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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1.
7th June, 1940.*

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

To be an Additional Member of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order:

Sub-Lieutenant Anthony Gerald William Bellars, Royal Navy, H.M.S. Sphinx,

who as Senior surviving Officer carried out his responsible and difficult duties in the ship with most marked coolness and efficiency. When in the Carley Float he kept all cheerful there by singing and directing operations. He showed no regard for his own safety and himself saved at least one man's life.

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

The Medal of the Military Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, for Meritorious Service:

Acting Yeoman of Signals Charles Frederick Yallop, C/J.73977, H.M.S. Sphinx,

who, when H.M.S. Sphinx was struck by an enemy bomb, stayed by the Commanding

Officer for the 17 hours from the time of being bombed until the ship capsized and was abandoned. He worked ceaselessly with the lamps at his disposal and behaved with the utmost coolness and fortitude. He might have been doing an exercise at the Signal School instead of being in grave danger of his life.

Petty Officer Arthur Stanley Fedarb, C/JX.128670, H.M.S. Sphinx,

who, when H.M.S. Sphinx was struck by an enemy bomb, worked on the upper deck handling wires and hawsers without ceasing for the whole 17 hours, from the time when she was bombed until the ship capsized and was abandoned. He showed great skill and resource, and total disregard of himself. His fine example and leadership put heart into those of whom he was in charge in the desperate attempt to save the ship.

*Admiralty, Whitehall,
7th June, 1940.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the grant of the VICTORIA CROSS to the late

Captain Bernard Armitage Warburton Warburton-Lee, Royal Navy, Captain (D), 2nd Destroyer Flotilla, H.M.S. Hardy,

for gallantry, enterprise and daring in command of the Force engaged in the first

Battle of Narvik, on the 10th of April, 1940. On being ordered to carry out an attack on Narvik, he learned from Tranoy that the enemy held the place in much greater force than had been thought. He signalled to the Admiralty that the enemy were reported to be holding Narvik in force, that six Destroyers and one Submarine were there, that the channel might be mined, and that he intended to attack at dawn, high water. The Admiralty replied that two Norwegian Coast Defence Ships might be in German hands, that he alone could judge whether to attack, and that whatever decision he made would have full support. Captain Warburton-Lee gave out the plan for his attack and led his Flotilla of five Destroyers up the Fjord in heavy snowstorms, arriving off Narvik just after daybreak. He took the enemy completely by surprise and made three successful attacks on warships and merchantmen in the harbour. The last attack was made only after anxious debate. On the Flotilla withdrawing, five enemy Destroyers of superior gun-power were encountered and engaged. The Captain was mortally wounded by a shell which hit "Hardy's" bridge. His last signal was "Continue to engage the enemy."

His Majesty has also been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointments to the Distinguished Service Order for daring, resource and devotion to duty in the first Battle of Narvik:—

To be Companions of the Distinguished Service Order:

Commander Herbert Francis Hope Layman, R.N., H.M.S. Hotspur.
 Commander John Piachaud Wright, R.N., H.M.S. Hostile.
 Lieutenant-Commander Rafe Edward Courage, R.N., H.M.S. Havock.
 Lieutenant (T) George Robert Heppel, R.N., H.M.S. Hardy.
 Paymaster Lieutenant Geoffrey Heaton Stanning, R.N., H.M.S. Hardy.

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

Distinguished Service Cross:

Lieutenant-Commander (N) Russell Claude Gordon-Smith, R.N., H.M.S. Hardy.
 Lieutenant (E) John Allen Osborne, R.N., H.M.S. Hotspur.
 Lieutenant Michael Alastair Mitchell Bruce, R.N., H.M.S. Havock.
 Surgeon Lieutenant Arthur Philip Booth Waind, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., R.N.V.R., H.M.S. Hardy.
 Surgeon Lieutenant Kenneth William Donald, M.B., B.Ch., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., R.N., H.M.S. Hotspur.
 Sub-Lieutenant Leopold John Tillie, R.N., H.M.S. Hotspur.

Distinguished Service Medal:

Chief Petty Officer Frederick Richard Kemp, C/J.101831, H.M.S. Havock.

