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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1,
16th August, 1940.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the following posthumous Awards for gallantry in one of H.M. Submarines:—

The Medal of the Military division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, for Gallantry.

The late Lieutenant John Niven Angus Low, Royal Navy, H.M. Submarines.

The late Able Seaman Henry James Miller, P/J.55387, H.M. Submarines.

*Admiralty, Whitehall,
16th August, 1940.*

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

Lieutenant Richard Been Stannard, R.N.R., H.M.S. Arab, for outstanding valour and signal devotion to duty at Namsos.

When enemy bombing attacks had set on fire many tons of hand grenades on

Namsos wharf, with no shore water supply available, Lieutenant Stannard ran Arab's bows against the wharf and held her there. Sending all but two of his crew aft, he then endeavoured for two hours to extinguish the fire with hoses from the forecastle. He persisted in this work till the attempt had to be given up as hopeless.

After helping other ships against air attacks, he placed his own damaged vessel under shelter of a cliff, landed his crew and those of two other trawlers, and established an armed camp. Here those off duty could rest while he attacked enemy aircraft which approached by day, and kept anti-submarine watch during the night.

When another trawler near-by was hit and set on fire by a bomb, he, with two others, boarded Arab and moved her 100 yards before the other vessel blew up.

Finally, when leaving the fjord, he was attacked by a German bomber which ordered him to steer East or be sunk. He held on his course, reserved his fire till the enemy was within 800 yards, and then brought the aircraft down.

Throughout a period of five days Arab was subjected to 31 bombing attacks and