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

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1,
12th October, 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 Wilfred Geoffrey Perrin, Master.
Robert Brown Baillie, Esq., Chief Engineer Officer.

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

Alexander Howard Anderson, Esq., Chief Officer.
Andrew Henry MacDonald Gill, Esq., Third Officer.
Alexander Campbell Oliphant, Esq., Second Engineer Officer.

For dangerous work in hazardous circumstances.

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

John Graham, Esq., Chief Engineer Officer.

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

Andrew Storm Nellist, Chief Steward.

The ship sailed in a convoy which suffered heavy submarine and air attack. She

reached port safely and performed particularly valuable service in northern waters, during which time she was subjected to further severe air attacks.

The Chief Engineer Officer displayed outstanding courage throughout the hazardous and difficult voyage. His organisation and efficiency contributed materially to its successful completion.

The Chief Steward was conspicuous throughout and he carried out his duties with courage, efficiency and cheerfulness in very trying conditions.

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

N. Ananthan Nair, Esq., Second Radio Officer.

The ship, sailing in convoy, was heavily attacked by three Japanese cruisers. She was repeatedly hit and the wireless was put out of action. As the ship was listing violently and sinking, orders for abandonment were given. The crew got away in two lifeboats and on rafts. Another boat floated clear from the ship and the survivors were divided among the three boats which made land some 30 hours later.

The Second Radio Officer displayed great courage and coolness whilst the ship was under shell fire and remained at his post until the last. After the vessel sank, many of the crew were clinging to pieces of wreckage in the shark infested waters and Mr. Nair, disregarding the dangers, plunged overboard from his boat and brought several of the men to safety.

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

John Clarence Bentley, Esq., Second Engineer Officer.