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The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the VICTORIA CROSS for daring and valour in the attack on the German Naval Base at St. Nazaire, to:

Commander Robert Edward Dudley Ryder,
Royal Navy.

For great gallantry in the attack on St. Nazaire. He commanded a force of small unprotected ships in an attack on a heavily defended port and led H.M.S. Campbeltown in under intense fire from short range weapons at point blank range. Though the main object of the expedition had been accomplished in the beaching of Campbeltown, he remained on the spot conducting operations, evacuating men from Campbeltown and dealing with strong points and close range weapons while exposed to heavy fire for one hour and sixteen minutes, and did not withdraw till it was certain that his ship could be of no use in rescuing any of the Commando Troops who were still ashore. That his Motor Gun Boat, now full of dead and wounded, should have survived and should have been able to withdraw through an intense barrage of close range fire was almost a miracle.

Lieutenant - Commander Stephen Halden Beattie, Royal Navy, H.M.S. Campbeltown.

For great gallantry and determination in the attack on St. Nazaire in command of H.M.S. Campbeltown. Under intense fire directed at the bridge from point blank range of about 100 yards, and in the face of the blinding glare of many searchlights, he steamed her into the lock-gates and beached and scuttled her in the correct position.

This Victoria Cross is awarded to Lieutenant-Commander Beattie in recognition not only of his own valour but also of that of the unnamed officers and men of a very gallant ship's company, many of whom have not returned.

Able Seaman William Alfred Savage, C/JX.
173910.

For great gallantry, skill and devotion to duty as gunlayer of the pom-pom in a motor gun boat in the St. Nazaire raid. Completely exposed, and under heavy fire he engaged positions ashore with cool and steady accuracy. On the way out of the harbour he kept up the same vigorous and accurate fire against the attacking ships, until he was killed at his gun.

This Victoria Cross is awarded in recognition not only of the gallantry and devotion to duty of Able Seaman Savage, but also of the valour shown by many others, unnamed, in Motor Launches, Motor Gun Boats and Motor Torpedo Boats, who gallantly carried out their duty in entirely exposed positions against Enemy fire at very close range.

His Majesty has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointments to the Distinguished Service Order, and to approve the following awards for great gallantry, daring and skill in the attack on the German Naval Base at St. Nazaire:

To be Companions of the Distinguished Service Order:

Temporary Lieutenant Thomas Douglas Laverick Platt, R.N.R.

For great gallantry in command of a Motor Launch Flotilla. In the face of steady fire at point blank range, and bombardment by

grenades from the jetty above, Lieutenant Platt tried to run his craft alongside, and when, ten feet from the jetty, it became a blazing wreck, he did all he could, under heavy fire, to save survivors.

Temporary Lieutenant Thomas Wilson Boyd, R.N.V.R.

For great gallantry and skill in bombarding Enemy positions on shore at point blank range; and in taking his own craft, in the full light of searchlights, and in the face of concentrated Enemy fire from a range of less than 100 yards, to the rescue of the crew of a burning Motor Launch.

The Distinguished Service Cross.

Lieutenant-Commander Hugo Edward Forbes Tweedie, Royal Navy.

Acting Lieutenant-Commander William Lawson Stephens, R.N.V.R.

Lieutenant Alick Reginald Green, Royal Navy.
Lieutenant Nigel Thomas Bethune Tibbits, Royal Navy.

Lieutenant Charles Stuart Bonshaw Irwin, R.N.R.

Temporary Lieutenant Dunstant Michael Carr Curtis, R.N.V.R.

Temporary Lieutenant Norman Bryan Hamilton Wallis, R.A.N.V.R.

Lieutenant Cecil William Wallach, R.A.N.V.R.
Probationary Temporary Surgeon Lieutenant

Johnstone Dickie, M.B., B.Ch., R.N.V.R.

Temporary Sub-Lieutenant Hugh Wilson Arnold, R.N.V.R.

Temporary Sub-Lieutenant Leo Anthony Clegg, R.N.V.R.

Temporary Sub-Lieutenant James Adie Tait, R.N.V.R.

Temporary Sub-Lieutenant Robert Thomas Christopher Worsley, R.N.V.R.

Temporary Sub-Lieutenant Robert Charles Michael Vaughan Wynn, R.N.V.R.

The Conspicuous Gallantry Medal.

