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HONOURS AND AWARDS

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF
THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD
ST JAMES'S PALACE, LONDON S.W.1

29th June 1991

THE QUEEN has been graciously pleased to signify her intention of conferring a Peerage of the United Kingdom for Life upon the undermentioned in recognition of service within the operations in the Gulf:

Life Peer

To be a Baron:

Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir David CRAIG,
G.C.B., O.B.E., lately Chief of the Defence Staff.

NAVY DEPARTMENT

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF
THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD
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29th June 1991

THE QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the Distinguished Service Cross to the undermentioned in recognition of distinguished service within the operations in the Gulf:

Distinguished Service Cross

D.S.C.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (NAVY DEPARTMENT)

Commander Richard Jeffrey IBBOTSON,
Royal Navy.

Commander Ibbotson was the Commanding Officer of HMS *Hurworth*, during Operation Granby.

His ship was tasked with mine countermeasures in the North Persian Gulf in support of Amphibious Operations and Naval Bombardment against Iraqi strongholds in Kuwait. Operating well up threat he encountered dense areas of mining where both sophisticated ground and buoyant contact mines were present. Leading from the front and displaying outstanding professional qualities Commander Ibbotson countered the threat, cleared safe transit routes through the mine danger areas and continued clearance operations to within eight miles of the occupied Kuwaiti coastline. Knowingly operating within enemy missile and coastal artillery range he was, by nature of mine warfare, without a close escort; undaunted by this and despite coming under enemy fire on more than one occasion he pursued the objective with single minded purpose, earning the respect of all Gulf maritime forces in the process.

Commander Ibbotson displayed absolute devotion to duty, fortitude and immense courage in the presence of the enemy. He conducted himself in the highest traditions of the Service throughout the war.