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THURSDAY, 10 MAY, 1917.

Admiralty, S.W.

10th May, 1917.

HONOURS FOR SERVICE IN THE ACTION BETWEEN H.M. SHIPS "SWIFT" AND "BROKE" AND GERMAN DESTROYERS, ON THE NIGHT OF THE 20TH TO 21ST APRIL, 1917.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the appointment of the under-mentioned Officers to be Companions of the Distinguished Service Order, in recognition of their services in command of H.M.S. "Swift" and H.M.S. "Broke" respectively, on the night of the 20th to 21st April, 1917, when they successfully engaged a flotilla of five or six German destroyers, of which two were sunk:—

Cdr. (now Capt.) Ambrose Maynard Peck, R.N.

Cdr. (now Capt.) Edward Ratcliffe Garth Russell Evans, C.B., R.N.

The KING has further been graciously pleased to give orders for the award of the Distinguished Service Cross to the under-mentioned Officers for their services during this action:—

Lieut. Geoffrey Victor Hickman, R.N.

Navigator and second in command of H.M.S. "Broke." He assisted with great coolness in handling the ship in action. His proper appreciation of the situation when one enemy destroyer was torpedoed, which

his commanding officer had made ready to ram, enabled course to be altered in time to ram the next astern.

Lieut. Robert Douglas King-Harman, R.N.
Navigating Officer of H.M.S. "Swift."

He was of the utmost assistance to his commanding officer throughout.

Lieut. Maximilian Carden Despard, R.N.

First and Gunnery Lieut. of H.M.S. "Broke." He controlled gun fire and gave the orders which resulted in an enemy destroyer being torpedoed.

Lieut. Henry Antony Simpson, R.N.

Executive Officer and Gunnery Lieut. of H.M.S. "Swift." He displayed great coolness and method in the control of fire which he had very ably organised and zealously drilled, and greatly assisted his commanding officer throughout the action.

Surg. Prob. Christopher Thomas Helsham, R.N.V.R. ("Broke").

Surg. Prob. John Sinclair Westwater, R.N.V.R. ("Swift").

Worked with great energy and ability in attending to the wounded.

Gnr. (T.) Henry Turner, R.N. ("Swift.")

Obtained a hit with a torpedo on one of the enemy destroyers.

Gnr. (T.) Frederick Grinney, R.N. ("Broke.")

Gave orders for the firing of the torpedo which struck one of the enemy destroyers.