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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1.
21st October, 1941.*

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 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 Officers of the Civil Division
of the Most Excellent Order of the British
Empire:—*

Captain John Tate Marshall, Master.
Douglas Malcolm Range, Esq., Chief Mate.

*Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil
Division):—*

Ernest Scott, First Electrician.
Ashley Joseph Thomas Bryant, Apprentice.

The ship was struck by a torpedo and soon began to settle. The boats were lowered and all the many passengers and crew were embarked without accident. The Master and Range got the boats away perfectly and brought them to safety. First Electrician

Scott, working in darkness and fumes, got the emergency lighting going and kept it in action until the end.

Apprentice Bryant, aged eighteen, cleared one of the boats of water, took entire charge of it at a moment's notice and was the means of saving many lives. His fine example and spirit gave the passengers and crew confidence to obey him.

The thoroughness of the organisation of the ship reflects the highest credit on her Master, Officers and men.

*Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil
Division):—*

William Francis, Ship's Cook, Elizabeth, Mrs. Plumb, First Class Stewardess, John Robert Walker, Deck Mechanic.	}	M.V. "Rangitane."
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The ship was attacked and sunk by enemy surface raiders.

Mrs. Plumb was badly wounded early in the shelling, but she helped and guided her passengers from their quarters to their boat stations and continued to look after them when in the lifeboat.

On board the raider she refused medical attention and made light of her injuries until all the other wounded had been treated.

It was not until the German doctors noticed she was fainting, owing to the loss of blood, that they tended her and found she had been lacerated by shell splinters.

Among the last to leave the ship were Ship's Cook Francis and Deck Mechanic Walker. Francis, at great risk to himself, rescued two women from burning accommodation and took a badly wounded passenger with him to the boat. Walker tended two wounded ship-mates under shell-fire and brought them to a lifeboat. When this cap-sized, he supported one of the men, who was too badly hurt to wear a life-belt, and got him to safety.

COMMENDATIONS.

Those named below have been Commended for brave conduct when their ships encountered enemy ships, aircraft, submarines or mines:—

James Foster Anderson, Esq., Chief Engineer.
Captain Lombe Atthill, O.B.E., Master.
Philip Barker, Boatswain, M.V. "Rangitane."
Norman Barter, Gunner.

Robert Scott Blakelock, Esq., Chief Engineer.
Captain Edgar Brusby, Master.

Cecil Edward Carpenter, Writer, M.V.
"Rangitane."

Tom Dart, Steward Gunner.

Arthur Edward Dawson, Cook Gunner.

Frederick John Griffiths, Gunner.

Norman James Hallett, Esq., 1st Radio Officer,
M.V. "Rangitane."

William Henry Hardman, Gunner.

Captain James Maxwell Henderson, Master.

Ernest Hambleen Hopkins, Esq., Chief Officer,
M.V. "Rangitane."

Reuben Howard, Esq., Chief Engineer.

Percy William Hughes, Chief Steward.

Captain Frank Charles Jarrett, Master.

Hogarth George Mack, Esq. (deceased), Second
Officer.

John Charles Myers, Esq., 1st Radio Officer.

Alexander William Pinkney, Esq., Chief
Officer.

Captain Herbert Lionel Upton, Master, M.V.
"Rangitane."

Edward Henry Ward, Wireless Operator.

Douglas Haig Watson, Esq., Third Officer.

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Awarded the George Medal:—

George Sydney Smith, Esq., Second Engineer.

Harold Evans, Esq., Third Engineer.

Fire broke out in the engine-room of a ship through fuel oil escaping and becoming ignited. The Chief, the Second and the Fourth Engineers were in the engine-room, but they made their way on deck. The Chief and Fourth Engineers with their clothes ablaze.

Third Engineer Evans was off watch but hearing shouts rushed on deck and, with Mr. Smith and others, smothered the flames on the Chief and Fourth Engineers, who were very badly burned.

In the meantime, it was discovered that a greaser had been left in the engine-room. Mr. Smith then put on a smoke helmet and followed by Mr. Evans with a wet towel around his head, went down in search of the greaser. They found him in the after part of the engine-room which was full of smoke and fumes, with flames from the burning oil on the fore part. A line was made fast round him and he was hoisted up on deck.

Smith and Evans, in spite of the danger of being suffocated or burned, again went down into the engine-room and extinguished the fire.

COMMENDATION.

The individual named below has been Commended for brave conduct when fire broke out in his ship:—

Ronald Rex Butler, Esq. (deceased), Fourth
Engineer.

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