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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1897.

WAR OFFICE, December 18, 1897.

**T**HE Queen has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointment to the Most Honourable Order of the Bath:—

To be an Additional Member of the Civil Division of the Third Class, or Companions of the said Most Honourable Order, viz.:—

Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel and Commandant Arthur Trebern Norton, Volunteer Medical Staff Corps, the London Companies.

WAR OFFICE, December 18, 1897.

The Queen has been graciously pleased, under Clause 3 of Her Majesty's Warrant, dated 11th December 1897, to confer the Decoration of the Royal Red Cross upon—

Her Majesty the Queen of Greece.  
Her Royal Highness Princess Sophie, Crown Princess of Greece, Duchess of Sparta.

ADMIRALTY, December 17, 1897.

Her Majesty the Queen has been graciously pleased to confer the Decoration of the Albert Medal of the First Class on—

EDWARD LYNCH, Stoker of Her Majesty's ship "Thrasher."

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

At 3 A.M., on the 29th September 1897, the torpedo destroyer "Thrasher," with the "Lynx" and "Sunfish" in company, left St. Ives on passage to Falmouth.

In the thick and foggy weather which was subsequently met, the "Thrasher," followed by the "Lynx," grounded at Dodman's Point, causing serious injury to the boilers, and the bursting of the main feed pipe.

A falling tide caused the "Thrasher" to heel quickly over to about 60°. The ship's company was therefore landed on the rocks, a few men being kept on board, with boats ready to land them.

There were six Petty Officers and men in the stokehold. Of these the Chief Stoker happened to be coming on deck by the starboard hatchway at the moment of striking, and escaped.

This hatchway became distorted by the doubling up of the deck, preventing further egress.

Stokers EDWARD LYNCH and James H. Paul were compelled to escape by the port hatchway, close to a break in the steam pipe.

The hatchway through which they passed was partially closed up, and Paul was unable to follow LYNCH, who then, kneeling or lying on the deck, reached down into the escaping steam and drew James Paul, who was on the ladder, up on to the upper deck.

LYNCH was shortly after observed to be badly scalded about the head, arms, and upper portion of the body in this rescue, the skin hanging off his hands and arms. Oil and wool were applied to alleviate the pain, but LYNCH called attention to Paul, whom he wished attended to first, saying that he himself was not much hurt, but Paul was very bad.