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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

St. James's Palace, S.W.1.
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The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the undermentioned appointments to the Fourth and Fifth Classes of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, for the following Awards of the Medal of the said Most Excellent Order, for Meritorious Service, and for the publication in the London Gazette of the names of Officers and Men of the Merchant Navy shown below as having received an expression of commendation for their good services.

To be an Additional Officer of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:—

Captain William Reid, Master, s.s. "Blackheath" (Messrs. Watts, Watts and Company, Ltd., London).

Captain Reid showed courage, resource and fine seamanship in operations on the Norwegian coast, when s.s. "Blackheath" was employed as store carrier for the military force operating from Namsos.

Awarded the Medal of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, for Meritorious Service:—

Elliot Allard, Gunlayer, s.s. "City of Brussels" (Brussels Steamship Company Ltd., London).

Commended:—

Captain Thomas Neilson Murray, Master,
A. W. Sinclair, Esq., Chief Officer,
Alec MacDonald, Esq., 2nd Officer,
Joseph Gallacher, Fireman,
Frederick Charles Webster, Fireman.

s. s. "City of Brussels" (Brussels Steamship Company Ltd., London).

S.S. "City of Brussels" was armed with a Lewis gun and a 12-pounder H.A. gun. After unloading cargo at Brussels she was attacked, at evening, by two enemy aircraft. Allard at once opened fire with the 12-pounder. The very first shot, bursting between the two machines, caused one of the aircraft to shoot up into the air and then to fall to the ground. The second aircraft, obviously damaged, rapidly lost height and was reported by several villagers also to have fallen. In this gallant action the gunlayer was ably supported by his loaders, Firemen Webster and Gallacher; the Master, the Chief and the Second Officers, by their unflinching courage and confidence during the attack, inspired the whole crew of the vessel.

To be an Additional Officer of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:—

Captain John Short Pinkney, Master, s.s. "Fylingdale" (Rowland and Marwood's Steamship Company, Ltd., Whitby).