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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS
OF KNIGHTHOOD.

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1,
9th October, 1945.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following promotions in, and appointments to, the most Excellent Order of the British Empire:—

*To be an Additional Commander of the Military
Division of the said Most Excellent Order:*

Acting Captain James Claude Durie ESDAILE, O.B.E., A.D.C., Royal Australian Navy, for most distinguished service under hazardous and trying conditions as Naval Officer-in-Charge of the Escort Forces of the South-West Pacific Frontier during a period of more than three years.

*To be Additional Officers of the Military
Division of the said Most Excellent Order:*

Acting Surgeon Lieutenant-Commander James Stuart GUEST, R.A.N.R., for great skill and devotion to duty as Principal Medical Officer of H.M.A.S. Westralia during the landing on Tarakan Island on 1st May, 1945.

Acting Temporary Lieutenant-Commander John Henry ROUSON, M.B.E., G.M., R.N.V.R.,

for courage, resource and devotion to duty displayed when recovering enemy torpedoes under dangerous conditions. The knowledge gained from these weapons subsequently proved of great value.

*To be Additional Members of the Military
Division of the said Most Excellent Order:*

Temporary Lieutenant Richard Maurice PRATCHETT, R.N.V.R.,

for courage, resource and devotion to duty displayed when recovering enemy torpedoes under dangerous conditions. The knowledge gained from these weapons subsequently proved of great value.

Temporary Lieutenant Joseph Maurice John FRANCOM, R.N.V.R. (Guildford),

for zeal, good seamanship and disregard of personal danger in organising rescue work, after his ship, H.M.S. Redmill, was torpedoed.

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The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the British Empire Medal (Military Division) to the undermentioned:—

Leading Seaman John Thomas CODY, P/JX. 134308,

for outstanding bravery, endurance and disregard of personal safety after the loss of H.M.S. Esk. He rescued his Commanding Officer, both of whose legs were broken, and subsequently took care of him for two days on a raft.

Petty Officer Radio Mechanic Robert Lloyd OWEN, P/MX.636696 (Llanrwst, N. Wales),

Stoker Petty Officer Ethelbert BERRIMAN, D/KX.93714 (Redruth),

Sick Berth Attendant Victor Harry DRUMMOND, C/MX.111072 (London, N.W.5),

for courage and devotion to duty in dangerous conditions after the torpedoing of the H.M.S. Redmill on 27th April, 1945.

Able Seaman William GILLOTT, C/JX.318665,

Able Seaman Gordon William WEST, C/JX. 408320,

for bravery, skill and devotion to duty in damage control and the rescue of survivors after the torpedoing of their ship, H.M.S. Goodall, whilst operating in Arctic waters.