

Commended:—

William Charles Prescott, Gunlayer, s.s. "Terlings" (Lambert Brothers Ltd., London).

S.S. "Terlings" was armed with a 4-inch gun and a Lewis gun. She was attacked in convoy from astern by about thirty-six enemy aircraft who dived to rain bombs on her, and, as they rose, followed these with machine-gun fire. The first three bombs fell amidships, damaging the engine-room and sending up clouds of steam. Bombs from a second attack struck the port side, and s.s. "Terlings" soon sank. After being in the water for a quarter of an hour her survivors were picked up by a Destroyer. The Master and two of the crew were killed. Four men were injured and six are missing. When the alarm was sounded the Chief Officer went amidships to the Lewis gun, and, though bombs fell all round him, he remained there, firing until he was thrown into the water. The Gunlayer by his steadfast example under fire earned the respect of all on board. Both men showed fine courage in the face of death.

Awarded the Medal of the Civil Division of the said Most Excellent Order, for Meritorious Service:—

Omer Jama, Master of an Arab Dhow.

Omer Jama, with his crew, threw overboard Italian armed guards who had been placed in charge of his vessel.

He and his crew showed great presence of mind and pluck in ridding themselves, during a sandstorm, of their Italian captors and bringing the Dhow safely to Aden.

COMMENDATIONS.

The individuals named below have been brought to notice for good services when their

ships encountered enemy submarines, ships or aircraft:—

William Sinclair, Esq., Third Officer, s.s. "Accra" (Elder Dempster Lines Ltd., Liverpool).

Captain Robert Anderson, Master, s.s. "Ashcrest" (Crest Shipping Company Ltd., London).

Captain Hugh Roberts, Master } m/v "Athellaird"
Alexander Lamont } (Athel Line Ltd.,
Vincent, Esq., } London)

Captain Sidney George } s.s. "Bawtry"
Barnes, Master } (Bawtry Steam-
Tom Parke Beatty, Esq., } ship Company
Chief Officer } Ltd.,
Samuel John Kent, } London)
Gunlayer }

Captain Edmund Joseph } s.s. "British
Coles, Master } Governor"
Edward Arnold, Esq., } (British Tanker
Third Engineer } Company, Ltd.,
London)

Captain Frank Stanley Passmore, Master, s.s. "Gogovale" (Crawford Shipping Company Ltd., Glasgow).

Captain Charles William Owen, Master, s.s. "Helder" (James Currie and Company Ltd., Leith).

Captain Henry George Gardiner Westmore, D.S.O., O.B.E., R.D., Master, s.s. "Kenneth Hawksfield" (P. Hawksfield & Son Ltd., Dover).

Captain George Llewellyn Jones, Master, s.s. "Manistee" (Elders and Fyffes, Ltd., London).

Captain John Robert } s.s. "Statira"
Miles, Master } (Chellev Steam-
Norman Rose, Gunner } ship Management
Company Ltd.,
London)

LONDON

PRINTED AND PUBLISHED BY HIS MAJESTY'S STATIONERY OFFICE

To be purchased directly from H.M. STATIONERY OFFICE at the following addresses:
York House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2; 120 George Street, Edinburgh 2;
26 York Street, Manchester 1; 1 St. Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff;
80 Chichester Street, Belfast;
or through any bookseller

1940

Price Sixpence net

S.O. Code No. 65-34963