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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1,
29th April, 1941.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards of the British Empire Medal (Military Division) to the under-mentioned:—

For courage and resource:

Chief Engine Room Artificer Hurst Salisbury
Best Stephens, D/MX.49597.
Acting Electrical Artificer Fourth Class Stanley
John Wencelas Jurd, P/MX.61826.
Able Seaman Lionel Wilfred Gray, C/J.79641.
Ordinary Seaman William Thomas Snow,
P/JX.156912.

For bravery in saving life when H.M.T.
Arctic Trapper was sunk:

Seaman William James Kirk, LT/JX.184406.

ADMIRALTY.

*Whitehall S.W.1,
29th April, 1941.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following Reward for leadership, endurance and devotion to duty:

Bar to the Distinguished Service Order.

Captain George Bibby Hartford, D.S.O.,
Royal Navy.

His Majesty has also been graciously pleased to approve the following Awards:

For gallantry in saving life at sea:

The Albert Medal.

Acting Second Hand John Henry Mitchell,
LT/JX.173154, R.N.R.

On 27th September, 1940, Chief Engine-man Wedderburn fell into the sea between two trawlers in harbour. He could not swim, and was soon unconscious. An unknown seaman, who jumped in to save him was soon in difficulties. Mitchell, hearing his shouts, clambered over a vessel to the quay, ran 100 yards, climbed across two other ships and jumped into the water. He seized Wedderburn, who was sinking, by the hair, and held up the other man until a rope was passed down from the trawler. This he secured with a bowline round the now helpless seaman, using one hand, while he supported both men and himself by gripping the rope with his teeth. The seaman was then hauled out of the water by the men in the trawler. Mitchell, although fully clad, and wearing sea boots, supported Wedderburn by treading water until a pilot ladder could be lowered. He made the rope fast round Wedderburn, and steadied him as he was hauled out. He had been in very cold water for 35 minutes, and was unconscious when rescued.

Able Seaman Alfred Miles, P/23965.

On 1st December, 1940, when H.M.S. Saltash was passing from one dock basin to another, a wire was run out from the star-board bow to the weather corner of the gate so as to hold the bow up to the wind. The wire was taken to the windlass, but this was too slow, and men were picking up the slack by hand, leaving some loose turns on the deck. As the ship drew level the order was passed to turn up. The wire was taken from the windlass to the bollards. Able Seaman Miles saw Able Seaman Thompson standing in a bight of wire and called out to him to get clear, but he failed to do so and the wire drew taut round his ankles. Miles knew that Thompson might be hauled through the bull-ring and that if he himself were caught in the wire he would be in the same danger; yet he tried to force the bight open with his hands. His right hand was jammed between the wire and Thompson's foot. He said nothing and still tried to free his shipmate. The hurt which caused the loss of his hand was not known till later. Thompson was dragged along the deck to the bull-ring but way was taken off the ship just in time to save him.

For coolness and skill when an enemy aircraft was destroyed:

The Distinguished Service Medal.

Ordinary Seaman Sidney Joseph Halstead, R/JX.205928, H.M.S. Brittany.

For like services:

The Distinguished Service Medal.

Seaman Lewis John Fyfe, LT/JX.218401, H.M.T. Milford Queen.

Mention in Despatches.

Skipper Robert Herbert Soanes, D.S.C., R.N.R., 103 T.S.

For like services:

Mention in Despatches.

Mr. Cyril Stanley Sangwell, Gunner, Royal Navy, H.M.S. Guillemot.

Leading Seaman John Galt, D/J.91576, H.M.S. Guillemot.

Able Seaman Joseph Johnston, D/SSX.21664, H.M.S. Guillemot.

Signalman Christopher Edgar Ernest Johns, D/SSX.27117, H.M.S. Guillemot.

For skill and devotion to duty:

Mention in Despatches.

Telegraphist John Hood, D/JX.165935.

For good services in taking troops from Dunkirk:

Mention in Despatches.

Mr. Harold George le Huquet, Chief Officer, H.M. Transport Isle of Guernsey.

The following corrections are made:

In London Gazette Supplement No. 34925 of 16th August, 1940.

Page 5069:

For Skipper Henry Forrester, R.N.R., H.M. Tug St. Olave.

Read Skipper Henry Forester, R.N.R., H.M. Tug St. Olave.

In London Gazette Supplement No. 35122 of 1st April, 1941.

Page 1895:

For Chief Stoker John Dore, C/JX.18280.

Read Chief Stoker John Dore, P/K.61068.

In London Gazette Supplement No. 35130 of 8th April, 1941.

Page 2035:

For Commander Anthony Watt Buzzard, D.S.O., Royal Navy, H.M.S. Renown.

Read Commander Anthony Wass Buzzard, D.S.O., Royal Navy, H.M.S. Renown.

In London Gazette No. 35131 of 8th April, 1941, the following awards were published:

The Distinguished Flying Cross.

Lieutenant Commander William Erskine Waters, Royal Navy.

Sub-Lieutenant Evan David, Royal Navy.

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