

*Factory Department, Home Office,
19th June, 1935.*

The Chief Inspector of Factories gives notice that in consequence of the death of Dr. H. V. Swindale an appointment as Certifying Surgeon under the Factory and Workshop Acts at Hammersmith, in the county of London, is vacant. Latest date for receipt of applications, 9th July, 1935.

*Factory Department, Home Office,
20th June, 1935.*

The Chief Inspector of Factories gives notice that in consequence of the resignation of Dr. G. Shaw an appointment as Certifying Surgeon under the Factory and Workshop Acts at Alyth, in the County of Perthshire, is vacant. Latest date for receipt of applications, 9th July, 1935.

*Factory Department, Home Office,
21st June, 1935.*

The Chief Inspector of Factories gives notice that in consequence of the resignation of Dr. W. H. Thompson an appointment as Certifying Surgeon under the Factory and Workshop Acts at Bradford West, in the County of York (West Riding), is vacant. Latest date for receipt of applications, 9th July, 1935.

Whereas it is provided by Article 3 of the West African (Appeal to Privy Council) Further Amendment Order in Council, 1935, that the said Order shall commence and have effect on such day as may be fixed by notification in the London Gazette by one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and whereas similar provision with regard to the commencement and coming into effect of the West African Court of Appeal (Further Amendment) Order in Council, 1935, is made in Article 4 of the said Order:

Now, therefore, I, the Right Honourable Malcolm MacDonald, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, do, in pursuance of the powers so conferred, hereby notify that the said two Orders in Council shall commence and have effect on the first day of July, 1935.

Given under my hand the 24th day of June, 1935.

Malcolm MacDonald.

*Board of Trade,
Great George Street,
London, S.W.1.
24th June, 1935.*

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to make a posthumous Award of the Decoration of the Albert Medal in recognition

of the gallantry displayed by Mr. Thomas Gibson, late Cook in the s.s. "Usworth," in the following circumstances:—

In December, 1934, the s.s. "Usworth" of Newcastle was in distress in the North Atlantic Ocean while on a voyage from Montreal to Queenstown with a cargo of grain.

Attempts were made to save the vessel but at about midnight on 13/14th December it became clear that she would have to be abandoned by her crew. Very gallant efforts were then made by the Belgian s.s. "Jean Jadot" and the s.s. "Ascania" of Liverpool to take off the crew. In the course of these efforts the "Ascania" manœuvred as close as was possible to the "Usworth," and about 2 p.m. on 14th December, sent away a lifeboat to her. There had been a whole gale from the west-north-west which at this time had slightly moderated, but there were still frequent heavy squalls and high seas; oil was being pumped on the sea. The lifeboat from the "Ascania" got under the lee of the "Usworth," about fifteen feet away from her, with the crew ready to pull away as the "Usworth" drifted down on to the lifeboat.

Those on the "Usworth" were told to jump one at a time into the lifeboat, but in the excitement three members of the "Usworth's" crew jumped into the water together. One of the men who jumped from the "Usworth" was the cook, T. Gibson. He was a strong swimmer and would probably have reached the "Ascania's" lifeboat in another two or three strokes, but the messroom boy, L. Jones, who had got into difficulties, shouted for help and Gibson was seen to tread water and then to turn back. Unfortunately he was unable, in the oil-coated sea, to swim with the boy to the "Ascania's" lifeboat, and, notwithstanding attempts made to save them by those remaining on the "Usworth," they were swept under the "Usworth's" stern and both were drowned.

There is no doubt that Mr. Gibson sacrificed his life in attempting to save the messroom boy.

His Majesty has also been pleased, upon the recommendation of the President of the Board of Trade, to award Silver Medals for Gallantry in Saving Life at Sea (Foreign Services) to Jules Leblanc, second officer; Paul Lambert, fourth officer; Jean Schroyens, cadet; George De Plecker, Alphonse Dobbelaere, Alfred Spreutels, sailors; Lodewyk De Jongh, donkeyman-greaser; Gaston Vanheste, Henri Hermans and Henri Beeldens, firemen, of the Belgian s.s. "Jean Jadot," and Silver Medals for Gallantry in Saving Life at Sea to Ernest James Rigby Pollitt, junior third officer; Donald Brodie, lamptrimmer and A.B.; Kenneth Campbell, A.B. and lookout; Robert Walter Beckett, James Brawn, Robert Charles William Brown, James William Mortimore, William Skinner, Harry Victor Julius Ward, Alan Williams, A.Bs., and George James Bowles, sailor, of the British s.s. "Ascania," in recognition of their services to the crew of the s.s. "Usworth."

In the case of Paul Lambert and Lodewyk De Jongh, the awards are posthumous, as both men lost their lives while rendering the service.