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**CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.**

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1.*

*24th November, 1942.*

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

Clarence Jackson, Esq., Chief Engineer Officer.

During a heavy bombing attack which damaged the ship and put out all lights, great gallantry and devotion to duty was shown by the Chief Engineer. Immediately the attack was over, he led his staff below and, within eight minutes, had made essential repairs and got the machinery restarted.

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

Captain Ernest Bertie Ingram, Master.

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

Reginald Edward Slinn, Esq., Chief Officer.

Geoffrey Thorpe-Smith, Esq., Second Engineer Officer.

*Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—*

Hugo Isberg, Boatswain.

Charles Noel Owen, Able Seaman.

During the passage of his ship to Malta the Master handled her with superb skill and determination. While discharging cargo at Valetta, the ship was severely bombed.

The Chief Officer who had shown high courage and determination throughout the passage fought the fire after the ship had been hit in harbour. The Second Engineer Officer gave a fine example in his department,

ensuring that all necessary work was done with speed and efficiency. The Boatswain, although wounded, remained at his gun until he fainted. He and Able Seaman Owen, who also served at this gun, scored a direct hit on a torpedo bomber.

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

Captain David John Williams, Master.

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

Bernard Beavis, Esq., Chief Officer.

*Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—*

Eugene Bergstrom, Carpenter.

When sailing alone, the ship was attacked by Japanese aircraft with torpedoes and bombs for over two hours. She was handled with great skill by her Master and her armament was used to good effect. Although she evaded all attacks by torpedo carriers, she was hit by a bomb and set on fire. By the persistence and courage of her fire-fighting parties, well led by the Chief Officer and Carpenter, she was saved.

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

Eric Reginald Pearce, Esq., Chief Officer.

Michael Bernard Millington Tallack, Esq., First Officer.

John Leslie Anson, Esq., Second Officer.

*Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—*

Miss Maria Elizabeth Ferguson, Passenger.

John Andrew Gray, Boatswain.

The ship was struck by torpedoes and sank in about an hour. The organisation and discipline throughout were excellent. The Chief Officer displayed outstanding leadership both during the abandonment of the vessel and in the boat journey which followed. He maintained steady discipline and kept everyone in good heart. The First Officer who had been among the last on board