

*Admiralty, 17th March, 1919.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the posthumous award of the Victoria Cross to the undermentioned Officers:—

Lieutenant-Commander George Nicholson Bradford, R.N.

For most conspicuous gallantry at Zeebrugge on the night of the 22nd–23rd April 1918.

This officer was in command of the Naval Storming Parties embarked in "Iris II." When "Iris II." proceeded alongside the Mole great difficulty was experienced in placing the parapet anchors owing to the motions of the ship. An attempt was made to land by the scaling ladders before the ship was secured. Lieutenant Claude E. K. Hawkings (late "Erin") managed to get one ladder in position and actually reached the parapet, the ladder being crashed to pieces just as he stepped off it. This very gallant young officer was last seen defending himself with his revolver. He was killed on the parapet.

Though securing the ship was not part of his duties, Lieut.-Commander Bradford climbed up the derrick, which carried a large parapet anchor and was rigged out over the port side; during this climb the ship was surging up and down and the derrick crashing on the Mole; waiting his opportunity he jumped with the parapet anchor on to the Mole and placed it in position.

Immediately after hooking on the parapet anchor Lieut.-Commander Bradford was riddled with bullets from machine guns and fell into the sea between the Mole and the ship. Attempts to recover his body failed.

Lieut.-Commander Bradford's action was one of absolute self-sacrifice; without a moment's hesitation he went to certain death, recognising that in such action lay the only possible chance of securing "Iris II." and enabling her storming parties to land.

Lieutenant-Commander Arthur Leyland Harrison, R.N.

For most conspicuous gallantry at Zeebrugge on the night of the 22nd–23rd April 1918.

This officer was in immediate command of the Naval Storming Parties embarked in "Victive."

Immediately before coming alongside the Mole Lieut.-Commander Harrison was struck on the head by a fragment of a shell which broke his jaw and knocked him senseless. Recovering consciousness he proceeded on to the Mole and took over command of his party, who were attacking the seaward end of the Mole. The silencing of the guns on the Mole head was of the first importance, and though in a position fully exposed to the enemy's machine-gun fire Lieut.-Commander Harrison gathered his men together and led them to the attack. He was killed at the head of his men, all of whom were either killed or wounded.

Lieut.-Commander Harrison, though already severely wounded and undoubtedly in great pain, displayed indomitable resolution and courage of the highest order in pressing his attack, knowing as he did that any delay in silencing the guns might jeopardise the main object of the expedition, *i.e.*, the blocking of the Zeebrugge Bruges Canal.

HONOURS FOR SERVICES IN ACTION WITH ENEMY SUBMARINES.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the following honour, decoration, and medal to the undermentioned Officers and Men for services in action with enemy submarines:—

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

Lieut. James Kenneth Brook, R.N.R.

*To receive the Distinguished Service Cross.*

Lieut. Percy Shadforth Atkins, R.N.R.

*To receive the Distinguished Service Medal.*

Ldg. Sto. John Sullivan, O.N. K1566 (Po.).

Act. Ldg. Sea. Kenneth M'Kenzie, R.N.R., O.N. 2816 B.

The following Officers and Men have been mentioned in despatches:—

Lieut. George William Armstrong, R.N.R.

Lieut. Cecil Echlin Gerahty, R.N.V.R.

Lieut. Edward Arnold Brewis, R.N.V.R.

Skpr. Martin Dempsey, R.N.R., 2197 W.S.A.

Pte. George Herbert Cunnington, R.M.L.I., No. Po./14941.

Sea. Benjamin Farley, R.N.R., O.N. 5265A.

A.B. Reginald Hubert Lanyon, O.N., 196135 (Po.).

Dkhd. Albert Luxford, R.N.R., O.N. 17522D.A.

Dkhd. John M'Lennan, R.N.R., O.N. 3273S.D.

Act. Ldg. Sea. Thomas Salt, O.N. S.S.1002 (R.F.R.Ch./B6798).

Sea. John Harris Screech, R.N.R., O.N. 2859A.

Sea. Henry Young, R.N.R. (Newfoundland), O.N. 1819X.

HONOURS FOR SERVICES IN DESTROYERS OF THE GRAND FLEET FLOTILLAS BETWEEN THE 1ST JULY AND 11TH NOVEMBER 1918.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the following honours, decorations, and medals to the undermentioned Officers and Men:—

*To be Companions of the Distinguished Service Order.*

Capt. Brien Michael Money, R.N.

Capt. the Hon. William Spencer Leveson-Gower, R.N.

Cdr. Edward Miller Corrie Rutherford, R.N.

Cdr. Claud Finlinson Allsup, R.N.

Cdr. Lewis Gonne Eyre Crabbe, R.N.

Cdr. Edward M'Connell, Wyndham Lawrie, R.N.

Eng. Cdr. Edward Clarke Green, R.N.

Eng. Lieut.-Cdr. Richard John Brown, R.N.

*To receive the Distinguished Service Cross.*

Lieut. Lachlan Donald MacKintosh, R.N.

Lieut. Pelham Alexander Maitland, R.N.

Lieut. Ivo Wyndham Laton Frewen, R.N.

Surg. Sub.-Lieut. Arthur Arnold Osman, R.N.V.R.

Gnr. (T.) John George Beaumont, R.N.

*To receive the Distinguished Service Medal.*

A.B. James Anning, O.N. 227937 (Po.).