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The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following Appointments to the Distinguished Service Order:—

To be a Companion of the Distinguished Service Order:

Captain Philip Louis Vian, Royal Navy, H.M.S. Cossack;

for outstanding ability, determination and resource in the preliminary dispositions which led to the rescue of 300 English prisoners from the German Armed Auxiliary Altmark, and for daring, leadership and masterly handling of his ship in narrow waters so as to bring her alongside and board the enemy, who tried to blind him with the glare of a searchlight, worked his engine full ahead and full astern, tried to ram him and drive him ashore and so threatened the grounding and loss of Cossack.

Lieutenant-Commander Bradwell Talbot Turner, Royal Navy, H.M.S. Cossack;

for daring, leadership and address in command of the party which boarded Altmark while the ships were manoeuvring under high power, changing relative positions and not in full contact, so that he had to leap a fathom to reach her. He pulled up the Petty Officer next behind him, who had jumped

short and hung by his hands, made fast the hawser, and, cheering, led his party at the double to the bridge. Having disarmed such enemy officers as carried firearms, he took over from a German first the starboard then the port telegraph and set it to "Stop" instead of "Full Speed Ahead," so that Altmark could not ram Cossack, but grounded aft on a shelf, making about 4 knots sternway.

His Majesty has also been graciously pleased to approve the following awards:—

The Distinguished Service Cross.

Paymaster Sub-Lieutenant Geoffrey Craven, Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, H.M.S. Cossack;

for outstanding ability and resource as an essential member of the Boarding Party.

Mr. John James Frederick Smith, Gunner, Royal Navy, H.M.S. Aurora;

for prowess, leadership and devotion to duty, in command of the second section of the Boarding Party.

The Distinguished Service Medal.

Petty Officer Norman Leslie Atkins, H.M.S. Cossack;

for gallantry and leadership in charge of a section of the Boarding Party.