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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD,

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1.
23rd September, 1941.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to award the GEORGE CROSS to:—

Henry Herbert Reed (deceased), Gunner.

The ship was attacked by enemy aircraft with cannon, machine-guns and bombs. She replied at once with her defensive armament and the men at the guns went on firing despite the hail of bullets and cannon shell.

Gunner Reed behaved with the utmost gallantry. He was badly wounded but when the Master asked how he was, he said that he would carry on. The Chief Officer was also badly wounded. Reed carried him from the bridge down two ladders to the deck below and placed him in shelter near a life-boat. Gunner Reed then died. It was afterwards found that his stomach had been ripped open by machine-gun bullets.

By his gallant and utterly selfless action Gunner Reed saved the life of the Chief Officer.

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The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the undermentioned appointments to the Most Excellent Order of the

British Empire, for the following awards of the George Medal and the British Empire Medal and for the publication in the London Gazette of the names of Officers and Men of the Merchant Navy specially shown below as having received an expression of Commendation for their brave conduct.

To be Additional Members of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:—

Norman William Campbell, Esq., Chief Radio Officer, S.S. "St. Patrick."

Francis Joseph Purcell, Esq., Second Engineer, S.S. "St. Patrick."

Awarded the George Medal:—

Miss Elizabeth May Owen, Stewardess, S.S. "St. Patrick."

The ship was attacked by an enemy aircraft with bombs and machine-guns. She was hit by a salvo, caught fire, broke in two, and quickly sank with the loss of many lives. In spite of great damage to his cabin and instruments, Mr. Campbell got his emergency set into action almost at once and sent out two messages. These were picked up by a man-of-war which rescued survivors.

Two other members of the crew showed outstanding bravery. Second Engineer Purcell saved three men trapped in the engine room. He then found another man lying wounded in an alleyway. With help, he got him to the well-deck and when the ship sank supported him until rescued.