

Whitehall, March 22, 1918.

The KING has been pleased to give and grant unto the undermentioned gentlemen His Majesty's Royal licence and authority to wear Decorations (as stated against their respective names) which have been conferred upon them by His Majesty the King of Siam in recognition of valuable services rendered by them:—

Fourth Class of the Order of the White Elephant.

Cecil Bedell Follett, Esq., of the Siamese Gendarmerie, Bangkok.

Fifth Class of the Order of the White Elephant.

Harry Gardner, Esq., Deputy Conservator of Forests, Siamese Forest Department.

Whitehall, 23rd March 1918.

His Majesty has been graciously pleased to award the Edward Medal in silver to

Steven Arthur Rubythorn, Foreman Filler;
Alfred Hamilton, Foreman;
John Harrison, in charge of steam pressures;
Ernest Charles Allen, Fitter; and
Harry Butcher, Fireman,

under the following circumstances:—

On the 5th October 1917, an accident occurred at the National Shell Filling Factory. A large shell exploded in the Melt House, killing two men and filling the place with thick smoke. At the time of the explosion more than 4000 filled shells were in the Melt House, and several trucks of shells caught fire. Regardless of the great danger to which they were exposed, the men,

whose names are given above, seized extinguishers, and, rushing through the smoke, played them on the fire, and, with the help of other men, the fire was put out. By their presence of mind and courage these men probably averted a great disaster.

FACTORY AND WORKSHOP ACT, 1901.

The Secretary of State for the Home Department hereby gives notice, in pursuance of Section 80 of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, that he has certified the processes of crushing, grinding and sieving of refractory materials and any processes involving the manipulation of such materials in the manufacture of bricks or other articles, to be dangerous, and that he proposes to make Regulations to apply to all factories and workshops in which any of the said processes is carried on.

Copies of the draft Regulations may be obtained on application to the Chief Inspector of Factories, Home Office, Whitehall, London, S.W. 1.

Objections to the draft Regulations by or on behalf of any persons affected by the Regulations must be sent to the Secretary of State at the Home Office within 40 days from the date of this notice.

Whitehall,
28th March 1918.

*Factory Department, Home Office,
March 21, 1918.*

The Chief Inspector of Factories has appointed Dr. J. H. Murray to be Certifying Surgeon, under the Factory and Workshop Acts, for the Stirling district of the county of Stirling.

TRADE BOARDS ACT, 1909.

TAILORING TRADE BOARD.

(GREAT BRITAIN.)

In accordance with Regulations made under Section 18 of the above Act by the Board of Trade, and dated 27th April 1910, the Trade Board established in Great Britain under the above Act for the Tailoring trade, as defined in the Regulations made by the Board of Trade

and dated 10th January 1914, have given notice that they have varied certain minimum rates of wages fixed by them for female workers, the variations being as follows:—

- (a) For female workers other than home-workers, from 4½d. an hour to 5d. an hour.
(b) For female home-workers, from 4½d. an hour to 5d. an hour.
(c) For female learners:—

	LEARNERS COMMENCING AT								
	14 and under 15 years of age.		15 and under 16 years of age.		16 and under 21 years of age.		21 years of age and over.		
	Column I.		Column II.		Column III.		Column IV.		
	per week.		per week.		per week.		per week.		
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	
During first six months of employment ...	From 3/6	to 4/0	From 4/0	to 4/6	From 6/0	to 6/9	1st 3 months	From 7/6	to 8/3
" second " "	" 6/0	" 6/9	" 6/9	" 7/6	" 8/9	" 9/9	2nd 3 months	" 10/9	" 12/0
" third " "	" 7/9	" 8/6	" 9/3	" 10/3	" 12/0	" 13/3	3rd 3 months	" 14/0	" 15/6
" fourth " "	" 9/3	" 10/3	" 11/3	" 12/6	" 16/0	" 17/9	4th 3 months	" 16/0	" 17/9
" fifth " "	" 10/9	" 12/0	" 14/0	" 15/6	—	—	—	—	—
" sixth " "	" 12/0	" 13/3	" 16/0	" 17/9	—	—	—	—	—
" seventh " "	" 14/9	" 16/6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
" eighth " "	" 16/0	" 17/9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

For learners under 14 years of age, from 3/6 to 4/0 per week.