

*Foreign Office,*  
March 3, 1903.

It is hereby notified that the Marquess of Lansdowne, K.G., His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has received through Sir Rennell Rodd, His Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Rome, the following Italian Official Notification, announcing the raising of the Blockade of the Coasts of Venezuela, established on the 20th of December, 1902, of which notice was given in the London Gazette of the 23rd of December, 1902.

*Italian Notification.*

Cessazione del blocco sulle coste del Venezuela. In relazione alla notificazione, in data 19 dicembre 1902, pubblicata nella Gazzetta Ufficiale del Regno del 21 dicembre, si reca a pubblica notizia che il blocco delle coste del Venezuela, al quale il Governo del Re si era associato coi Governi di Germania e d'Inghilterra, è stato levato a datare dalla notte compresa fra il 14 ed il 15 corrente mese.

Roma, 18 febbraio 1903.

*Translation.*

Cessation of the Blockade of the Venezuelan Coasts.

With reference to the Notification dated 19th December, 1902, published in the Official Gazette of the Kingdom of the 21st December, it is publicly notified that the Blockade of the Coasts of Venezuela in which the King's Government associated themselves with those of Germany and England, is raised from the night of the 14th-15th of this month.

Rome, February 18, 1903.

*Board of Trade,*  
March 9, 1903.

The KING has been graciously pleased to confer the decoration of the Albert Medal of the Second Class upon Captain Herbert C. French, Royal Army Medical Corps.

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

While His Majesty's transport "Wakool" was steaming, at the rate of about 12 knots an hour, through the Straits of Malacca, on the 17th November, 1902, a native fireman jumped overboard. Captain French, who was a passenger on board, immediately dived off the promenade deck, a height of about 36 feet from the water, and swam to the place where he had observed the man. Before he reached the spot the man had disappeared, and Captain French was obliged to make for a lifebuoy, as he was exhausted with the weight of his clothing. Subsequently both were rescued by the ship's lifeboat.

Captain French incurred considerable risk, as a strong current was running at the time, and he might have been drawn under the propellers of the ship. He was also in danger of sharks and water snakes, which are known to frequent the Straits of Malacca.

*Board of Trade, 7, Whitehall Gardens,*  
London, March 9, 1903

The Board of Trade hereby give notice that they have revoked the Wilmslow Electric Lighting Order, 1897, as confirmed by the Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Act, 1897, as from the 3rd day of March, 1903, and that the said revocation is to take effect from that date.

Dated this ninth day of March, 1903.

*Francis J. S. Hopwood, Secretary.*

*Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, March 7, 1903.*  
H. 4140.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of the following Telegram, dated March 5, from His Majesty's Representative at Lisbon:— "Snakin, Zagazig, Minieh, and Port Said declared free from plague and Alexandria from cholera and plague from 3rd instant."

*Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, March 7, 1903.*  
H. 4146.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of the following Telegram, dated March 6, from His Majesty's Representative at Galatz:— "Quarantine at Sulina on arrivals from Egyptian ports and Syrian Coast suppressed. Medical inspection substituted."

*Admiralty, 6th March, 1903.*

In accordance with the provisions of Her late Majesty's Order in Council of 29th June, 1900—

Fleet Engineer Arthur John London has been placed on the Retired List of his rank, at his own request. Dated 4th March, 1903.

Assistant Paymaster Felix Abraham has been promoted to the rank of Paymaster in His Majesty's Fleet. Dated 1st March, 1903.

*Royal Marine Light Infantry.*

Captain Allan Stewart Morse resigns his Commission at his own request. Dated 4th March, 1903.

*Royal Naval Reserve.*

The following notice is substituted for that which appeared in the London Gazette of the 20th February, 1903:—

In accordance with the Regulations for the Royal Naval Reserve—

Lieutenant Philip de Ste Croix has been granted the rank of Commander on the Retired List. Dated 2nd July, 1902.

In accordance with the Regulations for the Royal Naval Reserve—

Lieutenant Robert Hugh Olivey has been placed on the Retired List of his rank. Dated 5th March, 1903.

Lieutenant Frederick Henry Wyse has been placed on the Retired List of his rank. Dated 5th March, 1903.

Sub-Lieutenant William Colbeck to be Lieutenant. Dated 4th March, 1903.

Midshipman George Henry Alured Denne to be Sub-Lieutenant. Dated 5th March, 1903.

*Admiralty, 7th March, 1903.*

*Royal Marine Light Infantry.*

Captain Brian James Delves Walthall, having been found physically unfit for further active service, is removed from the list of Officers Royal Marines. Dated 17th November, 1902.

The above is in substitution of the notice which appeared on page 843 of the Gazette dated 10th February, 1903, respecting this Officer, which is hereby cancelled.