

Admiralty, S.W.,
11th November 1919.

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

Commander Claude Congreve Dobson, D.S.O., R.N.

For most conspicuous gallantry, skill, and devotion to duty on the occasion of the attack on Kronstadt Harbour on the 18th August 1919. Commander Dobson organised and was in command of the Coastal Motor Boat Flotilla. He led the flotilla through the chain of forts to the entrance of the harbour. Coastal Motor Boat No. 31, from which he directed the general operations, then passed in, under a very heavy machine-gun fire, and torpedoed the Bolshevik Battleship "Andrei Pervozanni," subsequently returning through the heavy fire of the forts and batteries to the open sea.

Lieutenant Gordon Charles Steele, R.N.

For most conspicuous gallantry, skill, and devotion to duty on the occasion of the attack on Kronstadt Harbour on the 18th August 1919. Lieutenant Steele was second-in-command of H.M. Coastal Motor Boat No. 88. After this boat had entered the harbour the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Dayrell-Reed, was shot through the head and the boat thrown off her course. Lieutenant Steele took the wheel, steadied the boat, lifted Lieutenant Dayrell-Reed away from the steering and firing position and torpedoed the Bolshevik battleship "Andrei Pervozanni" at a hundred yards range. He had then a difficult manoeuvre to perform to get a clear view of the battleship "Petropavlovsk," which was overlapped by the "Andrei Pervozanni" and obscured by smoke coming from that ship. The evolution, however, was skilfully carried out, and the "Petropavlovsk" torpedoed. This left Lieutenant Steele with only just room to turn, in order to regain the entrance to the harbour, but he effected the movement with success and firing his machine guns along the wall on his way, passed under the line of forts through a heavy fire out of the harbour.

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

St. James's Palace, S.W.,
11th November 1919.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointment to the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, in recognition of the services of the undermentioned Officer during the War:—

To be an Additional Member of the Military Division of the Third Class, or Companions, of the said Most Honourable Order:—

Lieutenant-Colonel and Brevet Colonel (tempy. Brigadier-General) St. George Bewes Armstrong, C.M.G., R.M.L.I.

For valuable services with the Army in Palestine.

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

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11th November 1919.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointments to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, in recognition of the services of the undermentioned Officers during the War:—

To be Commanders of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order:—

Captain Graham Richard Leicester Edwards, R.N.

For valuable services in the Dover Patrol.

Captain Claude Alwin Rombulow-Pearse, R.N.

For valuable services at Mudros Base.

To be Officers of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order:—

Lieutenant Francis Rodwell Banks, R.N.V.R.

For valuable services in connection with operations in the Caspian Sea.

Lieutenant-Commander Thomas Edward Coombs, R.N.R.

For valuable services in the Mine Clearance Force.

Paymaster Lieutenant-Commander James Douglas, R.N.V.R. (S.A.).

For valuable services on the Staff of the Senior Naval Officer, Simonstown.

Paymaster Lieutenant (acting Paymaster Lieutenant-Commander) Maurice Cardinall Franks, R.N.R.

For valuable services in connection with operations in the Caspian Sea.

Lieutenant-Commander Alexander Collie Greig, R.D., R.N.R.

For valuable services as Senior British Naval Officer, Varna.

Commander, the Hon. Sereld Mordaunt Alan Joscelyn Hay, R.N.V.R. (S.A.).

For valuable services as Commander Instructor, South African Division, Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.

Captain (tempy. Major) Kenneth Edward Lawrence, R.M.L.I.

For valuable services as Naval Vice-Consul at Aalesund, Haugesund and Florö.

Major Pulteney William Malcolm, R.M.L.I.

For valuable services in connection with operations in the Caspian Sea.

Engineer Lieutenant Frank Ernest Millar, R.N.

For valuable services in connection with operations in the Caspian Sea.

Commander Gerald Langston Parnell, D.S.O., R.N.

For valuable services in connection with operations in the Caspian Sea.

Engineer Lieutenant George John Privett, R.N.

For valuable services in connection with operations in the Caspian Sea.