

ADMIRALTY.

*Whitehall, S.W.1.
16th May, 1941.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the posthumous Award of the Albert Medal, for gallantry in trying to save life at sea, to:

Lieutenant-Commander Walter Edmund Fletcher, Royal Navy, H.M.S. Haslemere.

On 5th January, 1941, Lieutenant-Commander Fletcher took his ship to the rescue of Miss Amy Johnson, who was piloting an aircraft which had fallen into the sea. Snow was falling and it was bitterly cold. The seas were heavy and a strong tide was running, but he dived in fully clothed. This brave and selfless action, which cost him his life, was typical of the fine spirit which Lieutenant-Commander Fletcher showed at sea and under fire while serving with the Channel Mobile Balloon Barrage.

His Majesty has also been graciously pleased to give orders for the following Appointment to the Distinguished Service Order, and to approve the following Awards:—

For enterprise and skill in a successful action against an enemy submarine:

To be a Companion of the Distinguished Service Order:

Lieutenant-Commander James Marjoribanks Rowland, Royal Navy, H.M.S. Wolverine.

The Distinguished Service Cross.

Lieutenant Reginald William Beecroft Lacon, Royal Navy, H.M.S. Wolverine.

The Distinguished Service Medal.

Acting Chief Engine Room Artificer Reginald Thomas Bargewell, D/MX.47299, H.M.S. Wolverine.

Able Seaman Francis William Jackson, D/JX.140461, H.M.S. Wolverine.

Able Seaman John Pearson, D/SSX.20990, H.M.S. Wolverine.

Mention in Despatches.

Lieutenant Anthony Peter Cottrell Johnson, Royal Navy, H.M.S. Wolverine.

Mr. Frank Miller, Gunner (T), Royal Navy, H.M.S. Wolverine.

Petty Officer Edgar William Beer, D/JX.127686, H.M.S. Wolverine.

Stoker Petty Officer Albert Ernest Bailey, D/K.10769, H.M.S. Wolverine.

Stoker Petty Officer Frank Pike, D/KX.79790, H.M.S. Wolverine.

For bravery and enterprise during an enemy air attack:

The Distinguished Service Medal.

Ordinary Seaman Michael Battie West, LT/JX.241675.

Mention in Despatches.

Temporary Lieutenant George Anthony Walsh, R.N.V.R.

Acting Engine Room Artificer 4th Class Joseph Willets, P/MX.61789.

Stoker Petty Officer James Vincent, P/KX.98435.

Leading Seaman Charles Daniel Vallor, P/J.108826.

Commendation.

Photographer (A) Stanley Arthur Couzins, C/JX.209328.

For good services when a Walrus aircraft went to the rescue of survivors of a Merchantman:

Mention in Despatches.

Probationary Temporary Sub-Lieutenant (A) Walter Claude Broadburn, R.N.V.R.

For good services while salvaging a Merchantman:

Mention in Despatches.

Lieutenant Percival John Stoner, Royal Navy, H.M.S. Speedwell.

Chief Petty Officer Frederick William Bevan, C/JX.143371, H.M.S. Speedwell.

Chief Stoker George David Lavender, C/K.64349, H.M.S. Speedwell.

Petty Officer Jack Vernon Walter, R.N.R., X.7596C, H.M.S. Speedwell.

Acting Stoker Petty Officer Horace William Coote, C/K.62920, H.M.S. Speedwell.

Leading Signalman Alfred Harold Flint, C/J.100550, H.M.S. Speedwell.

Able Seaman Peter John Hendry, C/J.48846, H.M.S. Speedwell.

For brave conduct and devotion to duty in an air raid on the city of Plymouth:

Commendation.

Sick Berth Attendant Charles Parkinson, D/MX.72370.

For coolness and devotion to duty in an air raid on the city of Portsmouth:

Commendation.

Petty Officer Wren Mary Eileen Randell, 2032, W.R.N.S.

For courage and devotion to duty when a fire broke out in one of H.M. Ships:

Commendation.

Lieutenant-Commander Cecil Stanley Draper Noakes, Royal Navy.