

She was subjected to frequent bombing attacks, culminating in a heavy salvo of bombs. Her whole superstructure amidships was damaged and distorted, and she was holed near the waterline in 36 places. Her Master beached her and the Chief Engineer plugged the holes. As she was lying at a steep angle she was moved to a more level beach and more lasting repairs were effected. Finally, with the assistance of one of H.M.'s trawlers, she was refloated and brought safe home.

The enterprise and readiness of her Master and Chief Engineer saved the ship.

*Awarded the Medal of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, for Meritorious Service:—*

John Alexander Smith, Assistant Steward, s.s. "Balteako" (Anglo-Latvian Shipping Company, Ltd., London).

During an air raid on Harstad, near Narvik, a splinter of a bomb hit the bowman of H.M.S. "Delight's" motor-boat, which was alongside "Balteako" drawing provisions. Being holed, "Balteako" was beached and the motor-boat went adrift. J. A. Smith and a naval rating lowered themselves by a rope into a skiff. Although the raid was still in progress, they managed to reach the motor-boat before the skiff, which was also damaged, sank. The attempt at rescue was made against the advice of "Balteako's" Officers. Unfortunately, the man they were trying to help was found to be dead.

*To be an Additional Officer of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:—*

Alexander Ballantyne, Esq., Chief Engineer, Oiler "Broomdale" (Admiralty).

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

William John Littledale, Esq., Second Engineer.	} Oiler "Broomdale" (Admiralty)
William Herbert Victor Davis, Esq., Second Temporary Engineer.	

Repeated dive bombing attacks holed "Broomdale" and damaged the ship's machinery. She was sinking and in consequence, abandoned, but the three engineers remained on board. They made good the defects despite continued air attacks, pumped out the water and the ship was able to steam to Harstad. Here she had to remain some days to repair machinery and await a home-going convoy. During this period further attacks were made on her.

It was entirely due to the courage and ability of the engineers of "Broomdale" that the ship ever left Norwegian waters.

*To be an Additional Officer of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:—*

David Patrick Horndon Klasen, Esq., Chief Officer, s.s. "Dundrum Castle" (Union Castle Mail Steamship Company, Ltd., London).

*To be an Additional Member of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:—*

William Gardiner Shannon, Esq., Second Officer, s.s. "Dundrum Castle" (Union Castle Mail Steamship Company, Ltd., London).

When H.M. Troopship "Lancastria" was sunk by enemy aircraft off St. Nazaire, fine work was done by "Dundrum Castle's" two lifeboats, under Chief Officer D. P. Klasen and Second Officer W. G. Shannon. They rescued over 120 men. Oil on the surface of the water made rescue work very dangerous, but these two Officers made repeated trips with survivors of "Lancastria" to ferry boats which were standing by. After these gallant and successful efforts, "Dundrum Castle's" boats were the last to leave the scene.

*Awarded the Medal of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, for Meritorious Service:—*

William Pybus, Second Engineer, m/v "Kingfisher" (General Steam Navigation Company, Ltd., London).

"Kingfisher" was torpedoed and began to sink, well down by the head and listing to port. The Master mustered the men and had the port lifeboat lowered. It was then found that two of the crew were missing. One was known to have been killed, but the other was not accounted for. Pybus volunteered to go and search for him. He took a torch from the lifeboat, forced his way to the forepart of the bridge deck and found the man unconscious in his bunk. He was badly cut about the head, but Pybus got him away safely. The man owed his life entirely to this brave act. When Pybus made his search "Kingfisher's" decks were awash and the two men went straight from the rail into the boat. "Kingfisher" sank just as the boat pulled away from her.

*Commendations:—*

The individuals named below have been brought to notice for good services when their ship encountered enemy aircraft.

Captain Thomas William Inman, Master;	} s.s. "Clan Ross" (British and South American Steam Navigation Com- pany, Ltd., London).
Harold Webb.	
D. W. Lewry, Gunner; Albert Wardman, Gunner.	

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