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FRIDAY, 4 OCTOBER, 1940

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 27th day of *September*, 1940.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS there was this day read at the Board a Memorial from the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, dated the 18th day of September, 1940 (N. 13613/40), in the words following, viz. :—

“Whereas by Section 3 of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, it is enacted *inter alia* that all pay, pensions or other allowances in the nature thereof payable in respect of services in Your Majesty's Naval or Marine Force to a person being or having been an Officer, Seaman or Marine therein shall be paid in such manner and subject to such restrictions, conditions and provisions as are from time to time directed by Order in Council:

“And whereas Order in Council dated 24th March 1921 authorised payment subject to our discretion of an allowance of 9d. a day to ratings temporarily assuming command of small vessels:

“And whereas we have found it expedient to place Second Hands in command of certain small vessels of the Royal Naval Patrol Service whose complements also include an Engineman with a basic rate of pay exceeding that of a Second Hand by more than 9d. a day:

“And whereas we consider it inequitable and inconsistent with his assumed rank that a Second Hand in command should receive less pay than the Engineman employed in the same vessel and that, in order to remedy the existing disparity, a Second Hand holding a Board of Trade Certificate of Competency as such should receive an allowance of 1s. 6d. a day while in command of a vessel of the Royal Naval Patrol Service:

“We beg leave humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Your Order in Council, to sanction payment accordingly with effect from 13th August 1940.

“The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.”

His Majesty, having taken the said Memorial into consideration, was pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to approve of what is therein proposed.

And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

Rupert B. Howorth.

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

St. James's Palace, S.W.1.

4th October, 1940.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following award of the George Medal and for the publication in the London Gazette of the names of individuals shown below as having received an expression of Commendation for their good services.

Awarded the George Medal.

William Joseph Jenkins, Air Raid Precautions Motor Cycle Messenger, Swansea.

During the height of a night bombing raid, this messenger was instructed to bring a message from Manselton to the Control Room, a distance of approximately three miles. He managed to avoid falling debris and burst gas mains resulting from the explosion of bombs, and had repeatedly to dismount from his machine. Eventually he got within three