

VESSELS DETAINED OR CAPTURED AT SEA BY HIS MAJESTY'S ARMED FORCES.

(In continuation of previous notification published in the Edinburgh Gazette of May 16, 1916.)

List of Vessels.

Name and Tonnage.	Nationality.	Where Detained.
Lokken	Norwegian .	Kirkwall.

SHIPS WHOSE CARGOES, OR PART OF THEM, HAVE BEEN DETAINED.

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Annie Johnsen	Swedish	Stornoway.
Frederick VIII.	Danish	Kirkwall.
Hellig Olaf	Danish	Kirkwall.
Kristianiafjord	Norwegian	Kirkwall.
Maleas	Greek	Malta.
Neiuw Amsterdam	Netherland	London.
Tranquebar	Danish	Liverpool.
Sydic	Swedish	Kirkwall.

Foreign Office,
May 19, 1916.

Whitehall, May 16, 1916.

The KING has been graciously pleased to award the Decoration of the Albert Medal to the undermentioned Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, and men of His Majesty's Forces serving in France in recognition of their gallantry in saving life:—

Albert Medal of the First Class.

Lance-Corporal George Alderson, 10th Battalion, Durham Light Infantry.

On the evening of the 14th October 1915, Alderson, with two other non-commissioned officers, was moving some bombs into a room in a farmhouse where they were to be stored. While the bombs were being stacked, one of them fell to the floor and the percussion cap was fired. Alderson, knowing that the bomb would explode in four seconds and that to throw it out of the window would endanger the men who were outside, picked it up and tried to reach the door. Before he could get out of the door the bomb exploded, blowing off his hand and inflicting other serious wounds, from which he shortly died.

By his prompt action in picking up and carrying the bomb he probably saved the lives of the three men who were in the room with him, and by his presence of mind in not throwing it out of the window he certainly saved the lives of those standing outside.

This act was the more meritorious as Alderson

was fully aware of the deadly nature of the bomb and the danger to himself that his act involved.

Albert Medal of the First Class.

Major Cyril Louis Norton Newall, 2nd Gurkha Rifles (attached to the Royal Flying Corps).

Albert Medal of the Second Class.

Corporal Henry Hearne, Royal Flying Corps.‡
1st Class Air Mechanic Harrie Stephen Harwood, Royal Flying Corps.

2nd Class Air Mechanic Alfred Edward Simms, Royal Flying Corps.

On the 3rd January 1916, at about 3 p.m., a fire broke out inside a large bomb store belonging to the Royal Flying Corps, which contained nearly 2000 high explosive bombs, some of which had very large charges, and a number of incendiary bombs which were burning freely. Major Newall at once took all necessary precautions, and then, assisted by Air Mechanic Simms, poured water into the shed through a hole made by the flames. He sent for the key of the store, and with Corporal Hearne, Harwood and Simms entered the building and succeeded in putting out the flames. The wooden cases containing the bombs were burnt, and some of them were charred to a cinder.

Albert Medal of the First Class.

Second Lieutenant Thomas Barnard Hankey, 12th Battalion, King's Royal Rifle Corps.

On the 15th October 1915, Second Lieutenant Hankey was in charge of a party under instruction in throwing live grenades. A man who was throwing a grenade with a patent Noblelighter became nervous when the lighter went off and dropped the grenade at his feet. Second Lieutenant Hankey at once picked up the grenade and threw it out of the trench. There were four men in this section of the trench.

On the 4th December 1915, while Second Lieutenant Hankey was in charge of a party under instruction in throwing live grenades, a man pulled the pin from a grenade and threw the grenade straight into the parapet. Second Lieutenant Hankey at once picked up the grenade and threw it over the parapet. There were four men in the throwing pit at the time.

On the 6th December 1915, Second Lieutenant Hankey was in charge of a party under instruction in throwing live grenades from a catapult. A live grenade was placed in the pocket of the catapult, the fuse was lighted, and the lever released. The grenade for some reason was not thrown by the catapult, and fell out of the pocket on to the ground. Second Lieutenant Hankey, who was standing on the other side of the catapult to that on which the grenade lay, rushed at the grenade, seized it, and threw it away. The fuse was a short five-second fuse, and the grenade exploded on hitting the ground 15 yards away. There were eight men near the catapult at the time, and ten others not far away.

Albert Medal of the Second Class.

Second Lieutenant William Marychurch Morgan, 15th Battalion, Royal Welsh Fusiliers.

On the 14th February 1916, during grenade instruction in a trench, a man let fall a grenade, which sank in the mud, so that only the smoke