

rationing of food and water, ensured that with the strictest economy supplies lasted throughout the voyage of 34 days. But for outstanding qualities of leadership which the Chief Officer displayed, very few, if any, of the party would have survived.

The Chief Engineer and the Second Officer showed courage, fortitude and resource, while the cheerful demeanour and willing assistance given by Able Seaman McBride set a fine example to the rest of those on the raft.

*Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—*

Patrick Joseph Dunne, Greaser.  
Albert Edward Hayes, Greaser.

During an enemy attack the storeroom of a ship was set on fire. Although the magazine was only ten feet away Greaser Dunne and Greaser Hayes displayed great courage in fire fighting and removing ammunition. They persisted in their efforts until it was impossible to carry on owing to smoke and fumes and the magazine had to be flooded. Fire fighting was continued from the upper deck and the fire was eventually put out.

James Charles Locke, Skipper of a Fishing Vessel.

A small fishing-vessel was attacked by an enemy aircraft. Two of the crew were killed instantly and the Skipper was wounded. The petrol tank which was on deck was hit and set on fire and the burning petrol spread over the deck. Despite his wounds the Skipper immediately got a bucket and washed the burning petrol over the side and it burnt itself out on the sea. In these dangerous circumstances Skipper Locke displayed pluck and initiative and saved his boat from destruction.

COMMENDATIONS.

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

Captain Robert Dunn Balmain, Master.  
James Edward Benton, Pumpman.  
Donald Alexander Black, Esq. (deceased),  
Second Officer.  
John Noel Bowden, Esq. (deceased), First  
Radio Officer.

Blake Bremer, Able Seaman.  
Sam Browne, Greaser.  
Captain Alexander Campbell, Master.  
John Clarke, Ship's Cook.  
James Coates, Ship's Cook.  
Richard John Cutting, Deck Hand.  
William John Dennis, Esq., Chief Engineer  
Officer.  
Jack Thornton Gibson, Esq., Chief Officer.  
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Captain George Leonard Hazlewood, Master.  
Richard George Hollingdale, Esq., Second  
Officer.  
Leslie Richard Igglesden, Engineer of a Motor-  
boat.  
Robert Nicholson Johnson, Esq., Chief  
Engineer Officer.  
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Robert Alexander Lowdon, Pumpman.  
Roderick McLraith, Esq. (deceased), Chief  
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Donald Angus MacLeod, Able Seaman.  
Captain George Albert Niddrie, Master.  
Ellis Afron Owen, Esq., First Radio Officer.  
Henry George Parsons, Engineer of a Fishing  
Vessel.  
Captain William Reid, O.B.E., Master.  
Captain Harold Richardson, Master.  
Edward Rezin Roe, Esq., Second Officer.  
Harold Frederick Rose, Esq., Chief Engineer  
Officer.  
Charlie Ross, Able Seaman.  
Robert Smith, Able Seaman.  
Joseph Young Steele, Esq. (deceased), Third  
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Harold Bartholomew Wilkinson, Esq., Chief  
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