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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1,  
3rd September, 1940.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following award:—

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

Stoker 1st Class Ali Akbar, H.O. 234, H.M.I.S. Haideri.

Following a boiler explosion in the Haideri the Chief Stoker was overcome by steam when working in the ballast tank under the boiler. Stoker Ali Akbar made many attempts to enter the tank. He finally succeeded in so doing, while the temperature was still dangerously high, but found the Chief Stoker dead.

*Admiralty, Whitehall,  
3rd September, 1940.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the Grant of the VICTORIA CROSS, for valour in action against the enemy, to the late

Acting Leading Seaman Jack Foreman Mantle, P/JX.139070, H.M.S. Foylebank.

Leading Seaman Jack Mantle was in charge of the Starboard pom-pom when FOYLEBANK

was attacked by enemy aircraft on the 4th of July, 1940. Early in the action his left leg was shattered by a bomb, but he stood fast at his gun and went on firing with hand-gear only; for the ship's electric power had failed. Almost at once he was wounded again in many places. Between his bursts of fire he had time to reflect on the grievous injuries of which he was soon to die; but his great courage bore him up till the end of the fight, when he fell by the gun he had so valiantly served.

His Majesty has also been graciously pleased to approve the following Awards for bravery and devotion to duty on the same occasion:—

*The Distinguished Service Medal.*

Leading Seaman Thomas Couzens, P/J.114258, H.M.S. Foylebank.

Leading Seaman George Willis Gould, P/JX.139812, H.M.S. Foylebank.

*Mention in Despatches.*

Acting Chief Petty Officer John Sansome, P/J.97363, H.M.S. Foylebank.

Leading Seaman Arthur Glanville Otley, P/JX.139926, H.M.S. Foylebank.

His Majesty has also been graciously pleased to approve the following Awards for bravery,