Acting Petty Officer Leonard Sidney Lamb, P/JX.141113.

For great bravery in rescuing many men from a blazing Motor Launch under intense fire at very short range, and for selfless devotion in tending the wounded on the way back from the raid.

Able Seaman Dennis Norman Lambert, C/JX.171403.

Though himself wounded and under heavy fire from the Enemy, this Able Seaman remained on board a blazing Motor Launch after the order to abandon ship had been given, and with great bravery helped to carry a wounded shipmate across to another Motor Launch.

Ordinary Seaman Albert Walter Tew, D/JX.303154.

For great gallantry and in standing by his gun, though badly wounded, and in continuing to lay it, in an exposed position and under heavy fire from the enemy, until it was silenced by a direct hit.

Bar to the Distinguished Service Medal.

Yeoman of Signals Gordon Froud, D.S.M., P/JX.136915.

The Distinguished Service Medal.

Petty Officer Motor Mechanic Cowan Dunn Walker, C/FX.78743.

Petty Officer Motor Mechanic Frank Stuart Hemming, C/MX.76053.

Chief Engine Room Artificer Harry Howard, P/M.31976.

Stoker Petty Officer Reginald Francis Underhill, P/K.66657.

Leading Seaman Frederick Overton, D/J.99478.

Leading Seaman Patrick Brady, P/MV.37.

Acting Leading Seaman Frederick Herbert Charles Catton, C/JX.151796.

Acting Leading Seaman Fred McKee, C/SSX.28218.

Acting Leading Signalman Seymour Charles Pike, LDX.4732, R.N.V.R.

Leading Motor Mechanic Frederick Morris, C/MX.89993.

Able Seaman John Leslie Elliott, C/JX.193225.

Able Seaman Frederick Ormiston, C/SSX.32879.

Able Seaman Francis Albert Smith, D/JX.159400.

Stoker First Class Leslie Albert Holloway, C/KX.120309.

Motor Mechanic Harry Bracewell, C/MX.77574.

Ordinary Seaman John Stanley Roberts, C/JX.260208.

Ordinary Seaman Frederick William Joseph Woodward, P/JX.263654.

Mention in Despatches (Posthumous).

Temporary Lieutenant Herbert Stewart Chambers, R.N.V.R.

For dauntless devotion to duty at the forward gun of the Motor Launch which led the port column. Quite unprotected, in the face of intense fire at close range, he showed unshaken coolness until he was killed at his gun.

Temporary Sub-Lieutenant Graham McNaughton Baker, R.C.N.V.R.

For great bravery and unshaken devotion to duty in control of a gun in his Motor Launch, and afterwards in trying to take a rope on to a jetty heavily enfiladed by intense Enemy fire.

Able Seaman Albert Richard Carver Stephens, D.S.M., P/JX.131369.

For great skill and dauntless devotion to duty as second coxswain of a Motor Gun Boat. He was mortally wounded while helping at the pom-pom.

Mention in Despatches.

Lieutenant-Commander Robert Fergus Jenks, Royal Navy.

Lieutenant John Merryn Atkinson Fairbank, Royal Navy.

Temporary Lieutenant Peter Royal, R.N.V.R.

Temporary Lieutenant Eric Eber Murray Shields, R.N.V.R.

Temporary Sub-Lieutenant Edgar David Stogdon, R.N.V.R.

Temporary Sub-Lieutenant John Albert George Williamson, R.N.V.R.

Chief Petty Officer Angus Gordon Waddell Robb, D/J.103936.	Able Seaman Richard George Lewis, D/JX.145031.
Engine Room Artificer Fourth Class Horace John Reay, P/MX.58620.	Able Seaman Frederick Webber, D/SSX.26847.
Temporary Acting Petty Officer Laurence James O'Flaherty, D/JX.137515.	Sick Berth Attendant Arthur Whitworth, D/MX73238.
Stoker Petty Officer Daniel Charles Pyke, P/K.65048.	Ordinary Seaman Stanley Callaghan, P/JX.289094.
Petty Officer Telegraphist Dennis Robert Williams, P/JX.135604.	Canteen Manager Mr. James Bourne, N.A.A.F.I.
Leading Cook (O) Arthur William Ross, P/JX.80767.	John Northcott Gordon Holman, Esquire, War Correspondent, Exchange Telegraph Company, Limited.

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