

Whitehall, August 24, 1918.

The KING has been pleased to award the Albert Medal in each of the following cases in recognition of gallantry displayed in saving life in France:—

Second Lieutenant (temporary Captain) William Neilson, 7th Battalion, Scottish Rifles, attached 10th Battalion, King's Royal Rifle Corps.

On the 24th February 1917, Captain Neilson was superintending men of his company at grenade-throwing at a Brigade Grenade School in France. A man threw a grenade from a trench while Captain Neilson was standing out of the trench behind him. The man slipped in the mud, and the grenade fell in the trench, in which several other men were standing. Captain Neilson jumped down, picked up the grenade out of the mud, and threw it over the parapet. The grenade exploded just after leaving his hand, and wounded him slightly in several places. By his promptitude and courage he undoubtedly saved his men from injury.

Captain Neilson died of wounds in November 1917.

Second Lieutenant Guy Maddison Vaisey, 3rd Battalion (attached 10th Battalion), Gloucestershire Regiment.

On the 6th April 1917, during bomb-throwing practice at a Divisional Bomb School in France, one of the men under instruction, having extracted the pin from a Mills grenade, allowed the grenade to slip out of his hand. Lieutenant Vaisey, seeing what had happened, dashed round a traverse in the trench from which the practice was being conducted, picked up the grenade, and threw it clear of the trench; it exploded almost immediately.

The action was performed at great personal risk, as the thrower was in his way and was dazed with fright. Lieutenant Vaisey by his courage and prompt action undoubtedly prevented a fatal accident.

Lieutenant Vaisey died of wounds in April last.

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The KING has been pleased to give and grant unto the undermentioned gentlemen His Majesty's Royal licence and authority to wear the Insignia of the Legion of Honour of the classes indicated against their respective names, which Decorations have been conferred upon them by the President of the French Republic in recognition of valuable services rendered to the French Authorities in connection with the present War:—

Commander of the Legion of Honour.

Sir Frederick John Dealtry Lugard, G.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O., Governor-General of Nigeria.

Officer of the Legion of Honour.

Herbert Symonds Goldsmith, Esq., C.M.G., Lieutenant-Governor in the Protectorate of Nigeria.

Chevalier of the Legion of Honour.

William Frederick Gowers, Esq., First Class Resident, Northern Provinces, Nigeria.

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The KING has been pleased to give and grant unto the undermentioned gentlemen His Majesty's Royal licence and authority to wear the Insignia of the Order of the Crown of Italy of the Classes indicated against their respective names, which Decorations have been conferred upon them by His Majesty the King of Italy in recognition of valuable services rendered by them in connection with the examination of recruits for the Italian Army:—

Officer of the Order of the Crown of Italy.

Thomas Vincent Dickinson, Esq., M.D., M.R.C.P., M.R.C.S.
James Donelan, Esq., M.B., M.S.

Chevaliers of the Order of the Crown of Italy.

Andrew Stark Currie, Esq., M.D., M.R.C.S.
Andrew Stanford Morton, Esq., M.B., C.M., F.R.C.S.

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The KING has been pleased to give and grant unto Temporary Lieutenant-Colonel Albert Napoleon Tucker, Royal Engineers; His Majesty's Royal licence and authority to wear the Insignia of the Fourth Class of the Order of the Nile, which Decoration has been conferred upon him by His Highness the Sultan of Egypt in recognition of valuable services rendered by him.

*Board of Trade,
Whitehall Gardens,
27th August 1918.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to make a posthumous award of the Decoration of the Albert Medal in recognition of the gallantry of Reginald Curtis Clayton, an apprentice in the Mercantile Marine.

In March last the steamship in which Mr. Clayton was serving was in collision, and a serious fire broke out on board. Mr. Clayton was aft, where the accommodation for the crew was situated. It was his fire-station duty to stand by the flood valve of the magazine; and, in spite of the whole of the deck being in flames, he groped his way through the fire, found the valve, and turned it on to "flood." He received such severe injuries that he succumbed in hospital four days later.

Those of the crew who survived no doubt owed their lives to the flooding of the magazine.

*Board of Trade,
Whitehall Gardens,
26th August 1918.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to make a posthumous award of the Decoration of the Albert Medal in recognition of the gallant conduct of Mr. Robert Coulson, a second engineer in the Mercantile Marine.

The steamship in which Mr. Coulson was serving was struck by a torpedo in the stokehold. The engine-room became full of escaping