

The courage, initiative, endurance, and qualities of leadership displayed by Clarke throughout these lengthy operations were outstanding.

Downing Street;
2nd August, 1938.

The KING has been pleased to approve of the retention of the title of "Honourable" by Sir Herbert Sydney Hudd, K.B.E., M.C., who has served for more than three years as a Member of the Executive Council of the State of South Australia.

Downing Street,
2nd August, 1938.

The KING has been pleased to give directions for the appointment of Arthur Seagar Burleigh, Esq., to be a Nominated Member of the Legislative Council of the Presidency of Dominica.

Scottish Office,
Whitehall, S.W.1.
3rd August, 1938.

The King has been pleased, by Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual bearing date the 26th July, to appoint Robert Douglas Lockhart, M.D., Ch.M., Professor of Anatomy in the University of Birmingham, to be Regius Professor of Anatomy in the University of Aberdeen.

Board of Trade,
Mercantile Marine Department,
Great George Street, S.W.1,
4th August, 1938.

The Board of Trade hereby give notice under the General Rules for Formal Investigations into Shipping Casualties and Appeals and Rehearings, 1923, that they have received during the Month of July, 1938, Reports of Formal Investigations, held by Courts in His Majesty's dominions, into the circumstances attending casualties to the following vessels:—

1. I.S.V. "Binapani" and I.S.V. "Myohla".
2. I.S.V. "Sadie" and a passenger dinghy (No. C1455).
3. I.S.V. "Chakrata" and a country boat.
4. I.S.V. "Mootiya".
5. M.V. "Rodney".

Admiralty, 27th July, 1938.

R.N.

- J. M. Brown to be Surg. Lieut. (D). 9th Aug. 1938.
J. F. R. Collis to be Sub-Lieut. (A). 5th Apr. 1938.
Revd. A. W. Mandall, A.L.C.D., to be Chaplain. 16th Aug. 1938.
Lieut. S. H. Knight, M.B.E., placed on Retd. List. 27th July 1938.

Admiralty, 28th July, 1938.

R.N.

Lieuts. R.N.R. to be Lieuts., with seny. as stated:—

- D. A. Watson. 28th Sept. 1933.
G. H. Cunningham. 28th Oct. 1933.
E. W. Morgan. 14th Nov. 1934.

R.N.

Cd. Eng. R. Duckworth to be Lieut. (E) with seny. of 18th July 1938.

Admiralty, 29th July, 1938.

R.N.

D. W. H. Gardner to be Lieut. (A) with seny. of 2nd Apr. 1935.

To be Sub-Lieuts. (A) with seny. as stated:—

- R. S. Illingworth. 18th May 1937.
F. E. O. Temple-West. 6th July 1937.
A. R. Buchanan-Wollaston. 12th Oct. 1937.
F. H. Fox. 8th Mar. 1938.