across, but two of them were forced off the cause-way by the strong tide. The leader of the party returned to help the elder boy but in the struggle he too became exhausted. Margaret Vaughan (aged 14 years) saw from the beach the difficulties they were in. She undressed and swam towards them over a distance of some 30 yards in cold, rough water and against strong currents due to the rough water and against strong currents due to the rising tide. On reaching them she towed the boy to the shore while he supported himself by grasping the straps of her costume and his leader's coat. At about ten feet from the shore a life belt was thrown in which the boy was placed by the other two and the three reached the shore safely. Margaret Vaughan's action probably saved the life of the Scout leader as well as that of the elder boy.

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Scout leader as well as that of the elder boy. Meanwhile, John Howard Davies (aged 13 years) had safely reached the mainland when he saw that his friend, who was unable to swim, was being forced away from the causeway into deep water. He stripped to the waist and went back along the causeway to help him. By swimming out he was able to grasp his friend and hold him up in the water. Both boys shouted for help and it was obvious that they would not get ashore unaided. By this time a rescue boat had put out from the shore but Davies became exhausted by his efforts and before the boat could reach them he was forced to release his hold on his friend and they drifted and before the boat could reach them he was forced to release his hold on his friend and they drifted apart. The boat rescued the friend but no further sign of Davies was seen. His body was subsequently recovered. There is no doubt that in returning to the aid of his friend after he himself had reached safety Davies gave his life in this reserve attempt. erescue attempt.

Whitehall, November 1, 1949.

The KING has been pleased by Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual bearing date the 31st ultimo to appoint the Reverend William Deighton Hopkinson, B.A., to the Living of Holy Trinity, Short Heath, Willenhall, in the County of Stafford and Diocese of Lichfield, vacant by the death of the Reverend George John Percival Holmes,

Whitehall, November 1, 1949.

Under authority of a Royal Warrant the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, at Government House, Adelaide, on the 17th September, 1949, conferred the honour of Knighthood upon the Honourable Herbert Mayo, Senior Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court, State of South Australia.

(His Majesty's approval of this Knighthood was signified on the 10th June, 1948.)

Under authority of a Royal Warrant the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, at Government House, Perth, on the 20th September, C 1949, conferred the honour of Knighthood upon the Honourable Charles George Latham, Member of the Legislative Council, State of Western Australia.

(His Majesty's approval of this Knighthood was signified on the 10th June, 1948.)

Ministry of Labour and National Service, Factory Department,

8, St. James's Square, London, S.W.1.

22nd October, 1949.

The Chief*Inspector of Factories has appointed Dr. A. S. Smith to be appointed Factory Doctor under the Factories Acts, 1937 and 1948, for the Egremont District of the County of Cumberland. ۰ Dr.

SUPPLIES AND SERVICES. .. MOTOR FUEL.

The Minister of Fuel and Power hereby gives notice that he has made a statutory instrument entitled the Motor Fuel (Overseas Aircraft) Licence and Direction, 1949—S.I. 1949 No. 1980, copies of which may be purchased from H.M. Stationery Office or through any bookseller.

Ministry of Fuel and Power, 7, Millbank, London, S.W.1. 28th October, 1949.

Admiralty, Whitehall, S.W.1.

1st November, 1949.

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

For outstanding courage and devotion to duty in H.M.S. AMETHYST when she was fired upon by Chinese military forces while she was proceeding to Nanking on 20th April, 1949, and subsequently when forced to remain for three months in the Yangtze River under the constant watch of shore batteries until she made her daring escape down the River on the night of 30th-31st July, 1949:—

Distinguished Service Cross.

Lieutenant Peter Egerton Capel BERGER, Royal Navy.

Distinguished Service Medal.

Acting Petty D/JX_667520. Officer (Q.M.1) Leslie Frank, Engine Room Artificer Second Class Leonard Walter WILLIAMS, D/MX 55557.

Posthumous Mention in Despatches.

Surgeon Lieutenant John Michael ALDERTON, M.B., B.S., Royal Navy. Ordinary Seaman Reginald Jack WRIGHT, D/SSX 831955.

Mention in Despatches.

Lieutenant Keith Stewart HETT, Royal Navy.
Electrical Artificer Third Class Lionel Harry Chare,
D/MX 55237.
Petty Officer (C.1) William Henry Freeman,

etty Officer D/JX 149820.

Boy First Class Keith Cantrill MARTIN, D/JX 836190. Stores Petty Officer John Justin McCARTHY, D/MX 57988.

(Other awards to H.M.S. AMETHYST were published in the London Gazette No. 38604 of 6th May, 1949; and No. 38683 of 5th August, 1949.)

great courage when he was flown to H.M.S. AMETHYST on 21st April, 1949, and joined her under heavy fire. With great skill and untiring devotion to duty he rendered invaluable services to H.M.S. AMETHYST's wounded:

Distinguished Service Cross.

Flight Lieutenant Michael Edward FearnLey, 59425, Royal Air Force.

For outstanding courage and devotion to duty while serving in H.M. Ships LONDON, CONSORT, and BLACK SWAN during their attempts to assist H.M.S. AMETHYST while under very heavy gun-fire on 20th-21st April, 1949:

Bar to the Distinguished Service Order.

Captain Peter Grenville Lyon Cazalet, D.S.O., D.S.C., Royal Navy, H.M.S. LONDON.

To be a Companion of the Distinguished Service Order.

Commander Ian Greig Robertson, D.S.C., Royal Navy, H.M.S. CONSORT.

Distinguished Service Cross.

Mr. Reginald SMITH, Senior Commissioned Gunner, Royal Navy, H.M.S. LONDON.

Distinguished Service Medal.

Able Seaman Alan Earle DUDLEY, D/JX 315663, H.M.S. LONDON: Bandmaster Frederick George Harwood, R.M.B.X. 7368, Royal Marines, H.M.S. LONDON.
Leading Stoker Mechanic Tony Arthur Oliver Johnson, D/KX 98914, H.M.S. CONSORT.
Chief Petty Officer Henry William Robbuson, G.M., D/JX 133428, H.M.S. CONSORT.

Posthumous Mention in Despatches. Chief Writer Patrick Joseph Stowers, P/MX 59958, H.M.S. LONDON.

Mention in Despatches.

Lieutenant William Henry BONNER, Royal Navy, H.M.S. CONSORT.
Commander Richard George Wyndham Hare, O.B.E.,

Royal Navy.
Surgeon Lieutenant William Lewis Owen,
Ch.B., Royal Navy, H.M.S. BLACK SWAN.