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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1.
30th April, 1946.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the GEORGE CROSS to the undermentioned:—

Lieutenant George GOSSE, R.A.N.V.R. (N. Adelaide, Australia).

On the 8th May, 1945, divers searching Übersee Hafen reported the presence of a mine which from their description appeared to be an entirely new type. Lieutenant Gosse immediately dived and verified the fact that it was a GD pressure type which was commonly known as "Oyster." As it was very necessary that this type of mine should be recovered intact it was decided to attempt to render safe the mine underwater and on the following day May 8th Lieutenant Gosse dived on it again. Using improvised tools he eventually succeeded in removing the primer which was followed by a loud metallic crash. The mine was eventually lifted on the quayside when it was found that the detonator had fired immediately the primer had been removed. During the subsequent ten days Lieutenant Gosse rendered safe two similar types of mines which were lying in close proximity to shipping and in each instance the detonator fired before the mine reached the surface.

This form of operation called for exceptionally high standard of personal courage and also a high degree of skill. The conditions were always arduous and were combined with the presence of known mines in the docks and with all forms of underwater obstruction—human corpses—which together with lack of visibility produced a set of conditions which would deter the boldest.

This officer displayed courage and zeal far in excess of the usual course of duty and contributed greatly to the success of a most difficult and important operation.

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The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following appointments to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:—

To be an Additional Officer of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order:

Acting Commander James Leslie HARRIES, G.M., R.C.N.R. (Montreal P.Q.),

for courage, determination and outstanding leadership in mine clearance and mine disposal operations in North West Europe immediately before the close of the war with Germany and in the months that followed.

To be an Additional Member of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order:

Lieutenant Francis Frederick PEARSE, R.N.V.R. (Bristol),

for great zeal and devotion to duty during mine clearance and mine disposal operations in North West Europe immediately before the close of the war with Germany and in the months that followed.

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The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the George Medal to the undermentioned:

Temporary Acting Lieutenant Paul Roland Frank BRITNELL, R.N.V.R. (Gt. Missenden, Bucks),

for exceptional courage, skill and zeal in rendering safe a mine found in Europa Hafen at Bremen. On 5th August, 1945, he dived on a mine which appeared to be a GC type. When it was eventually raised the description was confirmed and it contained an

acoustic unit. The water was approximately 30 feet at the time of the dive and visibility was nil. The mine was buried nose first in the mud at an angle of about 45 degrees to the horizontal and unfortunately the primer pocket was on the underside which made it necessary for Lieutenant Britnell to dig a hole about 2 feet square and 18 inches deep in order to get at the primer pocket with his rendering-safe tools. The primer proved very difficult to remove but on the sixth attempt using acoustic procedure Lieutenant Britnell finally extracted it. In addition to this operation Lieutenant Britnell also rendered safe three other mines during the operation, one GC type with acoustic unit, and two GD mines fitted with pressure and magnetic units.

Leading Seaman Robert GRIBBEN, P/JX.153399 (Glasgow),

for great courage, initiative and devotion to duty on 14th March, 1945, in recovering an unexploded V1 bomb which had fallen into the Royal Sluice at Antwerp. This difficult operation was finally accomplished after many hours of strenuous work.

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30th April, 1946.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the British Empire Medal (Military Division) to the undermentioned:

Leading Seaman Stanley Filby PARKER, C/JX.320044 (Harold Wood, Romford),

Able Seaman John Edwin PAYNE, P/JX.516259 (N. Lancing),

Able Seaman George FAWCETT, P/JX.383150 (Beverley, York),

Able Seaman Arthur Bernard BEAVIS, P/JX.370273 (Totton, Southampton),

Able Seaman Thomas Noel MERGLER, P/JX.520493 (Croxley Green),

Able Seaman Leslie John JOHNSON, P/JX.322582 (London, E.14),

Able Seaman Eric William MAYDON, P/JX.514914 (Surbiton),

for valuable services in connection with mine clearance and mine disposal in North West Europe immediately before the close of the war with Germany and in the months which followed.

Leading Stoker William Harvey TURNER, D/KX.130289 (Littleborough, Lancs.),

for great gallantry in fighting a fire which broke out in a compound containing ammunition in Alexandria Harbour on 24th September, 1945, thereby preventing further serious damage.

ADMIRALTY.

Whitehall.

23rd April, 1946.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards:

For good services in reconnaissance work behind the Japanese lines:

Mention in Despatches

Marine (Acting Temporary Corporal) Reginald Arthur ATKINSON, Royal Marines, Ch/X.108605 (Ashford, Kent).

