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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS
OF KNIGHTHOOD.

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1.
2nd March, 1943.*

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 Commander of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:—

Captain Charles Fox, Master.

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

Stanley Salter Burnand (Lt.-Cmdr., R.N.R., Retd.), Staff Commander.

Richard James Craddock, Esq., First Officer.

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

Robert Sharpe Harvey, Esq., Second Engineer Officer.

John Waugh, Esq., Assistant Second Engineer Officer.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Michael Murrin, Greaser.

Arthur James Spence, Boilermaker.

The ship, sailing alone, was torpedoed. At the time a moderate gale was blowing

and the sea was rough with a very heavy swell. Later the ship was again torpedoed, and the Master decided to get away the passengers and the majority of the crew in the boats. Those remaining on board made valiant efforts to save the ship but they were frustrated by further attacks and she finally sank about three hours after the first attack. As the ship was sinking, the Master and the crew remaining on board abandoned her.

In his determined efforts to save his ship, the Master showed great courage and leadership of a high order. He was the last to leave and assisted two men to safety when swimming towards a raft.

The Staff Commander was conspicuous for his great coolness and courage. He was responsible for the able manner in which the ship's organisation functioned during the abandonment. This, and his attention to detail, contributed greatly to the saving of many lives.

The First Officer displayed exceptional skill and leadership. He did good work in rounding up the boats and, after nursing them through the heavy weather, finally piloted them safely to a rescue vessel.

The engine-room staff carried out their work with steadfastness and determination. It called for sustained courage to remain below in the crippled ship, knowing well the likelihood of further attack and the hopelessness of the situation had the machinery spaces been struck.

Mr. Harvey's coolness and courage inspired the engine-room and boiler-room staff.

Mr. Waugh displayed outstanding devotion to duty, remaining in the engine-room throughout the attacks.

Boilermaker Spence and Greaser Murrin also showed courage and devotion to duty.