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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS  
OF KNIGHTHOOD.

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1.  
8th September, 1942.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to award the GEORGE CROSS to

Captain Dudley William Mason, Master, s.s. "Ohio."

During the passage to Malta of an important convoy Captain Mason's ship suffered most violent onslaught. She was a focus of attack throughout and was torpedoed early one night. Although gravely damaged, her engines were kept going and the Master made a magnificent passage by hand-steering and without a compass. The ship's gunners helped to bring down one of the attacking aircraft. The vessel was hit again before morning, but though she did not sink, her engine room was wrecked. She was then towed. The unwieldy condition of the vessel and persistent enemy attacks made progress slow, and it was uncertain whether she would remain afloat. All next day progress somehow continued and the ship reached Malta after a further night at sea.

The violence of the enemy could not deter the Master from his purpose. Throughout he showed skill and courage of the highest order and it was due to his determination that, in spite of the most persistent enemy opposition, the vessel, with her valuable cargo, eventually reached Malta and was safely berthed.

(The award is dated 4th September, 1942.)

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The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following promotion in, and

appointments to the Most Honourable Order of the Bath:

For bravery and dauntless resolution in fighting an important Convoy through to Malta in the face of relentless attacks by day and night from enemy submarines, aircraft, and surface forces:

*To be an Additional Member of the Military Division of the Second Class, or Knights Commanders, of the said Most Honourable Order:*

Acting Vice-Admiral Edward Neville Syfret, C.B.

This Appointment is also in recognition of Acting Vice-Admiral Syfret's services in command of the successful operations which led to the capture of Diego Suarez.

For courage, skill and seamanship in H.M. Ships Cleopatra and Jervis in a brilliant action against strong enemy forces, which were driven off and severely damaged. This action resulted in the safe passage to Malta of an important Convoy:

*To be Additional Members of the Military Division of the Third Class, or Companions, of the said Most Honourable Order:*

Captain Guy Grantham, D.S.O., Royal Navy.  
Captain Albert Lawrence Poland, D.S.O., D.S.C., Royal Navy.

For his services in this action Rear-Admiral Philip Louis Vian, D.S.O., was appointed an Additional Knight Commander of the Military Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire. This appointment was published in a London Gazette Supplement of 31st March, 1942.

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