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The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the VICTORIA CROSS for valour in command of H.M. Submarines to: Commander John Wallace Linton, D.S.O., D.S.C., Royal Navy.

From the outbreak of War until H.M.S. Turbulent's last patrol Commander Linton was constantly in command of submarines, and during that time inflicted great damage on the Enemy. He sank one Cruiser, one Destroyer, one U-boat, twenty-eight Supply Ships, some 100,000 tons in all, and destroyed three trains by gun-fire. In his last year he spent two hundred and fifty-four days at sea, submerged for nearly half the time, and his ship was hunted thirteen times and had two hundred and fifty depth charges aimed at her.

His many and brilliant successes were due to his constant activity and skill, and the daring which never failed him when there was an Enemy to be attacked.

On one occasion, for instance, in H.M.S. Turbulent, he sighted a convoy of two Merchantmen and two Destroyers in mist and moonlight. He worked round ahead of the convoy and dived to attack it as it passed through the moon's rays. On bringing his sights to bear he found himself right ahead of a Destroyer. Yet he held his course till the Destroyer was almost on top of him, and, when his sights came on the convoy, he fired. His great courage and determination were rewarded. He sank one Merchantman and one Destroyer outright, and set the other Merchantman on fire so that she blew up.

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

For bravery and devotion to duty in successful patrols in H.M.S. Turbulent:

The Distinguished Service Cross.

Lieutenant John Priestley Blake, Royal Navy.

Lieutenant Brian Clement Weston Clements, Royal Navy.
Lieutenant John Anthony Rose Troup, Royal Navy.

Bar to the Distinguished Service Medal.

Engine Room Artificer Fourth Class Arthur Stanley Crowston, D.S.M., P/MX.54553.

The Distinguished Service Medal.

Petty Officer William Hogg, D/J.102496.

Petty Officer Cook Tom Gardner, P/MX.49964.
Engine Room Artificer Harry Bromby, P/MX.50465.

Engine Room Artificer Frederick Charles Wallis, C/MX.64815.

Leading Seaman Henry Frederick Walker, C/JX.129558.

Leading Stoker Reginald Sponder, C/KX.81642.

Stoker First Class Thomas John Willicombe, D/KX.95054.

Able Seaman William Arthur Glester, C/SSX.32771.

Able Seaman Robert Herbert Reeves, C/JX.129071.

Able Seaman Frederick Percival De Maine Stone, C/JX.135333.

Mention in Despatches.

Petty Officer Steward James William Weatherly, P/LX.22249.

Engine Room Artificer Fourth Class Malcolm Simpson, P/MX.72069.

Able Seaman Charles Henry Pearce, D/J.101914.

Able Seaman Robert Rowcroft Ridley, P/JX.191213.

Able Seaman John Stead, C/JX.194867.

Stoker First Class Cecil Darling, C/KX.132024.

Stoker First Class Joseph William Thomas Tunnell, C/KX.110965.

Telegraphist Norman Brown, C/JX.162871.

For good services in the Madagascar operations:

The Distinguished Service Cross.

Temporary Lieutenant (Special) Aubrey Gordon Booker, R.N.V.R.