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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1.
3rd August, 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 Additional Officers of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:—

Captain Neil MacFadyen, Master.
Neil Kennedy, Esq., Chief Engineer Officer.

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

George Anderson Weir, Esq., Chief Officer.
Peter Dickson Lochtie, Esq., Second Engineer Officer.
Edward McCutcheon, Esq., Third Engineer Officer.

When the ship, sailing in convoy, was torpedoed, the weather was bad, with high wind and heavy seas. The damage was severe, with steering gear wrecked and parts of the ship flooded, but the Master decided that his ship could be saved and the crew worked throughout the night effecting repairs and got the vessel into navigable condition. She could not rejoin the convoy and, sailing alone, she was brought safely to port under her own steam.

It was due to the Master's indomitable spirit and determination that this crippled ship, without an escort and with only one

boat on board, was brought to safety after a voyage of several days through dangerous waters.

The Chief Engineer Officer showed splendid qualities of courage and leadership. He remained below while the vessel was completely exposed to enemy attack and effected necessary repairs.

The Second and Third Engineer Officers displayed outstanding bravery. When the ship was hit they volunteered, at great personal risk, to go below into the engine-room, which was full of scalding steam from a fractured pipe, in order to get to the stop valves.

The Chief Officer behaved with great courage and coolness throughout, his efficient organisation and leadership assisting materially in bringing the ship to safety.

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

Captain Guy Stanley Kent, Master.

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

George Bray, Esq., Second Officer.
Percy Hammonds, Esq., Junior Engineer Officer.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Clifford Pope, Able Seaman.
The ship was sailing in convoy when another vessel was torpedoed and had her stern blown off. Although there was a heavy swell running the Master put his engines full astern and backed down towards the stricken ship. In eight minutes she had disappeared. Although some of the survivors were able to