

night from enemy submarines, aircraft and surface forces:

*To be Companions of the Distinguished Service Order.*

Captain David Rattray MacFarlane, O.B.E., Master.

Captain Frederick Nevill Riley, Master.

Captain Richard Wren, Master.

The above Appointments form a first short list in recognition of those Merchant Navy Officers whose services in this operation have been brought to notice as most outstanding. Such further Appointments and Awards as His Majesty the King may be graciously pleased to approve will be published shortly.

For bravery and skill when H.M. Motor Gun Boats attacked and sank a laden enemy tanker, and severely damaged two escorting trawlers off the French Coast:

*Bar to the Distinguished Service Order.*

Temporary Lieutenant-Commander Robert Peverell Hichens, D.S.O., D.S.C., R.N.V.R.

*The Conspicuous Gallantry Medal.*

Able Seaman John Richard Barnes, P/JX. 186520.

For coolness and bravery as Gunner in one of H.M. Motor Gun Boats. When his loader was wounded, he, though himself wounded in the leg, re-loaded his gun, and then, seeing the magazine ablaze and the flames spreading to the ammunition, he helped his Commanding Officer to put out the fire, and thus saved the ship.

*Mention in Despatches (Posthumous).*

Able Seaman Reginald Clifford Baker, C/JX. 146127.

For great bravery as Gunner in one of H.M. Motor Gun Boats. In the face of intense fire from the enemy at point blank range, he stayed at his gun, turning a deadly fire on the enemy tanker, until badly wounded.

*Mention in Despatches.*

Temporary Sub-Lieutenant Thomas Ellis Ladner, R.C.N.V.R.

Chief Motor Mechanic Victor Geoffrey Stay, P/MX.69299.

Ordinary Seaman Albert Parkin, C/JX. 278459.

For bravery, skill and sustained devotion to duty in action against the enemy in H.M.S. Welshman:

*To be a Companion of the Distinguished Service Order.*

Captain William Howard Dennis Friedberger, Royal Navy.

*The Distinguished Service Cross.*

Lieutenant-Commander Lindsay Gellatly, Royal Australian Navy.

*The Distinguished Service Medal.*

Chief Engine Room Artificer Ewart John Hart, C/M.24922.

Ordnance Artificer First Class Edgar Louis Brown, C/M.38676.

Petty Officer Edward John Skinner, C/JX. 153653.

Leading Seaman Duncan MacDonald, C/X. 10256B., R.N.R.

Acting Leading Seaman Albert Williams, C/SSX.23498.

*Mention in Despatches (Posthumous).*

Able Seaman Arthur Hutchings Lamb, C/JX. 294025.

*Mention in Despatches.*

Acting Commander (E) Herbert Edwin Charles Hims, Royal Navy.

Lieutenant Ian Nagle Douglas Cox, D.S.C., Royal Navy.

Temporary Lieutenant (E) Alan Mackenzie, Royal Navy.

Temporary Acting Sub-Lieutenant Louis Arthur Phillips, R.N.V.R.

Chief Stoker Arthur Greenwood, C/K.65468.

Engine Room Artificer Fourth Class John Thomas Watkin, C/MX.65799.

Petty Officer Joseph Charles Blackwell, C/J. 104738.

Petty Officer William Coles, C/J.561.

Acting Petty Officer William John Porter, C/J.108364.

Able Seaman Reuben John Arrowsmith, C/J. 114141.

Able Seaman Charles Daly, C/SSX.17347.

Able Seaman William Goulding, C/SSX.26281.

Ordinary Seaman Edward Ernest Pooley, C/JX.317773.

For bravery and skill when H.M. light coastal forces sank two enemy minesweepers and damaged three others in an action off the enemy coast:

*The Distinguished Service Cross.*

Lieutenant Ian Raymond Griffiths, Royal Navy.

Lieutenant John Duff Ritchie, Royal Navy.

*Mention in Despatches.*

Temporary Sub-Lieutenant John Colville Erskine Hill, R.N.V.R.

Stoker Petty Officer Ernest Love, P/KX. 80205.

Ordinary Seaman Eric William Sawyer, P/JX.315602.

For courage and endurance while mine-sweeping in H.M. Ships Glen Heather and One Accord:

*The Distinguished Service Cross.*

Skipper Frederick Arthur Nunn, 729 T.S., R.N.R.

Skipper John James Reynolds, 3555 W.S., R.N.R.

For bravery and endurance when H.M.A.S. Hobart was taking Convoys across the China and Java seas in the face of sustained Enemy air attacks:

*The Distinguished Service Cross.*

Surgeon Commander Lionel Lockwood, M.D., B.S., M.V.O., Royal Australian Navy.

Mr. Stanley Heithersay, Warrant Electrician, Royal Australian Navy.

*The Distinguished Service Medal.*

Chief Cook (S) Richard Andrew Blain, 13014, R.A.N.

Sick Berth Petty Officer Matthew Adolphus Howden, 13965, R.A.N.

Able Seaman John Hastings, 21358, R.A.N.