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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS
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*St. James's Palace, S.W.1,
8th December, 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 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 expression of Commendation for their brave conduct:—

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

Captain John Henry Johns Hamling, Master.
The ship was sailing alone when she was hit and damaged by a torpedo from a submarine. The enemy surfaced in order to shell the vessel but she returned fire and drove off her attackers.

It was due to the splendid seamanship of her Master and the determined spirit of the whole company that the ship was brought to safety.

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

Walter Gibb, Esq., Chief Officer.
Francis John Pye, Esq., Second Officer.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Ernest Edward Hayes, Greaser.
David Thomas Jones, Able Seaman.
John MacIver, Able Seaman.
Angus Murray, Able Seaman.
Daniel Robert Taylor, Able Seaman.

The ship, which was sailing alone, was torpedoed by an enemy submarine and sank in seven minutes. One of the boats which got away was commanded by the Chief Officer, who rescued eighteen men, and another by

the Second Officer, who brought fourteen survivors to safety in seven days. Both the boats met stormy weather but were handled with superb skill and seamanship in circumstances which might have daunted the boldest.

The Able Seamen and the Greaser contributed much to the passage by their skill, cheerfulness and resource in improvising sails and taking their turn in handling the craft. They showed exemplary courage throughout and the fortitude and seamanship of all concerned were in the high tradition of the Merchant Navy.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Edward Brook Young Mouat, Carpenter.

After the ship had been attacked and sunk by the enemy, the Carpenter, an experienced and capable seaman, was of great service in a life-boat, and showed qualities of courage and leadership throughout. It was due to his skill and knowledge of sailing that the boat was brought to safety.

COMMENDATIONS.

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

Thomas Allan, Esq., Third Officer.
Captain Lancelot James Branagan, O.B.E., Master.
Walter Frederick Denyer, Esq., Chief Officer.
Captain John Lawrie, D.S.O., D.S.C. (deceased), Master.

The announcement relative to Captain John Henry Johns Hamling in Gazette No. 35742 of 13th October, 1942, is hereby cancelled.

The name of the late Captain John Lawrie, D.S.O., D.S.C., is as now described and not as shown in Gazette No. 35789, page 4994, of 17th November, 1942.

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