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## CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1.  
24th April, 1940.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointments to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:—

*To be Additional Officers of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order:—*

Lieutenant - Commander Michael Southcote Townsend, Royal Navy, H.M.S. Viscount;  
for seamanship and devotion to duty in saving many lives at sea on the occasion of the bombing by the enemy of s.s. Domala.

Lieutenant Alexander William Stewart, Royal Navy, H.M.S. Ark Royal;  
for gallantry and resource in making a forced descent rather than abandon his aircraft, when his observer's parachute had fouled: and so risking his life to save another, when he could easily have saved himself.

*To be Additional Members of the Military Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:*

Acting Sub-Lieutenant Vernon John St. Clair-Ford, Royal Navy, H.M.S. Viscount;  
for seamanship and devotion to duty in saving many lives at sea on the occasion of the bombing by the enemy of s.s. Domala.

Warrant Shipwright Frederick George Ridout, Royal Navy, H.M.S. Nelson;

for outstanding initiative and resource in effecting repairs to his ship in very trying conditions after an explosion.

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*Admiralty, Whitehall.  
24th April, 1940.*

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

*To be a Companion of the Distinguished Service Order:*

Lieutenant - Commander Roy Berryman Edwards, Royal Navy, H.M.S. Watchful;  
for courage and skill in securing and stripping live enemy mines, without regard for his own safety.

His Majesty has also been graciously pleased to approve the following Awards for services of the same kind:—

*The Distinguished Service Cross.*

Commander Edward Owen Obbard, Royal Navy.

Lieutenant Harold West, Royal Navy.