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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 Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, for the following awards of the British Empire Medal, in the Merchant Navy and Fishing Fleet, and for the publication in the London Gazette of the names of those specially shown below as having received an expression of Commendation for their brave conduct.

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

Captain Charles Arkieson, Master.

During the winter campaign in the Western Desert the ship was continuously employed evacuating sick and wounded from Tobruk and she was often subjected to high and low level bombing attacks.

Throughout, the coolness and courage of Captain Arkieson inspired confidence and set an example to all on board.

When his ship was seriously damaged, it was due to his courage, resourcefulness and initiative that she was brought back safely to Alexandria.

Captain Walter Bird, Master.

When the ship was sunk by gun-fire from a Japanese submarine, the Master saw the ship's boats away from the ship and then embarked in a boat which he navigated to the Dutch East Indies. He saw his ship's company housed and the wounded attended to. Then, with six volunteers, he set out in a ship's lifeboat for Ceylon. On the 24th day of the passage he was rescued by a Greek vessel being then off Madras.

The successful outcome of a voyage of such a length in an open boat and without proper navigational instruments, is a striking testimony of the Master's courage, seamanship and powers of leadership.

Captain Ernest Marriott, Master.

The ship was in convoy in the Far East, and was a principal target of attacks by Japanese aircraft. Continuous dive-bombing attacks were made but the superb seamanship and tactical sense of her Master, who made the best possible use of the high manoeuvrability of his ship, brought her safely through. The vessel's guns were used to such good effect that she certainly damaged and may well have destroyed more than one of the enemy.

Captain William Turnbull, Master.

Twice on the same day the ship, while making an independent voyage, sighted an enemy submarine. The second time it was clear that an attack was imminent. The Master sounded the alarm, and ordered everyone to action stations. The enemy opened fire and the ship replied. Her shooting was so good that she almost certainly damaged the enemy who, when last seen that day, had ceased fire with her main gun. Next morning the submarine was again sighted. The ship opened fire and the enemy moved off and was soon out of sight.

It was due to the Master's resolute courage and seamanship that the ship was saved.

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

Edward Charles Miller, Esq., Chief Engineer Officer.

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

Stanley White Robinson, Esq., Third Engineer Officer.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

George Brittain, Fireman.

For brave conduct and devotion to duty during the passage of a convoy to North Russia,