

the Insignia of Chevalier of the Order of the Crown, which Decoration has been conferred upon him by His Majesty the King of the Belgians in recognition of valuable services rendered by him.

Downing Street,
6th May, 1916.

The KING has been pleased to approve of the appointment of Major-General Walter Charles Hunter-Blair, C.B. (Commanding Royal Artillery, Malta Command), to be an Official Member of the Executive Council of the Island of Malta.

Downing Street,
8th May, 1916.

The KING has been pleased to give directions for the appointment of Thomas Edward Fell, Esq. (Colonial Secretary), to be a Member of the Legislative Council of the Island of Barbados.

Scottish Office, Whitehall,
8th May, 1916.

The KING has been pleased, by Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, bearing date the 6th instant, to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Seal appointed by the Treaty of Union to be kept and made use of in place of the Great Seal of Scotland, nominating, constituting, and appointing His Grace The Duke of Montrose, K.T., to be His Majesty's High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland which is to meet on the 23rd instant.

TRADING WITH THE ENEMY AMENDMENT ACT, 1916.

Orders have been made by the Board of Trade requiring the undermentioned businesses to be wound up:—

127. Wolfing and Marians, 8, Manchester Avenue, London, E.C., Manufacturers and Importers. *Controller*: Adam Turquand Young, 41, Coleman Street, London, E.C. 8 May, 1916.
128. Coutinho, Caro and Co., 134, Fenchurch Street, London, E.C., Metal Merchants. *Controller*: Norman Ward Wild, 22-28, Broad Street Avenue, London, E.C. 8 May, 1916.
129. The Wolf Safety Lamp Co., Boston Street, Sheffield, Engineers and Lamp Manufacturers. *Controller*: Thomas George Shuttleworth, Royal Insurance Buildings, Church Street, Sheffield. 8 May, 1916.
130. E. M. Brinckman and Co., 99, Redcross Street, Southwark, London, S.E., Merchants (Electric Lamps, Batteries, and Gas Mantles). *Controller*: Kenneth Charles Fox, 45, London Wall, London, E.C. 8 May, 1916.
131. Otto Bloch, 8, Vyse Street, Birmingham, Dealer in Jewellers' Requisites. *Controller*: Theodore David Neal, 110, Edmund Street, Birmingham. 8 May, 1916.

Appointment of Controller to fill vacancy:—
Roselius and Co., 37, Mincing Lane, London, E.C., Coffee Merchants. *John Paterson*, 1, Walbrook, London, E.C., appointed Controller, 8 May, 1916, in place of Daniel Hill, deceased.

Admiralty, 6th May, 1916.

The KING has been graciously pleased to confer the Decoration of the Albert Medal of the Second Class on—

Lieutenant Robert Arthur Startin, R.N.

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

During the violent gale and snowstorm on the night of the 28th March, 1916, the whaler of H.M.S. "Melpomene," with a crew of six men, was driven by the blizzard on to the mud about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile up the river above the Parkstone Jetty, Harwich. Lieut. Startin, on hearing that the whaler was missing, set out alone to search along the river bed. After wading through deep mud, at times up to his armpits, for a distance of about 300 yards, he eventually found the whaler, half full of water, aground on the mud, with her crew lying helpless in the boat, having given up all hope of being rescued. He only succeeded in rousing them by beating them with his stick, one man having to be forcibly dragged all the way to the shore by Lieut. Startin and the coxswain of the boat. After dragging him for about an hour, a distance of about 40 or 50 yards had been covered, when a light was seen moving inshore. Lieut. Startin ordered the crew to remain where they were whilst he went to the light, which proved to be carried by a search party with a rope. This rope was taken backwards and forwards personally by Lieut. Startin from the shore to the boat's crew until each one had been rescued, this exhausting and dangerous task in the deep mud being performed under the most trying weather conditions. All the crew were thus saved, though one afterwards died from the effects of exposure.

Admiralty, 4th May, 1916.

R.M.L.I.

Lt. Edward Bamford is granted the temp. rank of Capt. 2nd May, 1916.

Admiralty, 5th May, 1916.

R.N.E.

To be tempy. Asst. Paymr.—

Godfrey Q. Armitage. 6th May, 1916.

To be tempy. Engr. Sub-Lieut.—

Robert Dearden. 29th Apr. 1916.

R.N.V.R.

To be tempy. Lieuts.—

Reginald N. Lubbock.
Edward Percy Smyth.

5th May 1916.