

had bravely fought their ship through half the starlit night to save her and sink the enemy. "Heronspool" had not the speed of the U-Boat and the one chance of escape was a direct hit, for which in a night action there was slight hope.

Thomas Watkins, Colour Sergeant late Royal Marines, Gunlayer, s.s. "Rockpool" (Sir R. Ropner and Company, West Hartlepool).

A U-Boat suddenly appeared on the beam at about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles distance, and immediately fired a shot which fell about 100 yards short. The second shot was close on the quarter. The Master at once altered helm to bring the U-Boat astern and his gun into action. Thirteen rounds were fired, which fell so close that the enemy was drenched with spray. The U-Boat fired some twenty rounds, and "Rockpool" was straddled, but not hit. After a stern chase of an hour and a quarter she shook off the enemy by zig-zagging behind a screen of smoke floats. The crew showed great coolness under fire, and the Gunlayer and gun's crew much readiness and skill.

Crown Office,  
House of Lords, S.W.1.  
14th December, 1939.

MEMBER elected to serve in the present  
PARLIAMENT.

County of Somerset, Wells Division.

Lieutenant-Colonel Dennis Coleridge Boles, in the place of Lieutenant-Colonel Anthony John Muirhead, M.C., deceased.

#### TENDERS FOR TREASURY BILLS.

1. The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that Tenders will be received at the Chief Cashier's Office, at the Bank of England, on Friday the 22nd December, 1939, at 1 p.m. for Treasury Bills to be issued under the Treasury Bills Act, 1877, the National Debt Act, 1889, and the National Loans Act, 1939, to the amount of £65,000,000.

2. The Bills will be in amounts of £5,000, £10,000, £50,000 or £100,000. They will be dated at the option of the Tenderer on any business day from Wednesday the 27th December, 1939, to Saturday, the 30th December, 1939, inclusive, and will be payable at three months after date.

3. The Bills will be issued and paid at the Bank of England.

4. Each Tender must be for an amount not less than £50,000 and must specify the date on which the Bills required are to be dated, and the net amount per cent. (being an even multiple of one penny) which will be given for the amount applied for. Separate Tenders must be lodged for Bills of different dates.

5. Tenders must be made through a London Banker, Discount House or Broker.

6. The persons whose Tenders are accepted will be informed of the same not later than the following day, and payment in full of

the amounts of the accepted tenders must be made to the Bank of England by means of Cash or a Banker's Draft on the Bank of England not later than 1.30 p.m. (Saturday, 12 noon) on the day on which the relative Bills are to be dated.

7. Members of the House of Commons are not precluded from tendering for these Bills.

8. Tenders must be made on the printed forms which may be obtained from the Chief Cashier's Office, Bank of England.

9. The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury reserve the right of rejecting any Tenders.

Treasury Chambers.

15th December, 1939.

Whitehall, December 15, 1939.

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 Highness the Sultan of Zanzibar in recognition of valuable services rendered by them:—

ORDER OF THE BRILLIANT STAR OF ZANZIBAR.

*Insignia of the Second Class.*

Sir Charles Ewan Law, Chief Justice, Zanzibar.

*Insignia of the Third Class.*

Harold Gordon Peake, Esq., Director of Public Works, Zanzibar.

*Insignia of the Fourth Class.*

Charles Henry Lewis, Esq., Government Printer, Zanzibar.

*Insignia of the Fifth Class.*

Amritlal Kashiram Jani, Indian Head Clerk, Public Trustee's Department, Zanzibar.

#### FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

In pursuance of Section 122 of the Factories Act, 1937, the Right Honourable Sir John Anderson, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State has been pleased to appoint James Basil Bloor and Grace Marjorie Agnes Imogen Lee to be His Majesty's Inspectors of Factories.

Whitehall.

12th December, 1939.

#### EXPLOSIVES ACT, 1875.

The Secretary of State for the Home Department gives notice that, on the 11th December, 1939, he made an Order amending the proviso to bye-law 2 of the Order of Secretary of State No. 11 (S.R. & O. 1924, No. 1129) so as to increase, subject to certain conditions, the number of detonators and electric detonators which may be conveyed in the same carriage or boat with explosive of another Class or Division from 2,000 to 6,000.

Copies of the Order (S.R. & O. 1939 No. 1787) may be purchased (price 1d.) through