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Admiralty, 28th August, 1918.

The following despatch has been received from Vice-Admiral Sir Roger J. B. Keyes, K.C.B., C.M.G., C.V.O., D.S.O., Commanding the Dover Patrol:—

*Fleet House,
Dover,
24th July, 1918.*

SIR,

With reference to my despatch No. 2305/003 of 15th June, 1918*, I have the honour to bring to the notice of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty the names of the following Officers and Men who performed distinguished service in the second blocking operation against Ostend on the night of 9th/10th May, 1918

2.—Aerial photographs taken prior to the operation clearly showed that the enemy had made special preparations in anticipation of a renewed attack.

3.—The operation was carried out in mined waters in the face of a tremendous fire, and the

greatest credit is due to those who so readily volunteered for hazardous service in the "Vindictive" and in motor launches detailed for rescue work, and to the crews of the numerous craft which covered and screened the approach of the "Vindictive," led her to her objective, and rescued the survivors of her crew after she had been blown up between the piers of Ostend harbour.

The following Officers, Petty Officers and Men performed specially distinguished service in action on the night of 9th/10th May, 1918:—

Capt. Hubert Lynes, C.B., C.M.G., R.N. (Cdre., 2nd Cl.).

Commodore Lynes at Dunkirk having so ably carried out the direction of the former attempt to block Ostend as part of the Zeebrugge and Ostend scheme on the night of 22nd/23rd April, I entrusted the conduct of the operation again to him. He directed it in a most able manner, proceeding himself in H.M.S. "Faulknor," and supporting the "Vindictive" from an inshore position.

* Not published.