

Hector Bruce Henderson, Esquire, to be His Majesty's Consul for the Province of Sumatra, to reside at Medan.

Foreign Office,  
July 10, 1938.

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint:—

Henry Hugh Thomas, Esquire, to be His Majesty's Consul, Second Grade, at Shanghai.

Foreign Office,  
August 12, 1938.

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint:—

Stanley Rupert Jordan, Esquire, to be Commercial Secretary, Second Grade, attached to His Majesty's Embassy in Turkey; and Sidney Simmonds, Esquire, M.B.E., to be Commercial Secretary, Second Grade, attached to His Majesty's Legation at Athens.

Foreign Office,  
August 24, 1938.

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint:—

David John Rodgers, Esquire, C.B.E., to be His Majesty's Consul-General for the provinces of Huesca, Zaragoza, Teruel, Barcelona, Tarragona, Lerida, Gerona, Valencia, Alicante and Castellon, and the Balearic Islands, to reside at Barcelona.

Foreign Office,  
September 1, 1938.

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint:—

Haji Arbab Ali Jan, to be His Majesty's Consul at Jalalabad.

Foreign Office,  
September 26, 1938.

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint:—

Alan John Edden, Esquire, to be one of His Majesty's Vice-Consuls in Siam.

Foreign Office,  
October 24, 1938.

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint:—

John Cyril Donnelly, Esquire, to be His Majesty's Vice-Consul at Chicago; and John Anthony Thwaites, Esquire, to be His Majesty's Vice-Consul at Katowice.

Whitehall, December 9, 1938.

The KING has been pleased to approve of the appointment of Captain Sir John Malcolm Fraser, Bt., G.B.E., to be Vice-Lieutenant of the County of Surrey, in succession to Major Arthur Leycester-Penryhn, resigned.

Whitehall, December 9, 1938.

The KING has been pleased to give and grant unto the undermentioned gentlemen His Majesty's Royal licence and authority to wear Decorations conferred upon them by His Majesty the King of Iraq, in recognition of valuable services rendered by them to the Iraqi Government.

ORDER OF AL RAFIDAIN.  
Insignia of the Fifth Class.

William Ablett, Esq.  
Henry Freakley, Esq.

Whitehall, November 24, 1938.

His Majesty The KING has been graciously pleased to award the Edward Medal to the late John Henry Mears in recognition of his gallantry in the following circumstances:—

On Monday, July 25th, 1938, two workmen employed on the construction of a sewer in Albion Street, Miles Platting, Manchester, discovered that the air at the bottom of the 50 foot shaft was bad. The bad air was removed partly by the primitive expedient of lowering and raising a skip with lighted waste and partly by using an air compressor. The same thing happened on the following day (Tuesday) but not on the Wednesday. On Thursday, July 28th, W. Bellingham, a tunnel miner, partly descended the shaft and found by candle test that the air was foul again. He returned to the surface and warned Mears and J. R. Byrnes who were trying in vain to get the air compressor working. Byrnes, followed by P. Murphy the foreman (who said he would go down and see how bad the gas was) started to descend the shaft by the ladder. On reaching the bottom Byrnes was seen to step off the ladder, but shortly afterwards collapsed. Meantime Murphy, presumably becoming aware of the foul air, but ignorant of Byrnes' collapse, had partly re climbed the ladder but, warned of Byrnes' plight by shouts from the workmen at the top of the shaft he turned back, and on reaching the shaft bottom collapsed in turn while trying to raise Byrnes.

There were no life-lines, ropes, safety belts or breathing apparatus available. Knowing this Mears tied a wet handkerchief over his mouth, got into a skip and was lowered to the bottom, although he was warned that the handkerchief was useless against sewer gas. At the bottom he got out of the skip, tried to raise Murphy but put him down again, then got back into the skip and signalled to be raised. Unfortunately as the skip was being steadied prior to being raised Mears fell out of it. Nearly half an hour later the Fire Brigade arrived and extricated the three men, all of whom were dead.

Whitehall, December 9, 1938.

Under authority of a Royal Warrant, the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia has conferred the honour of Knighthood upon the following gentlemen:—

At Melbourne, on the 31st October, 1938.  
Harry Percy Brown, Esq., C.M.G., M.B.E., M.I.E.E.  
The Honourable James Ross Macfarlan, K.C., LL.B.