For good services in fire fighting after a severe explosion in Alexandria Docks on 24th September, 1945:

Posthumous Commendation

Stoker Adam BELFORD, D/KX.151247 (Paisley, Scotland).

Stoker Charles ANDREWS, D/KX.136394 (London, N.W.1).

Commendation

Stoker John MAYOR, D/KX.140360 (W. Didsbury, Manchester).

Stoker James Henry ELSLEY, D/KX.151987 (Battersea, London, S.W.11).

Stoker Garfield Raymond KELLOW, D/KX.145818 (Plymouth, Devon).

Stoker Lawrence WILBY, D/KX.140586 (London, S.W.1).

Leading Stoker Edgar Douglas BUNDAY, D/KX.754016 (Southampton, Hants.).

For good services in Mine Clearance and Mine Disposal Operations in North West Europe immediately before the close of the war with Germany, and in the months which followed:

Mention in Despatches

Temporary Lieutenant Graham CASEY, S.A.N.F. (Durban, S. Africa).

Petty Officer Edward Kenneth MCGUIRK, P/JX.382454 (Chelmsford).

Leading Seaman Ronald BLUNDON, P/JX.220982 (St. Johns, Newfoundland).

Able Seaman Douglas James DOWNER, P/JX.326436 (Bournemouth).

Able Seaman David Thomas Patrick SHANE, P/JX.700346 (Luton, Beds.).

Able Seaman Albert John FLOYD, P/JX.370637 (Barking, Essex).

Able Seaman Harry SIMMONS, C/JX.549535 (Langdon Hills, Essex).

Able Seaman Francis Gordon Joseph McVITTIE, P/JX.321875 (Hanley).

Able Seaman James John MACPHERSON, P/JX.517328 (Glasgow).

Able Seaman Reginald Arthur HOLDCROFT, P/JX.380391 (Stoke-on-Trent).

Able Seaman Alec William MUTTOCK, C/JX.320267 (Norwich).

Able Seaman Anthony Elliot TUMIM, P/JX.656153 (Headington, Oxford).

Able Seaman William Raymond MARIES, P/JX.426759 (Birmingham).

Able Seaman Reginald John James HOLTON, P/JX.517580 (London).

Able Seaman Ronald CLARE, P/JX.399322 (Roynton).

Able Seaman Frank James GROSS, C/JX.294480 (London).

Able Seaman Alfred Joseph BARBER, P/JX.387404 (London).

Able Seaman Ronald Edward COLLINS, P/JX.522293 (Edgware).

Able Seaman Felix James HARRIGAN, P/JX.633773 (Coatbridge).

For good services in rendering safe a mine at Ballochantuy, Mull of Kintyre on 7th October, 1945:

Commendation.

Petty Officer William ERRINGTON, P/JX.141410.

For gallant and distinguished services in the field:

The Military Cross.

Temporary Lieutenant Peter Stratford COLLINS,
Royal Marines.

For service, as Flag Officer-in-Charge, Great Yarmouth, to United States Army Air Force personnel in connection with the organization of the air-sea rescue system and in establishing hospital facilities for the injured:

The Legion of Merit, Degree of Commander.
Admiral Sir Dudley Burton Napier NORTH,
K.C.V.O., C.B., C.S.I., C.M.G.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give unrestricted permission for the wearing of the following decorations bestowed by the President of the United States:

For exceptional meritorious service during the war, in the Allied cause:

The Legion of Merit, Degree of Commander.
Captain Eric Sydney BRAND, O.B.E., R.C.N.

The Legion of Merit, Degree of Officer.
Acting Captain Jean Maurice Barbe Pognat
DE MARBOIS, C.B.E., R.D., R.C.N. (Retd.).
Captain Valentine Stuart GODFREY, R.C.N.
Acting Captain William Boyd Love HOLMS,
R.C.N.
Acting Captain Edson Crawford SHERWOOD,
A.D.C., R.C.N.
Temporary Commander Hilary George NARES,
V.D., R.C.N.V.R. (Retd.).

The KING has been graciously pleased to give unrestricted permission for the wearing of the following decorations bestowed by His Royal Highness the Prince Regent of Belgium:

For special services to Belgium during the war:

Officer de l'ordre de la Couronne.
Commander Kenneth Herman Salaman COHEN,
C.M.G., Royal Navy.

