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## CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1.*

*5th November, 1946.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the GEORGE CROSS to:

Lieutenant - Commander Patrick Albert O'LEARY, D.S.O., Royal Navy.

Lieutenant-Commander O'Leary was captured by the French police during operations off the south coast of France in April, 1941. He escaped whilst en route to a French prison, and thereupon set up an organisation to help the escape of Allied prisoners of war and evaders. Through his skill and his sustained personal bravery, the organisation succeeded, between April and August, 1941, in getting away some 150 officers and men, many belonging to the Royal Air Force.

At increased risk to himself, Lieutenant-Commander O'Leary was soon forced to expand his organisation, to help an ever-increasing number of evaders. To keep the members working at full pressure, and to inspire their confidence, he travelled frequently between the Dutch border and the south of France through numerous German controls, himself escorting numbers of escapers. If any question arose of hazard greater than usual, Lieutenant-Commander O'Leary carried out the work himself.

In March, 1943, he was betrayed to the Gestapo by a member of his group. Arrested, he was put to many forms of torture in an attempt to make him reveal the names, whereabouts and duties of the other members. He was put in a refrigerator for four hours, he was beaten continually, but never did he disclose information which could be of profit to the enemy. After more ferocious experiments the Germans gave him up as hopeless, and sent him to a Concentration Camp where he was once again the victim of torture. He was a prisoner in Mauthausen, Natzweiler, Neubremm and finally Dachau. He nearly lost his life in the Neubremm quarries, where he was beaten insensible.

Throughout his time in prison, Lieutenant-Commander O'Leary's courage never faltered. Numbers of prisoners have given evidence that his moral and physical influence and support saved their lives.

On his liberation from Dachau, Lieutenant-Commander O'Leary refused to leave the Camp, where he had been made "President" of all the prisoners (including some thousands of Russians), until he had ensured that all possible steps had been taken to ease the lot of his fellows. He was then given the opportunity to return to his family, but he insisted on proceeding to France, to trace the surviving members of his organisation, and to help them in any way he could.

From the time of inception until the end of the war, Lieutenant-Commander O'Leary's group was responsible for the rescue and successful return of over 600 British and American officers and men. It is now known that over 250 owe their safety directly to Lieutenant-Commander O'Leary, whose fortitude and determination matched every task and risk.

*Admiralty, Whitehall, S.W.1.*

*5th November, 1946.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to give unrestricted permission for the wearing of the following decorations bestowed by the President of the United States of America:

for service to the United States of America throughout the War:—

*Legion of Merit, Degree of Officer.*

Captain (Commodore First Class) Arthur Wellesley CLARKE, D.S.O., Royal Navy.

Acting Captain Archibald Maxwell HUTCHISON, O.B.E., Royal Navy.

Lieutenant-Colonel (Acting Colonel) Raymond Humphrey QUILL, D.S.O., M.V.O., Royal Marines.

Commander Kenneth Herman Salaman COHEN, C.M.G., Royal Navy.

Commander Seton Stuart Crichton MITCHELL, O.B.E., Royal Navy.

Temporary Acting Captain William Alexander DOUST, C.B.E., R.N.V.R.

*Legion of Merit, Degree of Legionnaire.*

Temporary Acting Commander Geoffrey  
TANDY, R.N.V.R.  
Lieutenant Peter Reginald George WORTH,  
D.S.C., Royal Navy.

*Bronze Star Medal.*

Commander Hugh Alfred HILL, O.B.E.,  
R.N.R.

*Medal of Freedom with Bronze Palm.*

Commander (S) Ralph Cooper HOLLING-  
WORTH, R.N.V.R.  
Lieutenant Commander Sir George Seymour  
Montagu POLLOCK, Bt., Royal Navy.

The KING has been graciously pleased to  
give unrestricted permission for the wearing  
of the following decorations bestowed by the  
President of the Czechoslovak Republic for  
service to Czechoslovakia during the War:

*Czechoslovak Military Cross.*

Acting Lieutenant Commander (Sp.) Alexander  
Richard GLEN, D.S.C., R.N.V.R.  
Temporary Sub-Lieutenant (Sp.) Adolf  
NAVRATIL, R.N.V.R.

The KING has been graciously pleased to  
give unrestricted permission for the wearing of  
the following decoration bestowed by His  
Majesty King George of the Hellenes for ser-  
vices during the War:

*Grand Cross (Military) of the Order of  
George I.*

Acting Admiral Viscount MOUNTBATTEN OF  
BURMA, G.C.V.O., K.C.B., D.S.O., A.D.C.

The KING has been graciously pleased to  
give unrestricted permission for the wearing of  
the following decorations bestowed by Her  
Majesty the Queen of the Netherlands:

for service to the Netherlands during the  
war:

*Officer in the Order of Orange-Nassau.*

Acting Commander (S) Philip Leslie JOHNS,  
Royal Navy (Rtd.).

for services to ships of the Royal  
Netherlands Navy based at Holyhead:

*Gold Medal of the Order of Orange Nassau.*

Chief Petty Officer Telegraphist Harry  
SEDGLEY, D/239909.

The following corrections are made:

In London Gazette Supplement No. 37598  
of 13th June 1946.

Page 2813.

For Engineerroom Artificer First Class William  
HUTCHINSON, P/MX.77260.

Read Engineerroom Artificer Fourth Class  
William HUTCHINSON, P/MX.717260.

In London Gazette Supplement No. 37603  
of 11th June 1946.

Page 2882.

For Chief Petty Officer Telegraphist Kenneth  
BARROW, D.S.M., C/JX.129635.

Read Chief Petty Officer Telegraphist Kenneth  
BARRON, D.S.M., C/JX.129635.

In London Gazette Supplement No. 37170  
of 10th July 1945.

Page 3558.

For Stoker First Class RAHMAN RANGANATHAN,  
15575.

Read Stoker First Class RAMANUNNI NAIR,  
15578.

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