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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS  
OF KNIGHTHOOD.

St. James's Palace, S.W.1.  
17th February, 1942.

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, in the Merchant Navy and Fishing Fleet, and for the publication in the London Gazette of the names of those 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 Philip George Bell, Master.  
James Kirkland Greig, Esq., Chief Engineer.

For courage, skill and resource during enemy air attacks, when the ship was acting as a supply vessel in the Mediterranean.

Captain Robert Brooks, Mooring and Wreck Raising Officer, Port of London Authority.

A ship was bombed and set on fire. In the presence of great danger from enemy aircraft, Captain Brooks encouraged the crew to strenuous efforts in fire fighting. It was largely due to his personal efforts that the vessel was saved.

This Officer has at all times set an inspiring example to his men. On two occasions he has conducted salvage operations in the face of enemy attack, and has answered every call on his services with skill and courage.

Captain Jack Reginald Lewis, Master.

The ship was torpedoed and the Master received a head injury and was stunned. When he came to, the vessel was sinking. He directed rescue work and, after four days

in a small boat, sighted land. In spite of his injury and of later illness, the Master's care for his men, his leadership and his fine qualities of seamanship were unflinching.

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

Harry Alexander Binnie, Esq., Chief Engineer.

The ship was twice attacked by German aircraft. In the second assault bombs badly damaged her, and escaping steam prevented the firemen staying in the stokehold.

The Chief Engineer remained below alone for an hour and a half, traced the escapes of steam and maintained pressure so that the engines could be kept running. Later, Mr. Binnie showed great resource in making temporary repairs.

Captain Lachlan McNeill, Master.

The ship was attacked by two German aircraft which raked the decks with machine-gun fire. The Master himself took a hand in the defensive fire which was so steady and accurate that the assailants were driven off. Shortly afterwards a third aircraft appeared and dropped two bombs. Once again the defence was ready and the aircraft was certainly hit. Sparks were seen coming from the starboard engine and smoke from the tail. The Master's sound defence not only saved the ship, but prevented an attack developing on a trawler fishing nearby.

William McVicar, Esq., Third Officer, s.s. "Britannia".

Dr. Adaline Nancy Miller, M.B., Ch.B., Ship's Surgeon, s.s. "Britannia".

The ship was sailing alone when she was approached by a raider, which opened fire at long range. She replied with her defensive armament but a shell put her main gun out of action and she suffered heavy structural