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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.