

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

William Palmer, Boatswain.

The ship, sailing in convoy, struck a mine in darkness. The explosion wrecked the whole machinery space and caused the boilers to blow up. Two of the boats were also destroyed. When it was seen that there was no chance of saving the vessel, abandonment was ordered and shortly afterwards the survivors were picked up by another ship.

The Chief Radio Officer displayed outstanding qualities of skill and leadership in getting one of the boats away while the Master was semi-conscious from blast and temporarily incapacitated. He then took charge of the boat, organised the men to pump out the water and generally assumed command.

Boatswain Palmer showed great courage, devotion to duty and initiative. When the ship was hit, he got the crew together on the after part of the ship so they would be rescued by one of the boats. One of the Engineer Officers was lying seriously injured on deck and Boatswain Palmer, by means of a cargo basket, successfully lowered him into one of the boats, thereby undoubtedly saving his life.

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

Salli Dipre, Cook.

The ship, sailing alone, was torpedoed and sank within six minutes. As there was not time to lower the boats the crew had to jump overboard. They were distributed later between two boats and a raft which had floated clear of the ship. All the survivors were picked up and landed the next day.

Cook Salli Dipre displayed outstanding courage and devotion to duty. After the vessel sank, he helped survivors who were in the water to reach floating wreckage, thereby saving many lives.

COMMENDATIONS.

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

Walter Lawrence Allison, Esq., (deceased), Chief Officer.

Captain Leslie Anderson, Master.

William Walton Armstrong (since deceased), Fireman.

Percy George Barnes (deceased), Fireman.

Andrew Cross Beattie, Esq., Chief Engineer Officer.

Thomas Lewis Blair, Esq., Chief Officer.

Harry Frederick Boman, Carpenter.

Charles Pearson Bridgewood, Esq., Chief Officer.

Michael Paul Casey, Boatswain.

John Patrick Chant, Deck Boy.

Alleyne Milbanke Chapman, Esq., Second Officer.

Thomas Collin, Second Electrician.

Captain Sidney Pattinson Dodgshon, Master.

Walter Frederick D'Orsey, Esq., Chief Engineer Officer.

Ronald Dryden, Esq., (deceased), Fourth Engineer Officer.

Captain Maurice James Edwards, Master.

John Evans, Esq., Chief Officer.

Francis Buller Fairweather, Esq., Chief Officer.

Jack Flett, Esq., Chief Officer.

William Gilchrist, Esq., Chief Officer.

William Harris Gordon, Able Seaman.

Roland Gilbert Gould, Esq., Radio Officer.

George Hamilton, Esq., Chief Officer.

Robert Hunter Henderson (deceased), Cadet.

Lindley Baden Hendry, Steward.

Norman George Hooper, Esq., First Radio Officer.

Edward Briggs Hyde (deceased), Apprentice.

Gerald Michael Jackson, Esq., (deceased), Second Officer.

Rudolph Alexander Johannesen, Esq., (deceased), Second Officer.

Captain Victor Alfred Richard Jury, O.B.E., Master.

Captain Robert James Lee (deceased), Master.

Cecil Leybourne, Esq., Chief Engineer Officer.

James Lovie, Esq., Second Radio Officer.

Walter Barrie McDaid, Storekeeper.

Captain Hugh Mackinnon, Master.

Dennis George Mee, Ordinary Seaman.

James Nicholson Meeks, Apprentice.

Godfrey Memoh, Gangwayman.

Sultan Mian X Tooka Mian, Greaser.

Arnold Payne, Esq., Sixth Engineer Officer.

Captain Oswald Franklin Pennington, Master.

William Charles Edgerton Perkes (deceased), Greaser

Launcelot Richardson, Able Seaman.

Hedley Vernon Savage, Esq., Seventh Engineer Officer.

Stanley Strang (deceased), Cadet.

Captain Frederick William Swinbanks, Master.

George Thomson, Esq., Third Engineer Officer.

Samuel Angus Ward (deceased), Able Seaman.

Archibald Campbell Buller Watson, Esq., Chief Engineer Officer.

Frank Weatherell, Deck Hand.

Geoffrey McConnochie White, Esq., Chief Officer.

Captain William Henry Williamson, Master.

Christopher Young, Able Seaman.

The appointment of Captain Hugh Tait announced in Gazette No. 36035 of 4th June, 1943, page 2498, is now dated 19th May, 1943.

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

6th July, 1943.

The KING has been graciously pleased, on the recommendation of the Minister of War Transport, to make the following awards:—

*The Bronze Medal for Gallantry in Saving  
Life at Sea.*

Douglas Loughton, Esq., (deceased), Third Engineer Officer.

Third Engineer Officer Loughton's ship was sailing in convoy when an enemy attack developed which resulted in the loss of another ship. Cries for help were heard from the water. Third Engineer Officer Loughton, who was on deck off watch, heard the cries and immediately dived overboard to render assistance. The convoy was still under attack and, although another ship stopped to pick up survivors, Mr. Loughton was not seen again.

Third Engineer Officer Loughton sacrificed his life in attempting to save others. His action in jumping overboard from a moving