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WEDNESDAY, 29 AUGUST, 1917.

*Admiralty, 29th August, 1917.*

HONOURS FOR SERVICE IN THE ACTION IN THE STRAITS OF OTRANTO ON THE 15TH MAY, 1917.

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

Skipper Joseph Watt, R.N.R., 1206 W.S.A.

For most conspicuous gallantry when the Allied Drifter line in the Straits of Otranto was attacked by Austrian light cruisers on the morning of the 15th May, 1917.

When hailed by an Austrian cruiser at about 100 yards range and ordered to stop and abandon his drifter the "Gowan Lea," Skipper Watt ordered full speed ahead and called upon his crew to give three cheers and fight to the finish. The cruiser was then engaged, but after one round had been fired, a shot from the enemy disabled the breech of the drifter's gun. The gun's crew, however, stuck to the gun, endeavouring to make it work, being under heavy fire all the time. After the cruiser had passed on Skipper Watt took the "Gowan Lea" alongside the badly-damaged drifter "Floandi" and assisted to remove the dead and wounded.

*Chancery of the Order of Saint Michael and Saint George,*

*Downing Street, 29th August, 1917.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to give directions for the following appointment to the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George:—

*To be an Additional Member of the Third Class, or Companions, of the said Most Distinguished Order:—*

Capt. Albert Percy Addison, R.N.

In recognition of his services in command of H.M.S. "Dartmouth" during the pursuit of and running fight with Austrian cruisers, which had attacked the Allied drifter line in the Straits of Otranto on the 15th May, 1917, and especially for his excellent judgment and work in bringing his ship safely into port, when she had been torpedoed by an enemy submarine on her passage back, after the cruiser action was over.

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The KING has further been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appoint-