

and one of his companions were so badly injured that they were unable to move, but the third managed to make his way to Lakka, some 3,000 feet lower, where at 2.30 p.m. he met and informed Mr. Bain Smith of the accident. Mr. Bain Smith, though he had no knowledge or experience of mountaineering, at once set out with a coolie to rescue Major Minchinton from his position which he reached at 4.30 p.m. after a climb of 3,000 feet. Mr. Bain Smith had no ice axe and was wearing smooth-soled boots and he could only proceed across the snow-field by kicking footholds in the hard snow with his stockinged feet. The coolie who had accompanied Mr. Bain Smith from Lakka was unable to cross the snow and remained behind. On reaching Major Minchinton Mr. Bain Smith made of his coat a sledge and accompanied by the Gurkha who was just able to move, proceeded to drag the injured man over the then freezing snow to a point some 500 feet lower. Further progress without assistance was impossible and Mr. Bain Smith therefore descended alone across the snow slope until, after a journey of about a mile, he met with two shepherds who accompanied him back to where the injured man lay. Major Minchinton was lowered a further 500 feet until descent was checked by the roughness of the snow. Mr. Bain Smith sent one of the shepherds for more men but he failed to return and Mr. Bain Smith thereupon made a second journey and after great difficulty found four shepherds whom he sent back to Major Minchinton. He himself was by that time so exhausted that he could only proceed by crawling. He found Major Minchinton struggling and his struggles were such that, as the snow had frozen hard, he could not be moved. Mr. Bain Smith, after sending the injured Gurkha down with two of the men, made repeated but unsuccessful efforts to continue the descent. At sunset the remaining shepherds deserted him.

Mr. Bain Smith, who was clad only in a shirt, shorts and stockings, stayed for half an hour with Major Minchinton, who was then unconscious, if not already dead. An ice cold wind was blowing and there were occasional hail storms and it was obvious that nobody left exposed on the slope would survive the night. Mr. Bain Smith, after covering Major Minchinton with his coat, descended to a fire that was seen burning below the glacier where he found Mrs. Minchinton and a party of men, none of whom were capable of tackling the mountain side in the dark. The first rescue party arrived at 3 a.m. on the following morning, and Mr. Bain Smith escorted them to a point whence Major Minchinton's body could be seen. He was then on the verge of collapse and both feet were frost-bitten.

The Secretary of State hereby gives notice that Sir James Bennett Brunyate, K.C.S.I., C.I.E., has been appointed Chairman of the Irish Sailors' and Soldiers' Land Trust in succession to Sir George Herbert Duckworth, C.B., F.S.A., who has resigned.

Whitehall.

28th September, 1927.

*Admiralty, 26th September, 1927.*

*R.N.*

Lieut. Comdr. J. B. Woolley, D.S.C., placed on Retd. List at own request. 16th Sept. 1927.

*R.N.V.R.*

Proby. Surg. Lieut. R. A. Cannon to be Surg. Lieut. with seny. of 14th Sept. 1926.

*Admiralty, 27th September, 1927.*

*R.N.*

Eng. Lieut. J. Young placed on Retd. List. 27th Sept. 1927.

*R.M.*

Lt.-Gen. Lewis S. T. Halliday, V.C., C.B., to be Adjt.-Gen., Royal Marines, vice Hutchison. 1st Oct. 1927.

*Admiralty, 28th September, 1927.*

*R.N.*

Lieuts. (retd.) to be Lieut. Comdrs. (retd.):—

H. M. McKay.

R. D. Florence.

W. F. G. North.

H. V. Low.

G. A. Wills.

J. R. Lumby.

F. E. Roberts.

J. R. S. Wickham.

C. E. H. Smith.

15th Sept. 1927.

Electrical Lieut. T. R. Brotheridge, A.M.I.E.E., placed on Retd. List. 20th Sept. 1927.

*R.N.R.*

Paym. Lieut. G. Q. Armitage to be Paym. Lieut. Comdr. 28th Sept. 1927.

*R.N.V.R.*

Proby. Surg. Lieut. F. A. McLaughlin to be Surg. Lieut. with seny. of 3rd July 1925.

*Admiralty, 29th September, 1927.*

*R.N.*

Cd.-Shipt. T. E. White placed on Retd. List at own request. 29th Sept. 1927.

*Miscellaneous.*

Lieut. Comdr. Percy Hewitt Learmont, R.I.M., to be tempy. Lieut. Comdr. in R.N. 29th Sept. 1927.

*War Office,*

*30th September, 1927.*

#### REGULAR FORCES.

COMMANDS AND STAFF.

A.D.C.—Capt. F. T. Hill, Rifle Bde., relinquishes his appt. 1st Oct. 1927.

The undermentioned appt. is made:—

D.A.Q.M.G.—Bt. Maj. H. D. Parkin, O.B.E., M.C., R.A.S.C. 22nd Sept. 1927.