

*The George Medal.*

Temporary Lieutenant Ronald James Smith,  
R.N.V.R.  
Lieutenant Geoffrey John Cliff, R.A.N.V.R.  
Temporary Lieutenant Keith Swan Upton,  
R.A.N.V.R.  
Temporary Sub-Lieutenant Graham Maurice  
Wright, R.N.V.R.  
Able Seaman Charles Albert Halls, P/JX.  
153412.

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS  
OF KNIGHTHOOD.

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1,  
9th June, 1942.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the British Empire Medal (Military Division), for coolness and bravery, to:

Ordinary Seaman Walter Clegg, P/JX.219907.  
Ordinary Seaman George William Reeves,  
P/JX.215513.

## ADMIRALTY.

*Whitehall,  
9th June, 1942.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the VICTORIA CROSS for great valour while serving in H.M.S. Thrasher, to:—

Lieutenant Peter Scawen Watkinson Roberts,  
Royal Navy.

Petty Officer Thomas William Gould, C/JX.  
147945.

On February 16th, in daylight, H.M. Submarine Thrasher attacked and sank a heavily escorted supply ship. She was at once attacked by depth charges and was bombed by aircraft.

The presence of two unexploded bombs in the gun-casing was discovered when after dark the submarine surfaced and began to roll.

Lieutenant Roberts and Petty Officer Gould volunteered to remove the bombs, which were of a type unknown to them. The danger in dealing with the second bomb was very great. To reach it they had to go through the casing which was so low that they had to lie at full length to move in it. Through this narrow space, in complete darkness, they pushed and dragged the bomb for a distance of some 20 feet until it could be lowered over the side. Every time the bomb was moved there was a loud twanging noise as of a broken spring which added nothing to their peace of mind.

This deed was the more gallant as H.M.S. Thrasher's presence was known to the enemy; she was close to the enemy coast, and in waters where his patrols were known to be active day and night. There was a very great chance, and they knew it, that the submarine might have to crash-dive while they were in the casing. Had this happened they must have been drowned.

The KING has also been graciously pleased to give orders for the following Appointments

to the Distinguished Service Order and to approve the following Awards:—

For great bravery and devotion to duty in saving life:

*The Albert Medal (Posthumous).*

Acting Yeoman of Signals George Patrick McDowell, D/JX.143268.  
Leading Seaman Cyril Hambly, D/JX.133146.

When H.M.S. Kandahar was sinking, the heavy seas made it impossible for the rescuing destroyer to go alongside, and she was ordered to lie off and pick up survivors as they abandoned ship. Nets were hung over her side to help those below on rafts, or in the sea, to climb on board. Yeoman of Signals McDowell and Leading Seaman Hambly swam across to the destroyer, but though they themselves had the strength to reach the deck of the ship as she plunged in the heavy swell, with great devotion they chose to stay in the water to help those whose force was spent. In this way they saved many men, until they lost all their strength and were drowned.

For great gallantry, fortitude and resolution while serving in H.M.S. Penelope in the face of relentless and determined enemy air attack at Malta, and at sea:

*To be Companions of the Distinguished Service Order:*

Commander John William Grant, Royal Navy.  
Commander (E) Daniel Shaw Holt-Wilson, Royal Navy.

*The Distinguished Service Cross.*

Mr. William Claude Holman, Warrant Shipwright, Royal Navy.

*Mention in Despatches (Posthumous).*

Lieutenant Jack Sydney Miller, D.S.C., Royal Navy.

Such further Awards as His Majesty may be graciously pleased to approve for Officers and Men of H.M.S. Penelope will soon be published.

For bravery, determination and fortitude in important Minesweeping operations while serving in H.M. Ships Fitzroy, Pangbourne, Cava, Ronaldshay and Cape Nyemetski:

*To be a Companion of the Distinguished Service Order:*

Commander Auberon Charles Alan Campbell Duckworth, Royal Navy.

*The Distinguished Service Cross.*

Lieutenant William Alastair Robertson, Royal Navy.

*The Distinguished Service Medal.*

Chief Engine Room Artificer Frederick Charles Brotherton Cooper, C/M.3303.  
Chief Engine Room Artificer Henry Carroll Warren, D/MX.46398.  
Leading Seaman Eric Weaver, X.18409A, R.N.R.  
Acting Leading Seaman John Edward Storry, LT/JX.179954.