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SATURDAY, 16 MARCH, 1918.

*Admiralty, 16th March, 1918.*

**HONOURS FOR SERVICES IN ACTION ON THE OCCASION OF THE RAID INTO THE STRAITS OF DOVER BY ENEMY DESTROYERS ON THE NIGHT OF THE 14TH-15TH FEBRUARY, 1918.**

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

*To receive the Distinguished Service Cross.*

Engr. Lieut. John Abraham Kirkham, R.N.R.

Displayed great courage and devotion to duty. His ship had been heavily shelled, was holed below water, and was settling down by the head. Engr. Lieut. Kirkham kept the pumps going as long as steam lasted, thus saving the vessel by keeping her afloat, until another vessel came to her assistance and towed her stern first into Dover harbour.

Skpr. Henry Bennett, R.N.R., 1013S.A. (H.M. Trawler "James Pond").

Displayed the utmost courage and devotion to duty. Skpr. Bennett ably assisted Ch. Skpr. Berry in his efforts to save the vessel after she had been heavily shelled and set on fire. Attempts were made to put out

the fire and to get up the ammunition from below, but both efforts failed, and finally the ship was abandoned. The boat was successfully launched in spite of the fact that the falls had been destroyed by the shelling. The crew got away in her, and succeeded in effecting a landing on the French coast, where they received every attention from the French authorities.

Skpr. Samuel Alger Head, R.N.R., 1908 W.S.A., H.M. Drifter "Vera Creina."

Displayed gallantry and presence of mind in keeping his ship afloat, when badly holed by two 4-inch shells, by plugging the holes with beds and blankets.

Skpr. John Mair, R.N.R., 1323W.S.A., H.M. Drifter "W. Elliott."

Displayed great coolness and presence of mind when his ship was sunk with the loss of seven hands and he himself was injured.

Skpr. John Turrell, R.N.R., 1126W.S.A., H.M. Drifter "Golden Rule."

When his ship was severely damaged and ten of his crew had been killed and three badly injured, he displayed great courage and energy in giving orders to the remaining three hands although severely injured himself