

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

Reginald Johnson, Esq., Third Officer.

The ship was torpedoed. The Master stopped the engines and ordered the crew to the boats, one of which was in charge of the Third Officer. A gale was blowing so he decided to lie to his anchor till the weather moderated. After three and a half days they were able to set sail and two days later were picked up.

By firmness and tact the Third Officer, though only twenty years old, maintained discipline and the 34 survivors owe their lives to his seamanship and unwavering resolution.

John Porteous, Esq., Chief Engineer.

The ship was torpedoed and sank at once. Survivors clung to wreckage in icy water, sometimes being lifted bodily by the bursting of depth charges by which the escort was attacking the enemy submarine. The Chief Engineer, an elderly man, set a splendid example of endurance. He kept up the hearts of the survivors and they owe their lives largely to his inspiration.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Charles Edward Slaughter, Galleyboy,  
James Fraser Whyte, Steward,  
Ernest Ulke, Fireman.

During heavy enemy air attacks, Slaughter, Whyte and Ulke displayed bravery and initiative in maintaining steam after the ship had received damage below and when the conditions in the stokehold were both difficult and dangerous. It was largely due to their efforts that the vessel was brought safely to port.

#### COMMENDATIONS.

Those named below have been Commended for brave conduct when their ships encountered enemy ships, aircraft, submarines or mines:—  
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Captain Henry John McDonald Downie, Master.

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Captain Archibald Kelso, Master.

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