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The KING having already been graciously pleased, after the first phase of the Battle, to give orders for the following appointments to the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, in recognition of the gallant and successful action with the "Admiral Graf Spee" (to be dated the 13th of December, 1939):—

To be an Additional Member of the Military Division of the Second Class, or Knights Commanders, of the said Most Honourable Order:

Rear-Admiral Henry Harwood Harwood, O.B.E., Commanding South American Division of the America and West Indies Station:

To be Additional Members of the Military Division of the Third Class, or Companions, of the said Most Honourable Order:—

Captain William Edward Parry, R.N., H.M.S. Achilles,

Captain Charles Henry Lawrence Woodhouse, R.N., H.M.S. Ajax,

Captain Frederick Secker Bell, R.N., H.M.S. Exeter;

An announcement to this effect was published on the 23rd of December in the Second Supplement to the London Gazette of Friday the 22nd of December, 1939.

His Majesty has now been further graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointments to the Distinguished Service Order for services in the same action:—

To be Companions of the Distinguished Service Order:

Captain Douglas H. Everett, M.B.E., Royal Navy, H.M.S. Ajax,

Commander Douglas M. L. Neame, Royal Navy, H.M.S. Achilles,

Commander Robert R. Graham, Royal Navy, H.M.S. Exeter;

who, as Commanders of their Ships, having done all they could during the long months of waiting to perfect their Ships and Ships' companies, so that they stood the test of battle, when the day for action came, heartened all by their readiness, example and encouragement.

Lieutenant Ian Dudley De'Ath, Royal Marines, H.M.S. Ajax;

who, in charge of a Turret when an 11-inch shell passed through the working chamber below, went at once to the hatch, which had been blown open and was giving out sparks and smoke, to find out the damage. He gave the orders needed to ensure the safety of ammunition and at once did what he could to bring the Turret into action again. He set a fine example of courage and presence of mind.