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WHITEHALL, December 5, 1905.

THE King has been pleased to confer the Albert Medal of the Second Class upon Mr. Edward Nicholls, a Miner employed in the Lake View Consols Mine, Kalgoorlie, Western Australia, for conspicuous gallantry displayed in attempting to save the life of a fellow miner, as detailed below:—

On the 18th April 1905, Nicholls (with two other miners, Bentley and King) was working in a "stope" on the 1200 feet level of the Lake View Consols Mine at Kalgoorlie. He and his comrades had charged a round of holes with dynamite, had lit the fuses, and were in the act of retiring to the level below for safety. Bentley had not retreated more than ten feet when one of the charges exploded. Nicholls was six or eight feet further away down the "stope," and, consequently, partially sheltered from the force of the explosion. All lights were put out by the sion and the mine was in complete darkness. Nicholls called to ascertain if any one was hurt, and hearing the groans of his comrade Bentley, groped his way back to the top of the rill (which is the name of the pyramid forming the floor of the "stope"), in this case about 40 feet high. On the top of the rill he found Bentley, on whose body a big stone was resting. He had to roll this stone away before he could move him, but he succeeded, at the peril of his own life, in getting his comrade down the rill. While they were at the foot of the rill the other holes exploded. Bentley subsequently died of the injuries he had sustained.

When Nicholls returned to aid his comrade, the lighted fuses of four other charged holes were burning and other explosions were momentarily to

be expected. The fuses averaged 6 feet in length and the rate of burning was about 90 seconds per yard, that is to say, the explosions were timed to take place within 3 minutes of the lighting of the fuses.

ORDER OF THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.

(DATED 5TH DECEMBER 1905.)

ORKNEY (STRANGLES) REVOCATION ORDER OF 1905.

The Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, by virtue and in exercise of the powers vested in them under the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 to 1903, and of every other power enabling them in this behalf, do order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

The Order described in the Schedule to this Order is hereby revoked as from the eleventh day of December nineteen hundred and five.

In witness whereof the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries have hereunto set their Official Seal this fifth day of December nineteen hundred and five.

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T. H. ELLIOTT, Secretary.