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A 'Hulton Colliery Disaster' Group of Four to Driver F. Smith, Royal Artillery

British War and Victory Medals (2673 Dvr. F. Smith. R.A.); Bolton and District Humane Society Medal, bronze, reverse embossed 'Hulton Colliery Disaster December 21st 1910', in *Jenkins, Birmingham*, case of issue; Lancashire & Cheshire Coal Owners Rescue Station Medal, silver, reverse engraved 'Fred Smith', with 'Hulton 1911' suspension Bar and integral top riband bar, *extremely fine*, with Manchester Collieries Limited and Lancashire & Cheshire Coal Owners Rescue Station lapel badges (4)

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10 Edward Medals (Mines) in Bronze; 1 silver and 20 bronze Order of St. John of Jerusalem Life Saving Medals; 1 silver and 25 bronze Royal Humane Society Medals; and 160 Bolton and District Humane Society Medals were awarded for the Hulton Colliery Disaster, 21.12.1910. Despite the obvious danger, many volunteered to assist in rescue attempts. In all 344 miners lost their lives, in what was the second worst mining disaster ever to occur in England, and the third worst in Great Britain. Mrs. Miriam Tyldesley lost her husband, four sons, and two brothers in the disaster.