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WEDNESDAY, 30 JUNE, 1915.

*Admiralty, S.W.,
30th June, 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 undermentioned 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. Minesweeper 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.