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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS
OF KNIGHTHOOD.

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1.
22nd February, 1944.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the undermentioned appointments to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, for the following awards of the British Empire Medal, in the Merchant Navy, and for the publication in the London Gazette of the names of those specially shown below as having received an expression of Commendation for their brave conduct.

To be an Additional Member of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:—

Reginald Ferguson Cole, Esq., Chief Radio Officer.

The ship, sailing alone, was torpedoed and began to sink by the stern. Shortly afterwards she was hit again and had to be abandoned, sinking as the last members of the crew were leaving. There were many casualties and three of the boats were wrecked making the abandonment extremely difficult and dangerous.

The Chief Radio Officer displayed great courage and devotion to duty. Although injured and dazed by the explosion, he struggled among the debris of the wrecked wireless room to get away a distress message on the emergency set and left only when ordered to his boat by the Master. His devotion to duty undoubtedly greatly contributed to the speedy rescue of the survivors, who were picked up the following day.

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

John Kristijon Marrow, Esq., First Officer.
John Swanson Livingstone, Esq., Second Engineer Officer.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Guiseppe Fenech, Greaser.
John Hopper Ellerington, Able Seaman.
James Doan, Able Seaman.
Stanley Close, Cook Steward.

For gallantry and initiative in hazardous circumstances.

COMMENDATIONS.

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

Alexander Brough, Esq., Third Engineer Officer.
Charles Sime Currie, Esq., (deceased), Chief Engineer Officer.
George Dew (deceased), Donkeyman.
Captain Albert Hocken, Master.
Alexander Mair, Esq., Third Officer.
Captain John Drayton Matthews, Master.
John Morrison Ruthven, Esq., Chief Refrigerating Engineer Officer.
Robert Young Taylor, Esq., (deceased), Purser.

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The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the undermentioned award of the British Empire Medal, and for the publication in the London Gazette of the names of the persons specially shown below as having received an expression of Commendation for their brave conduct in Civil Defence.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Jack Eldridge, Deputy Party Leader, Civil Defence Rescue Service, Kent.

During an air raid a bomb wrecked three cottages.

Eldridge, who was off duty, was informed that people were trapped. There was a fire