

damaged. Wounded men were brought to him in the Sick Bay, among them an Engine Room Artificer badly burnt about the arm. Surgeon Lieutenant Clow gave him an injection of morphia, and, as the ship was now sinking, helped the man up the ladder and out on to the upper deck. As the man had no life belt, he put his own on him. Then he got him into the water, and made sure he was free of the ship before he himself abandoned it. In doing this Surgeon Lieutenant Clow became entangled in the rigging and was taken down some way before he got clear. He then swam for three hours without a life belt before he was picked up.

*The Albert Medal in Gold (Posthumous).*

Sick Berth Attendant George William Beeching, C/MX.65180.

Sick Berth Attendant Beeching was between decks when H.M.S. Ibis was hit. The explosion caused serious damage and the ship took a list to starboard of about 15°. The Emergency Lighting partly failed and the Mess Decks were deep in oil fuel. Sick Berth Attendant Beeching showed great courage and presence of mind. He helped those who came forward with wounds, among them one man very badly burned about the face and hands. Sick Berth Attendant Beeching took him to the Sick Bay and gave him morphia. When the ship began to heel over, and it was apparent that she would capsize, he helped the man to the deck, gave him a life belt, and got him into the water before abandoning ship himself. Sick Berth Attendant Beeching was not seen again.

*The Albert Medal in Bronze (Posthumous).*

Sick Berth Attendant James William Thorpe, D/SBR/X.7813.

In a hazardous operation off the North African Coast, H.M.S. Broke came under heavy fire. Many of her company were wounded. Sick Berth Attendant Thorpe showed great courage in tending the wounded and getting them to places of greater safety. He himself was then badly hit, but he spent his last strength in the care of others, working till he could no longer stand. He died of his wounds.

For courage and seamanship in North African waters in H.M.S. Ibis:

*The Distinguished Service Cross.*

Commander Henry Maxwell Darell-Brown, Royal Navy.

For sustained bravery in air attacks at Malta:

*The Distinguished Service Cross.*

Lieutenant Michael Arthur Baillie-Grohman, Royal Navy.

*Bar to the Distinguished Service Medal.*

Chief Petty Officer Walter Henry Panrucker, D.S.M., P/J.98172.

*The Distinguished Service Medal.*

Able Seaman John Edmund Dodds, C/SSX.21525.

*Mention in Despatches (Posthumous).*

Mr. Cedric Martin Radcliffe, Boatswain, Royal Navy.

For bravery and resolution when H.M.T. Jasper was lost:

*The Distinguished Service Medal.*

Signalman George Cyril Flinders, D/JX.176126.

*Mention in Despatches (Posthumous).*

Seaman Walter Percy Shepherd, LT/JX.179718, R.N.P.S.

*Mention in Despatches.*

Temporary Lieutenant Bayford Donald Patrick Bennett, R.N.V.R.

Temporary Lieutenant Peter Edward Charles Reuben Main, R.N.V.R.

Stoker First Class Charles James, LT/KX.139519, R.N.P.S.

Stoker First Class John Sutton, LT/KX.148758, R.N.P.S.

For bravery when H.M.S. Zulu was lost:

*The Distinguished Service Medal.*

Corporal (Temporary) John Watson Meegan, Ex.2749, Royal Marines.

For good services when H.M.S. Snapdragon was lost:

*Mention in Despatches.*

Able Seaman John McSweeney, D/JX.174335.

For good services in action against enemy aircraft in H.M.S. Redwood:

*Mention in Despatches.*

Seaman Leslie Hadfield, LT/JX.191711, R.N.P.S.

For skill and resource in tending the wounded:

*Mention in Despatches.*

Acting Chief Petty Officer Frederick Robert William Flack, C/JX.140361.

For resource in salvage work:

*Mention in Despatches.*

Temporary Lieutenant Christian John Ollard, R.N.V.R.

For brave conduct:

*Commendation.*

Temporary Lieutenant Roger Ernest Peers, R.N.V.R.

For bravery in Defensively Equipped Merchant Ships during the hazardous passage to North Africa:

*The Distinguished Service Cross.*

Captain Peter Elder, Master.

Captain Lewis Parfitt, Master.

Mr. Henry Sinclair Clarke, Second Officer.

Mr. John Ian Allister, Supernumerary Fourth Engineer Officer.

*The Distinguished Service Medal.*

Mr. Walter Easton, B.E.M., Boatswain.

Mr. Chan Yau, Boatswain.