

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

James Henry English Clarke, Esq., Chief Officer.  
Ivor Best Rose, Esq., Second Officer.

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

Albert Edward Kale, Fireman.

The ship was sailing alone when she was torpedoed in darkness. The severe damage sustained made it necessary to abandon ship at once and the crew got away safely in two lifeboats.

The Chief Officer showed courage and good organising ability throughout. He took charge of one of the boats with 24 of the crew, and it was due to his seamanship and skill that the boat was brought to safety, being picked up after a voyage of five days.

When the vessel was first hit, the engineer on watch was swept under a grating and trapped. The Second Officer and Fireman Kale volunteered to enter the engine-room and search for survivors. Although the engine-room ladder had been blown away they succeeded in getting the engineer, who was in a dazed condition, on deck and to his boat station. But for this action it is quite probable the man would have lost his life. On abandoning ship, the Second Officer took charge of the second boat with 23 occupants and, by his good seamanship, made a landfall after a voyage of nine days.

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

Andrew Vallance Watt, Apprentice.

After the ship had been sunk by enemy action, one of the boats made a seven day voyage before a landfall was made.

Apprentice Watt, who was in this boat, was of great help to the Officer in charge. On one occasion Watt took over complete charge of the boat and proved himself perfectly trustworthy and capable of attending to the sailing.

Apprentice Watt's courage and devotion to duty undoubtedly helped greatly in bringing the 33 survivors in the boat to safety.

**COMMENDATIONS.**

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

Gordon Andrews, Esq., Third Officer.

Percy Walter Barton, Esq., Second Officer.

Rehatullah x Ebadullah, 2nd Deck Tindal.

Captain Lionel Guy Emmott, Master.

John V Findlay, Esq., Chief Officer.

Marcus Gibson, Boatswain.

Abdul Jubber x Abdul Hakim, Lascar.

Benjamin Harris, Esq., Second Officer.

Captain Lewis James Herbert, Master.

Walter Schofield Howard, Esq., Chief Officer.

Reginald Vernon Langdon, Esq., Third Engineer Officer.

John Lee, Esq., Chief Officer.

Ronald Herbert McElliogott, Esq., Second Officer.

Captain Roderick Sutherland Masters (deceased), Master.

Benjamin Mitchinson Metcalfe, Esq., Second Officer.

Abdool Mozid x Nezamat Sk., 1st Deck Tindal.

Brian Charles Sandin, Esq., Third Officer.

Herbert Weilds Smith, Esq., Chief Engineer Officer.

Eman Ali x Abdul Serang, Seacunny.

James Malcolm Steen, Esq., Third Officer.

Richard Williamson Thomson, Esq., Chief Officer.

George William Underwood, Esq., Second Officer.

*Ministry of War Transport,  
Berkeley Square, W.1.*

*2nd February, 1943.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to make the following award:—

*The Albert Medal.*

John Sedgwick Gregson, Apprentice.

The ship was set on fire by the explosion of a torpedo during an attack by enemy aircraft. The flames spread rapidly and almost immediately orders were given to abandon ship. One of the ship's gunners, however, was pinned under a raft. Apprentice Gregson immediately went to his assistance and, with help freed him. The gunner had sustained severe injuries and, as it was impossible to get him into a boat or on to a raft, he was dropped overboard. Gregson dived into the sea after him, and, in the darkness, towed his helpless shipmate to a ship which picked them up, a distance of about 600 yards.

But for Apprentice Gregson's gallant and determined action, undertaken with complete disregard of his personal safety, the injured man would have had little chance of survival.

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