For saving the life of a Belgium airman who was shot down into the sea on 3rd March, 1945:

The Military Cross, Second Class.
Temporary Skipper Joseph WELLS, R.N.R.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give unrestricted permission for the wearing of the following decoration bestowed by His Majesty King Haakon of Norway for assistance given to personnel of Norwegian Corvettes in difficult circumstances:

The Norwegian War Medal.
Temporary Surgeon Lieutenant Hugh Henry
KENNEDY, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., R.N.V.R.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give unrestricted permission for the wearing of the following decoration bestowed by His Majesty King George of the Hellenes for services as Medical Officer in the Greek destroyer *Adrias*:

The Greek Distinguished Service Medal.
Temporary Surgeon Lieutenant Commander
Vivian Osmond Brook GARTSIDE, M.A.,
M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., R.N.V.R.

The following corrections are made:

In London Gazette Supplement No. 37505 of 19th March, 1946:

Page 1441:

For Decoration Militaire de Deuxieme Classe.
Temporary Captain (Acting Temporary Major)
William Alexander KINNEAR, Royal Marines.

*Read Chevalier of the Order of Leopold with
Croix de Guerre.*

Temporary Captain (Acting Temporary Major)
William Alexander KINNEAR, Royal Marines.

Page 1440:

For "For courageous work in attempting to save H.M.S. Jarak after she had been torpedoed on her way to Batavia from Singapore in February, 1942

Read "For courageous work in attempting to save H.M.S. Jarak after she had been severely damaged by enemy action on her way to Batavia from Singapore in February, 1942.

In London Gazette Supplement No. 37380 of 11th December, 1945:

Page 5994:

*For Lieutenant Edward Albert BURNHAM,
R.N.R.*

*Read Lieutenant Edward Alfred BURNHAM,
R.N.R.*

Page 5986:

*For Engineer Fredrick James GOOK,
LT/KX.10014*

*Read Engineer Frederick James GOOK,
LT/KX.100024*

*For Signalman David Brown Low,
C/JX.232920*

*Read Signalman David Brown Low,
C/JX.232020*

Page 5989:

*For Engineerroom Artificer 3rd. Class Lawrence
Albany BEECH, C/MX.69737*

*Read Engineerroom Artificer 3rd. Class Lawrence
Albany BEECH, C/MX.60737.*

Page 5990:

*For Chief Engineer William James ALP,
LT/JX.117550*

*Read Chief Engineer William James ALP,
LT/KX.117550.*

Page 5991:

*For Petty Officer Motor Mechanic Henry
William Harry GRIMMETT, P/KX.99831*

*Read Petty Officer Motor Mechanic Henry
William Harry GRIMMETT, P/MX.99851.*

*For Engineer Louis Leonard NEALE,
LT/JX.131426*

*Read Engineer Louis Leonard NEALE,
LT/KX.131426.*

*For Leading Seaman Cyril Albert STANLEY,
C/SSX.152113*

*Read Leading Seaman Cyril Albert STANLEY,
C/JX.152113.*

Page 5992:

*For Temporary Acting Leading Stoker Robert
Henry BRADDICK, D/SSX.118691*

*Read Temporary Acting Stoker Robert Henry
BRADDICK, D/SS.118691.*

Page 5998:

For Chief Petty Officer Edward James ROWLANDS, LT/JX.176899

Read Chief Petty Officer Edward James ROWLANDS, LT/JX.176999.

For Chief Petty Officer Telegraphist Malgwyn JOHN MATTHEWS, P/JX.140582.

Read Chief Petty Officer Telegraphist Malgwyn John MATTHEWS, P/MX.715763.

For Chief Engineerroom Artificer Robert KNAPTON, C/MX.47962

Read Chief Engineerroom Artificer Robert KNAPTON, C/MX.49762.

In London Gazette Supplement No. 37318 of 23rd October, 1945:

Page 5179:

For Temporary Petty Officer Nicholas KEARNS, D/JX.162036

Read Temporary Petty Officer Nicholas KEARNS, D/JX.162056.

In London Gazette Supplement No. 37448 of 1st January, 1946:

Page 67:

For Leading Stoker Percy George REEVES, D/KX.117326

Read Leading Stoker Percy George REEVES, D/KX.117320.

Page 77:

For Leading Signalman Percy HACKING, P/JX.398230

Read Leading Signalman Percy HACKING, P/JX.388230.

Page 80:

For Temporary Chief Petty Officer Samuel David Ernest James William WILLIAMS, D/JX.129903

Read Temporary Chief Petty Officer Samuel David Ernest James William WILLIAMS, D/JX.651552.

In London Gazette Supplement No. 37170 of 10th July, 1945:

Page 3558:

For Leading Seaman David SMITH, S.A.67774

Read Leading Seaman David Julian Lennox SMIT, S.A.67774.

In London Gazette Supplement No. 37407 of 1st January, 1946:

Page 65:

For Chief Stoker Daniel CALLAGHAN, P/KX.98872

Read Chief Stoker Daniel CALLAGHAN, P/JX.162279.

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