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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

St James's Palace, S W 1
19th February, 1946

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following promotion 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

Captain (Commodore second class) Alfred Creighton COLLINSON, Royal Navy

for coolness, courage and determination during the assault on Hong Kong, and for the fine example set by him as a Prisoner of War in Japanese hands

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

Temporary Acting Lieutenant Commander (A) Eric Melrose BROWN, M B E, D S C, R N V R

For courage, exceptional skill and devotion to duty in carrying out the first deck-landings of Mosquito and Vampire. In doing so he has been the first pilot ever to land on the deck of a carrier, a twin-engined aircraft (Mosquito) and a pure jet-propelled aircraft (Vampire). The success of these great strides in Naval Aviation has been largely due to his exceptional flying skill.

Temporary Acting Lieutenant - Commander Charles Alexander POTTINGER, R N R (Bath)

When a serious fire broke out in Alexandria Harbour on the 19th April, 1945, due to a serious under-water escape of petrol, while the U.S. Tanker Briar Creek was discharging, Commander Pottinger,

Assistant King's Harbour Master, with great efficiency, speed and good seamanship, used tugs to get the Briar Creek, which was a potential source of great danger, safely out of harbour, thus preventing a major disaster.

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

Temporary Lieutenant (A) James Talbot PRATT, R N V R,

for great skill and devotion to duty as Deck Landing Control Officer in the first carrier landing of a jet-propelled Vampire.

Lieutenant Commander Neville Kenneth CAMBELL, D S C, Royal Navy

for outstanding services whilst a Prisoner of War.

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

Acting/Stoker Petty Officer William Alfred MATTHEWS, D/KX 144647,

Temporary/Acting/Leading Seaman David SCHWAGER, H/JX 594613,

for gallantry and skill shewn in fire fighting when a serious fire broke out in Alexandria Harbour on 19th April, 1945.

Able Seaman Adam Baxter BELL, P/JX 263615 (Saltcoats, Ayrshire),

for presence of mind and courage of a high order in disposing of smoking shells, the fuses of which had become accidentally armed in the magazine of H.M.S. Odzani.

ADMIRALTY.

Whitehall.

19th February, 1946.

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

For great courage and fortitude in the face of overwhelming odds whilst serving in H.M. Ships *Kelana*, *Hung Jao* and *Shun An*, lost in action in the Far East—February, 1942:

Distinguished Service Cross.

Lieutenant John Harcourt CRAIG, Malaya R.N.V.R.

Distinguished Service Medal.

Acting Engine-room Artificer Acting Fourth Class Montagu Victor Reginald JOHNSON, P/MX. 78657.

Mention in Despatches.

Sub.-Lieutenant J. S. M. CUNYNGHAM-BROWN, Malaya R.N.V.R.

Petty Officer MOHD SAID.

Able Seaman ALI BIN MOHAMED.

Able Seaman HUSSEIN BIN ALI 865.

For gallantry and good service in assisting survivors stranded on the islands of the Rhio Archipelago after bombing by Japanese aircraft:

Distinguished Service Cross.

Lieutenant Owen Robin Templer HENMAN, Malaya R.N.V.R.

For great bravery and endurance whilst serving in Tank Landing Craft A2 and A7 lost in action against heavy odds in the Mediterranean on 10th October, 1941:

Bar to Distinguished Service Medal.

Petty Officer William Alfred HENLEY, D.S.M., D/J. 106249.

Posthumous Mention in Despatches.

Temporary/Sub. Lieutenant Arthur Charles BROMLEY, R.N.V.R.

Stoker David PIRIE, D/KX.93722.

Seaman Kenneth CLAPHAM, C/JX.238206.

For great gallantry, although wounded, in keeping the engineroom services of H.M.M.L.311 in action after an attack by a Japanese destroyer on 15th February, 1942:

The Distinguished Service Medal.

Stoker Percy Albert Holmes DUNNE, P/KX. 132616.

For good services in assisting to dispose of smoking shells from the magazine of H.M.S. *Odzani*:

Mention in Despatches.

Temporary Sub. Lieutenant Antony George BEALE, R.N.V.R. (St. Albans).

Able Seaman George COOKSON, P/JX.551872 (Gateshead).

Able Seaman Alexander Skinner ROBSON, P/JX.551867 (Sunderland).

For good services whilst Prisoners of War:

Mention in Despatches.

Surgeon Lieutenant-Commander Hugh George SINGER, Royal Navy, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Acting Captain Waller Clark CLARK-HALL, Royal Navy (Retired).

Lieutenant-Commander Stephen Halden BEATTIE, V.C., Royal Navy.

Lieutenant-Commander Peter Noel BUCKLEY, D.S.O., Royal Navy.

Leading Seaman Gerald Taylor HOLDEN, D/JX.230400.

For good services in fire fighting when a serious fire broke out in Alexandria Harbour on 19th April, 1945:

Commendation.

Petty Officer Charles Alexander MADDOX, LT/JX.174455 (Liverpool).

Acting/Petty Officer Roy Thomas William FOSTON, LT/JX.280279 (Hull).

Leading Stoker Frederick Alfred PARKER, P/KX.147208 (Islington).

Acting/Able Seaman Panayotis VRIONIDIS, A/JX.584071 (Chalau, Paphos, Cyprus).

Stoker First Class Solomon GUENI, A/KX.584255 (Alexandria, Egypt).

Ordinary Seaman Georges Sava SOLOMOU, A/JX.584385 (Cairo, Egypt).

The following corrections are made:—

In London Gazette Supplement No. 37448 of 29th January, 1946:

Page 721:

For Commander Leslie Kenneth Alan BLOCK, D.S.C., Royal Navy;

Read Acting Commander Leslie Kenneth Allen BLOCK, D.S.C., Royal Navy.

In London Gazette Supplement No. 37380 of 11th December, 1945:

Page 5985:

For Acting Chief Engine Room Artificer Alan Fearnley BATHURST, P/MX.60489.

Read Acting Chief Engine Room Artificer Alan Fearnley BATHURST, P/MX.60489.

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