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WEDNESDAY, 7 AUGUST, 1918.

*Admiralty, S.W.,
7th August, 1918.*

HONOURS FOR SERVICES IN ACTION WITH ENEMY LIGHT CRUISERS WHICH ATTACKED NORWEGIAN CONVOY ON THE 17TH OCTOBER, 1917.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the following honour, decoration and medals to the undermentioned Officers and Men in recognition of their gallantry in the action between H.M. Torpedo Boat Destroyers "Mary Rose" and "Strongbow" and three German light cruisers which attacked a convoy on the 17th October, 1917:—

To be a Companion of the Distinguished Service Order.

Lieut.-Cdr. Edward Brooke, R.N..

In command of H.M.S. "Strongbow," fought a gallant action against overwhelming odds in endeavouring to protect a convoy. He was severely wounded during the engagement.

To receive the Distinguished Service Cross.

Act. Lieut. John Richard Dudley Freeman, R.N.

Gallantly performed his duty in charge of a 4-inch gun in H.M.S. "Mary Rose" while in action against superior forces.

To receive the Distinguished Service Medal.

C.P.O. Herbert Edward Fielder, O.N. 180659 (Ch.).

C.E.R.A., 2nd Cl., George Herbert Routley, O.N. 272367 (Ch.).

The following Officers and Men were mentioned in despatches for their services in this engagement:—

Lieut.-Cdr. Charles Leonard Fox, R.N. (Killed in action.)

Eng.-Lieut.-Cdr. William Howie Cleghorn, R.N. (Killed in action.)

Eng.-Lieut.-Cdr. Stephen Brown, R.N. (Killed in action.)

Lieut. Anthony James Bavin, R.N. (Killed in action.)