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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

Lord Chamberlain's Office

St James Palace

10 April 1915

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointment to the Most Honourable Order of the Bath in recognition of the services of the undermentioned Officer during the chase of the German Cruisers Goeben and Breslau by H M S Gloucester on 6th and 7th August 1914 —

To be an additional Member of the Military Division of the Third Class or Companion

Captain William Archibald Howard Kelly Royal Navy

The report of the Gloucester shows that the Goeben could have caught and sunk her at any time had she dared to turn upon her. The Goeben was apparently deterred by the Gloucester's boldness which gave the impression of support close at hand. The combination of audacity with restraint, unswerving attention to the principal military object, namely holding on to the Goeben without tempt

ing her too much and strict conformity to order constitute a naval episode which may justly be regarded as a model

Admiralty 10th April 1915

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the grant of the Victoria Cross to Commander Henry Peel Ritchie Royal Navy for the conspicuous act of bravery specified below —

For most conspicuous bravery on the 28th November 1914 when in command of the searching and demolition operations at Dar es Salaam East Africa. Though severely wounded several times his fortitude and resolution enabled him to continue to do his duty inspiring all by his example until at his eighth wound he became unconscious. The interval between his first and last severe wound was between twenty and twenty five minutes.

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