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*Privy Council Office,  
23rd July, 1931.*

Notice is hereby given that a Petition has been presented to His Majesty in Council by The Cancer Hospital (Free) for the East End, praying for the grant of a SUPPLEMENTAL CHARTER; and that His Majesty having referred the said Petition to a Committee of the Lords of the Council, all petitions for or against such grant should be sent to the Privy Council Office on or before the 24th day of September next.

*Privy Council Office,  
23rd July, 1931.*

Notice is hereby given that a Petition has been presented to His Majesty in Council by The Royal National Life Boat Institution for the Preservation of Life from Shipwreck, praying for the grant of a SUPPLEMENTAL CHARTER; and that His Majesty having referred the said Petition to a Committee of the Lords of the Council, all Petitions for or against such grant should be delivered at the Privy Council Office, Whitehall, London, on or before the 24th September next.

#### CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

*St. James's Palace, S.W. 1,  
24th July, 1931.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the Award of the Medal of the Military Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire to the under-mentioned:—

*For Meritorious Service.*

Able Seaman Vincent Nagle, O.N. D/J. 92388.  
Able Seaman Edmund George Holt, O.N. P/J. 100203.

Able Seamen Nagle and Holt were in the fore part of the submarine when H.M.S. "Poseidon" was sunk by collision with the S.S. "Yuta" on the 9th June, 1931. Under the charge of Petty Officer Willis, they assisted in closing the door of the compartment, with themselves and others inside, as this step might mean saving the submarine.

When it was decided to flood the compartment to equalise the pressure and to attempt to escape with the Davis apparatus, Able Seaman Nagle passed the time in instructing the Chinese boy in the use of his apparatus, and was undoubtedly instrumental in saving his life.

The first two men to escape from the submarine were Able Seamen Lovock and Holt; the former came to the surface unconscious

and died immediately, but his body was supported by Able Seaman Holt, himself in a state of great exhaustion, until both were picked up by boats waiting on the scene.

Able Seaman Nagle came to the surface with three others at the second attempt.

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24th July, 1931.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the Award of the Medal of the Military Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire to the under-mentioned:—

*For Gallantry.*

No. 1006 Trooper Cyril Anthony Bayley, Surma Valley Light Horse, Auxiliary Force, India.

On the night of the 18th/19th April, a party of insurgents attacked the armoury at Chittagong, Bengal, and subsequently fled into the hills. During the afternoon of the 22nd April, 1930, information was received as to their whereabouts and a troop of the Surma Valley Light Horse and about 20 Eastern Frontier Rifles were despatched at once to the village of Jijiribahtali in motor cars.

After this force had moved into the jungle for about three quarters of a mile, the insurgents were found to be occupying a wooded hill. Trooper Bayley was in one of the two sections which were sent up on the left flank. Being the extreme left hand man himself, he worked round under heavy fire through the thick jungle to within about 30 yards of the insurgents' position, and succeeded in killing three of them, including one of their leaders, besides wounding several others. Bayley himself was not actually hit though his helmet was shot off his head.

*Admiralty, S.W.1, July, 1931.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the Albert Medal in Gold to Petty Officer (now Chief Petty Officer) Patrick Henry Willis, R.N., Official No. D/J. 19570.

The following is the account of the services in respect of which the decoration has been conferred:—

On the 9th June, 1931, H.M. Submarine "Poseidon" collided with a merchant ship and eventually sank as a result of the severe damage sustained.

After the collision occurred and the order "Close watertight doors" had been given, Petty Officer Willis took charge of the hands in the fore part, calling upon them to close the door of the torpedo compartment with those inside as this step might mean the saving of the submarine. The operation was difficult, as the bulkhead had buckled, but by their united efforts the door was eventually closed, leaving only a slight leak. Whilst this work was in progress the ship lurched to starboard and sank with heavy inclination by the bows. The electric light leads were all cut at the moment of the collision and from that time