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## CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

St. James's Palace, S.W.I. 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 Embire:-

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 The boats were lowered began to settle. 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, M.V. "Rangitane." First Class Stewardess,

John Robert Walker, Deck Mechanic.

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.