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> St. James's Palace, S.W.I. 6th October, 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 George Medal and of the British Empire Medal, in the Merchant Navy, and for the publication in the London Gazette of the names of those specially shown below as having received an of Commendation expression conduct:-

To be an Additional Officer of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:-

Captain David Dykes, Master.

To be an Additional Member of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:-

Beckwith Arthur, Robert Esq., Second Officer.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):

Roy Douglas Cagney, Able Seaman.

The ship was subjected to air attacks throughout six days and five nights of almost continuous fire and bombing.

The Master showed great bravery and coolness throughout and twice, by skilful manceuvring, avoided torpedoes. The Second Officer and Seaman Cagney showed courage determination under heavy enemy bombing on a port during which four bombs only just missed the ship.

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

William McClymart Keating, Esq., Chief Officer.

Alfred Jack Medway, Esq., Third Officer.
The Chief and Third Officers showed fine

seamanship and devotion to duty after their

ship had been sunk. They sailed the ship's lifeboat for seven and a half days during which one or the other was always at the tiller without cover and exposed to severe

be an Additional Member of the Civil To Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:-

George Kenmure Garstin, Esq., Radio Officer.

Awarded the George Medal:—

Percy Grey, Chief Steward.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):-

George Jamieson, Able Seaman.

The ship was torpedoed twice and had to be abandoned. The Radio Officer continued to send messages to the last. The Chief Steward remained on board tending three The Chief injured men. He went down with his ship, but, with courage and determination, he was able to swim to a raft, bringing with him an injured officer.

The Radio Officer showed great cheerfulness in the boats. Both he and Able Seaman Jamieson tended those wounded who were with them and showed an indomitable spirit

throughout.

To be an Additional Member of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire∙-

David Meredith Lyon Evans, Esq., Second Officer.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):

Norman William Folwell, Able Seaman. Jeremiah Holman, Able Seaman.

George Henry Hooper, Able Seaman. When his ship was sunk the Second Officer took charge of the navigation of a crowded boat and brought her people to land after seven days. When he himself was prostrate with illness, the handling of the craft was carried on by Able Seamen Folwell, Holman

and Hooper. It was largely due to their untiring efforts and example that the lives of the 33 survivors were saved.

Awarded the George Medal:-

William Hutchison Thomson, Able Seaman.

When the ship was sunk, the port forward lifeboat, after being lowered, capsized, taking with it Thomson and five other men. Thomson extricated himself and then, despite the extreme cold of the water, repeatedly dived under the boat until he had got out all the others. He managed to get them on to the boat's keel, and later they were picked up.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

John Conroy, Galley Boy.

When the ship was sunk in an enemy attack the Galley Boy showed outstanding courage and coolness throughout.

COMMENDATIONS.

The individuals named below have been Commended for brave conduct when their ships encountered enemy ships, submarines, aircraft or mines:—

Richard Phillips, Esq. (deceased), Third Radio Officer.

Patrick Wilcock, Boatswain.

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