

her attack on 31st July, 1945, on a Japanese cruiser of the Atago class. Owing to the fact that XE-3 was tightly jammed under the target the diver's hatch could not be fully opened, and Magennis had to squeeze himself through the narrow space available.

He experienced great difficulty in placing his limpets on the bottom of the cruiser owing both to the foul state of the bottom and to the pronounced slope upon which the limpets would not hold. Before a limpet could be placed therefore Magennis had thoroughly to scrape the area clear of barnacles, and in order to secure the limpets he had to tie them in pairs by a line passing under the cruiser keel. This was very tiring work for a diver, and he was moreover handicapped by a steady leakage of oxygen which was ascending in bubbles to the surface. A lesser man would have been content to place a few limpets and then to return to the craft. Magennis, however, persisted until he had placed his full outfit before returning to the craft in an exhausted condition. Shortly after withdrawing Lieutenant Fraser endeavoured to jettison his limpet carriers, but one of these would not release itself and fall clear of the craft. Despite his exhaustion, his oxygen leak and the fact that there was every probability of his being sighted, Magennis at once volunteered to leave the craft and free the carrier rather than allow a less experienced diver to undertake the job. After seven minutes of nerve-racking work he succeeded in releasing the carrier. Magennis displayed very great courage and devotion to duty and complete disregard for his own safety.

The KING has further been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointment to the Distinguished Service Order and to approve the following awards:—

To be Companions of the Distinguished Service Order.

Lieutenant Smart was in command of His Majesty's Midget Submarine XE-1 and accompanied XE-3 in the successful attack on a heavy Japanese cruiser in Johore Strait, Singapore.

Like XE-3, Lieutenant Smart also left the believed safe channel during his long approach up the Singapore Straits and entered mined waters to avoid suspected hydrophone posts. XE-1's target was a heavy cruiser of the *Nachi* class berthed about two miles beyond the *Atago* cruiser which XE-3 was to attack. Unfortunately XE-1 was delayed in her attack owing to several encounters with surface craft and instead of passing the boom ahead of XE-3 as planned, actually passed it 90 minutes after XE-3. This robbed Lieutenant Smart of the necessary margin of time to reach his target and withdraw before dark and he accordingly decided to attack the *Atago* class cruiser. Unable to get his craft underneath the target he dropped his main charge close alongside it and withdrew. The passage involved the same great hazards as those faced by XE-3 and Lieutenant Smart displayed great courage throughout this hazardous operation.

Lieutenant John Elliott SMART, R.N.V.R.

For gallantry, great skill and endurance whilst at the controls of His Majesty's Submarine XE-3 for over sixteen hours during her successful attack on a heavy Japanese cruiser in the Johore Strait, Singapore, on 31st July, 1945:

Temporary Sub-Lieutenant William James Lanyon SMITH, R.N.Z.N.V.R.

For gallantry, endurance and great devotion to duty:

The Conspicuous Gallantry Medal

Engine Room Artificer Third Class (Charles Alfred REED, C/MX. 58457.

Engine Room Artificer Reed was the operational Engine Room Artificer of XE-3 for her successful attack on a heavy Japanese cruiser of the *Atago* class in Johore Strait. He was at the wheel continuously for the 16½ hours that XE-3 was submerged, a fine feat of endurance. He shared, with the other three of XE-3's crew, the hazards of an 80 mile trip through closely protected enemy waters and like them cheerfully volunteered to carry out a repeat mission if required.

For bravery, skill and outstanding devotion to duty in a successful attack by Midget Submarines on 31st July, 1945, on a Japanese heavy cruiser which was moored in the Johore Strait, Singapore:

The Distinguished Service Cross.

Sub-Lieutenant Harold Edwin HARPER, R.N.V.R.

The Distinguished Service Medal.

Temporary Leading Seaman Walter Henry Arthur POMEROY, D/JX. 134637.
Engine Room Artificer Fourth Class Henry James FISHLEIGH, D/MX. 103454.

For skill, efficiency and outstanding devotion to duty whilst serving as Passage crews in H.M. Submarines XE-3 and XE-1 prior to the attack, on 31st July, 1945, on a Japanese heavy cruiser which was moored in the Johore Strait, Singapore.

Mention in Despatches.

Acting Engine Room Artificer Fourth Class Albert NAIRN, D/MX. 509525.
Temporary Acting Leading Stoker Jack Gordan ROBINSON, P/KX. 136746.
Able Seaman Ernest Raymond DEE, D.S.M., D/JX. 227840.

For outstanding courage, determination and devotion to duty whilst serving in His Majesty's Midget Submarine XE-5, in an attempt to cut the Hongkong-Singapore telegraph cable west of Lamma Island. Three and a half days and nights were spent inside the defended waters of Hongkong and the dangerous passage between them and the open sea was made four times:

Bar to the Distinguished Service Cross.

Lieutenant Herbert Patrick WESTMACOTT, D.S.O., D.S.C., Royal Navy.

The Distinguished Service Cross.

Temporary Lieutenant Bruce Graham CLARKE, R.N.V.R.
Temporary Sub-Lieutenant Denis Victor Mark JARVIS, R.N.V.R.