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

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1.  
13th June, 1944.*

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:—*

James Doig Ford, Esq., Chief Engineer Officer.

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

Douglas Goodall, Esq., Fourth Engineer Officer.

John Glendinning, Esq., Third Radio Officer.

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

Arja Dulla X Erzullah, Engine Room Serang.

The ship, sailing alone, was torpedoed and sank in about three minutes. Owing to the heavy swell and the rapid sinking only one boat and two rafts got clear.

The Chief Engineer Officer, who was in charge of the boat, displayed great courage, coolness and leadership and he brought the occupants to safety after a voyage of 19 days. He was given very valuable assistance by Arja Dulla X Erzullah who showed outstanding courage, initiative and devotion to duty and whose willingness and cheerfulness set an excellent example during the long and trying boat voyage.

The Fourth Engineer Officer showed great courage, fortitude and endurance. He was

on one of the rafts which was almost without food and water. He caught fish by hand and collected rainwater and it was due to his efforts that he and his two companions were kept alive until they were rescued after 23 days.

The Third Radio Officer also displayed great courage and high qualities of leadership. Although untrained for such responsibilities, he took charge of the second raft, supervised the issue of rations and, by his organisation and example, greatly helped the other occupants of the raft through their ordeal of 18 days adrift.

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

Hugh Allan Jones, Apprentice.

The ship was hit by torpedoes and set on fire. Within two minutes the whole of the midships section was burning fiercely. Abandonment was ordered and rafts and boats were got away with most of the crew who were picked up shortly afterwards.

Apprentice Jones displayed great courage and fortitude. After the ship had been sunk he manned one of the oars of his boat and carried on throughout the night without complaint. In the morning it was found that one of his arms was broken.

**COMMENDATIONS.**

Those named below have been Commended for brave conduct when their ships encountered enemy ships, submarines, aircraft or mines:—

Robert McKinley Aitkenhead, Esq., Sixth Engineer Officer.

Michael Byrne (deceased), Greaser.

Alexander Duncan, Apprentice.

John Rundle Hellyar, Esq., Third Engineer Officer.

Captain John Clifford Mellonie, Master.

Arthur John Richings, Esq., Fifth Engineer Officer.

John Alexander Skakle, Esq., Second Engineer Officer.