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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1.
17th November, 1942.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the Award of the GEORGE CROSS to:—

Lieutenant Dennis Arthur Copperwheat, Royal Navy, H.M.S. Penelope.

For great bravery at Malta. During heavy air attacks on Valletta, Lieutenant Copperwheat was sent in charge of a party of men from H.M.S. Penelope to scuttle a Merchantman, laden with ammunition, which was burning in the harbour. Owing to the fires, it was impossible to place scuttling charges in the holds, and they had to be slung over the side of the ship. As they worked, ammunition was exploding all round them from burning stowages on deck. The ship lay 40 yards from the shore, to which the electric cables for firing the scuttling charges could only just reach. Lieutenant Copperwheat sent his working party to shelter, and stayed himself to fire the charges from a position where he was exposed to the full blast of the explosion, which lifted him bodily. But for his brave action the ship must have blown up, and grave damage would have been done to the harbour.

Moreover, much of the ammunition was saved and some very heavy bombs, part of the cargo, were soon afterwards dropped in Italy.

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The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following Award for great gallantry and undaunted devotion to duty:—

Bar to the George Medal.

Temporary Lieutenant Cyril Rowlands, G.M., R.N.V.R.

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The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following Awards:—

Bar to the British Empire Medal.

Leading Seaman Norman Luckhurst Smith, B.E.M., C/JX.147942.

For bravery and devotion to duty.

The British Empire Medal (Military Division).

Joiner Fourth Class Herbert Roylance Smith, D/MX.67257.

For courage in trying to save the life of an airman.

ADMIRALTY.

*Whitehall, S.W.1.
17th November, 1942.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following Appointments to the Distinguished Service Order, and to approve the following Awards:—

For courage and skill in successful submarine patrols:

To be Companions of the Distinguished Service Order:

Lieutenant-Commander Mervyn Robert George Wingfield, Royal Navy.

Lieutenant Denis John Beckley, Royal Navy.

The Distinguished Service Cross.

Temporary Lieutenant Maurice Herbert Atkinson, R.N.R.

Bar to the Distinguished Service Medal.

Chief Petty Officer Robert John Backhouse, D.S.M., P/J.109709.

The Distinguished Service Medal.

Engine Room Artificer Third Class Richard Jeremiah Power, C/MX.55608.

Petty Officer William Melville Driver, D/J.107466.