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FRIDAY, 21 JUNE, 1918.

Admiralty, 21st June, 1918.

HONOURS FOR SERVICES IN THE ACTION WITH ENEMY DESTROYERS OFF THE BELGIAN COAST ON THE 21ST MARCH, 1918.

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

To be a Companion of the Distinguished Service Order.

Cdr. Roger L'Estrange Murray Rede, R.N., Commanding H.M.S. "Botha."

He took his ship through a heavy barrage of gun-fire, and, without waiting to ascertain that the rest of his division were following, proceeded to engage the enemy with ram, torpedo and gun fire. He rammed and cut in two an enemy torpedo-boat. The success of the action was undoubtedly due to his gallant leadership and initiative. To receive a Bar to the Distinguished Service Order.

Lieut. Cdr. Percy Ralph Passawer Percival D.S.O., R.N., Commanding H.M.S. "Morris."

For the great initiative and promptitude shown by him. Kept good station during the first stage of the action, opening fire with "Botha." On the latter being disabled, showed great initiative in continuing and pressing home the action, torpedoing and sinking an enemy torpedo-boat. Showed great promptitude in taking "Botha" in tow and brought her safely into harbour.

To receive the Distinguished Service Cross.

Lieut. David Graham Horndon Bush, R.N., H.M.S. "Botha."

For the extremely cool and able manner in which he controlled gunfire. His orders were given with precision, and he was quick to seize the opportunity to shift to a better