Acting Chief Petty Officer Fred Meads, C/J.106246, H.M.S. Hostile.
 Acting Petty Officer Edward Richards, T.G.M., C/J.107621, H.M.S. Hotspur.
 Leading Seaman Frederick Arthur Mason, D/JX.156026, H.M.S. Hardy.
 Able Seaman Thomas Ronald Slater, D/JX.152140, H.M.S. Hardy.
 Able Seaman Geoffrey Bailey, D/JX.151861, H.M.S. Hardy.
 Able Seaman Douglas Aubrey Bourton, D/JX.152943, H.M.S. Hardy.
 Able Seaman William Joseph Brickell, C/JX.127312, H.M.S. Havock.
 Ordinary Seaman William George Baker, LD/X.5258, R.N.V.R., H.M.S. Havock.
 Chief Engine Room Artificer David Low, C/MX.47048, H.M.S. Hotspur.
 Chief Engine Room Artificer 2nd Class Edward Eaton, C/M.33275, H.M.S. Hostile.
 Chief Stoker James Dobson, C/K.57695, H.M.S. Hotspur.
 Stoker Petty Officer James Thomsett, C/K.46354, H.M.S. Hotspur.
 Stoker William Henry Bowden, D/KX.93305, H.M.S. Hardy.
 Ordnance Artificer Albert Ernest Abnett, C/MX.35923, H.M.S. Havock.
 Leading Cook Vincent Cauchi, E/LX.20755, H.M.S. Havock.
 Marine J. McDonald, Po/20892, H.M.S. Havock.
 Marine Donald Thomas, Plymouth X.2607, H.M.S. Hotspur.

Mention in Despatches.

Mr. Jesse Philip Rathbone, Gunner (T), R.N., H.M.S. Hotspur.
 Lieutenant Anthony Blair Fasson, R.N., H.M.S. Hostile.
 Lieutenant Hugh Aldridge Smith, R.N., H.M.S. Havock.
 Lieutenant (E) John Geoffrey Little, R.N., H.M.S. Hostile.
 Able Seaman Albert Victor Pevler, C/J.114791, H.M.S. Havock.

Mention in Despatches (Posthumous).

Lieutenant-Commander Lindsay de Villiers, R.N., H.M.S. Hunter.

His Majesty has also been graciously pleased to approve the following awards for good services in the attempt to save H.M.S. Sphinx:—

Mentions in Despatches.

Lieutenant-Commander Michael Wilfred Tomkinson, Royal Navy, H.M.S. Boreas.
 Paymaster Sub-Lieutenant Dennis Willoughby Day Heathcote, Royal Naval Reserve, H.M.S. Sphinx.
 Petty Officer Bertram Thomas Lambden, P/J.115355, H.M.S. Boreas.
 Able Seaman George Edward Wentworth, C/JX.156232, H.M.S. Sphinx.
 Signalman Dennis Arthur George Wood, C/JX.147608, H.M.S. Sphinx.

Mentions in Despatches (Posthumous).

Lieutenant Anthony Holbeck Nicholls, Royal Navy, H.M.S. Sphinx.

Sub-Lieutenant John Seaton Guy Comfort,
Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, H.M.S.
Sphinx.

Mr. Francis Arthur Braham, Commissioned
Engineer, H.M.S. Sphinx.

Chief Petty Officer Charles William McDowell,
C/J.96677, H.M.S. Sphinx.

Acting Leading Stoker Stuart Horace Ashdown,
C/KX.83393, H.M.S. Sphinx.

Writer Clifford Warren Poulson, C/MX.51565,
H.M.S. Sphinx.

Steward John Henry Regan, C/LX.22743,
H.M.S. Sphinx.

His Majesty has also been graciously pleased to approve the following awards for good service on the occasion of the seizure of the German Armed Trawler "Blankenburg":—

Mention in Despatches.

Lieutenant Archibald David Hepburn Milne-Home, R.N., H.M.S. Fearless.

Engine Room Artificer 4th Class Thomas T. Jones, D/MX.33731, H.M.S. Valiant.

Able Seaman Alex Cox, D/J.194250, H.M.S. Valiant.

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