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Privy Council Office, 11th March, 1947.

**UNIVERSITIES OF OXFORD AND
CAMBRIDGE ACT, 1923.**

A STATUTE made by the Governing Body of Christ's College, in the University of Cambridge, on the 4th March, 1947, amending Chapter XXXVII of the College Statutes has been submitted for the approval of His Majesty in Council, and notice of its having been so submitted is published in accordance with the provisions of "The Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1923."

Foreign Office, 7th March, 1947.

The KING has been pleased to grant unrestricted permission for the wearing of the decoration of Knight of the Order of St. Olav conferred by His Majesty the King of Norway upon Captain Olaf Charles William Johnsen in recognition of his services to Norwegian interests during the war.

Whitehall, February 3, 1947.

The KING has been pleased to award the Edward Medal to Wilfred Beasley in recognition of his gallantry in the following circumstances:—

On the 16th November, 1946, an explosion, followed by fire, occurred in the ferro-mixing department of High Speed Alloys, Limited, Widnes. In this department there is a platform above the row of mixers; the charges are introduced into the mixers by tipping from steel barrows into hopper openings on the platform; the barrows are lifted from the floor into position on the platform by an overhead crane, the base of the cabin of which passes about six feet above the hoppers. At the time of the accident Edward Nolan aged 17 was driving the crane and was in the act of hoisting a barrow of Wolframite when a sheet of flame shot out from the hopper, enveloping the cabin and setting fire to his clothing. He attempted to move the crane back to an access platform at the end of the shop but the crane stopped a few feet short. Intense thermit reaction went on inside the mixer; the temperature of such a reaction is estimated at between 2,000° and 3,000° C. The room was speedily filled with smoke and everything in the neighbourhood of the mixer was set on fire.

Wilfred Beasley, aged 53, a process chargehand, realising that the charge mixer had exploded, and fearing for the safety of other workmen, rushed into the mixing room only to be driven back by fire and fumes. He re-entered the building through a side door and hearing cries for help groped his way to the approach ladder leading to the crane landing stage. At the fourth attempt he succeeded in reaching the landing stage some 15 feet from the ground and by holding on to a support by one hand succeeded in locating the crane cabin, which with a considerable effort he pulled to within two feet of its berth. He found Nolan in the cabin and with

great difficulty managed to bring him halfway down the approach ladder, when frantic with his injuries Nolan struggled violently and fell, being caught by someone at the base of the ladder. Apart from the risk of falling which was intensified by dense smoke, there was also the risk of burns; the rescuer was exposed to danger for a period of about 10 minutes, and was temporarily overcome when he reached the ground.

Nolan died later in hospital of his injuries. At the inquest the Coroner complimented Beasley on his gallant action.

Downing Street, 23rd January, 1947.

The KING has been pleased to give directions for the appointment of T. A. Toote, Esq., to be a Member of the Legislative Council of the Bahama Islands.

*Scottish Home Department,
St. Andrew's House, Edinburgh 1.
6th March, 1947.*

The KING has been pleased by Royal Warrant bearing date the 5th March, 1947, to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Seal appointed to be kept and made use of in place of the Great Seal of Scotland, granting the rank and dignity of Counsel to His Majesty to John Wheatley, Esquire, Advocate, Member of the Scottish Bar.

*Ministry of Labour and National Service,
Factory Department,
St. James's Square, London, S.W.1.
3rd March, 1947.*

The Chief Inspector of Factories has made the following appointments under the Factories Act, 1937:—

- Dr. H. Brash to be Examining Surgeon for the Glasgow East District of the county of Lanark.
- Dr. J. B. Gordon to be Examining Surgeon for the Kirkwall District of the county of Orkney.

*Admiralty, 3rd March, 1947.
R.N.*

Tempy. Sub-Lt. (R.N.R.) O. C. WRIGHT transferred to R.N. in rank of Lt. with seny. of 1st Jan. 1947.
Sub-Lt. (R.N.V.R.) P. H. FRYER transferred to R.N. with seny. of 22nd Jan. 1945.

Tempy. Sub-Lts. (R.N.R.) transferred to R.N. with seny. as stated:—

- P. E. J. A. REES. 7th July 1945.
- T. K. B. MCCARTHY. 12th Oct. 1945.
- J. W. BATTEN. 26th Nov. 1945.
- M. A. GEORGE. 3rd Feb. 1946.
- D. M. HAINSWORTH. 6th Feb. 1946.
- G. L. HASKINS. 23rd Sept. 1946.