

ADMIRALTY, S.W., June 30, 1915.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointment to the Distinguished Service Order and for the award of the Distinguished Service Cross to the under-mentioned Officers in recognition of their services as mentioned :—

*To be Companion of the Distinguished Service Order.*

Lieutenant-Commander (Acting) Charles Lester Kerr, R.N.

Lieutenant-Commander Kerr was in command of a picket boat which reconnoitred the position of the Austrian Monitors on the Danube on the nights of 21st and 22nd April 1915, and torpedoed one of them under heavy fire, the enterprise being boldly and skilfully conducted.

*To receive the Distinguished Service Cross.*

For services while attached to landing parties from H.M.S. "Doris" on the Syrian Coast :—

Lieutenant H. Pirie Gordon, R.N.V.R.

This Officer has been specially mentioned for bravery under fire by the Commander-in-Chief, East Indies.

The Commanding Officer of H.M.S. "Doris" reports :—

"With regard to the Officers who have taken part in the landing parties, I should like particularly to bring to notice the name of Lieutenant H. Pirie Gordon, R.N.V.R., who has landed on every occasion, and whose conduct has gained my highest approval at all times."

For services in the operations off Smyrna, 8th March 1915, when H.M. Mine-sweeper 285 was sunk by a mine :—

Skipper James Sargent, R.N.R.

Skipper Sargent was in the armoured wheel-house when the explosion occurred, and, although severely bruised by a heavy iron plate, picked his way to the after-end of the shattered and sinking vessel with the object of ordering Second Engineman F. W. Ingram to stop the engines, the engine-room telegraph being broken.

He continued to encourage his men, and did not leave the vessel until she sank beneath him.

For services in connection with mine-sweeping operations in the Dardanelles :—

Skipper Alfred Swain, R.N.R.

Skipper Alfred E. Berry, R.N.R.

For meritorious service in connection with the sinking of the German Cruiser "Dresden," 14th March 1915.

Lieutenant Charles Gage Stuart, R.N.

For meritorious service in the North Sea :—

Lieutenant Herbert James Ferguson, R.N.R.

Skipper John Cowie, R.N.R.

For services in connection with the attack on

the Austrian Monitors, 21st and 22nd April 1915 :—

Gunner (Acting) William Long, R.N.

Mr. Long fired the torpedo which exploded against the enemy's Monitor and is believed to have sunk her.

Letters on vellum have been awarded to the following Officers expressing the approbation of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty of their services and conduct on the occasions mentioned :—

For services at the sinking of the German Torpedo Boat Destroyers S.115, S.117, S.118, and S.119 by H.M. Ships "Undaunted," "Lance," "Lennox," "Legion," and "Loyal" on the 17th October 1914 :—

Captain Cecil Henry Fox, R.N.

Commander Wion de Malpas Egerton, R.N.

Commander Claud Finlinson Allsup, R.N.

Commander Fischer Burges Watson, R.N.

Lieutenant-Commander Clement Richard Dane, R.N.

For services in mounting naval guns on shore and operating from advanced positions against German batteries in Belgium, April 1915 :—

Commander Henry Crosbie Halahan, R.N.

For services in the engagement on 1st May 1915, between H.M. Ships "Barbados," "Columbia," "Miura," and "Chirsit," and the German Torpedo Boats A.2 and A.6 :—

Lieutenant-Commander Sir James Henry Domville, Bt., R.N.

The following awards have also been made :—

*To receive the Distinguished Service Medal.*

For service in the action in the Heligoland Bight on 28th August 1914 :—

Chief Petty Officer Archibald Charles Bishop, O.N.142578.

For services in the engagement with four German Torpedo Boat Destroyers on 17th October 1914 :—

Chief Petty Officer Arthur Henry Kilby, O.N.168038.

Petty Officer Frederick William Tickner, O.N.J.3084.

Petty Officer Walter Arthur Millard, O.N.166864.  
Able Seaman Thos. Bryan Dawson, O.N.211606 (R.F.R. Ch. B.10194).

Yeoman of Signals Frank Rees, O.N.225398.

Chief Engine Room Artificer, 2nd Class, Frederick James Jeater, O.N.269717.

Chief Engine Room Artificer, 2nd Class, George David Flatt, O.N.269548.

Chief Stoker Francis Johnson, O.N.288841.

Chief Stoker Edwin Battam, O.N.284873.

Stoker, 1st Class, Horace Mills Swinerd, O.N.K. 13331.

For obtaining valuable information under dangerous conditions in the Shatt el Arab, December 1914.

Mahomet Salim, Senior Naval Officer's Interpreter.