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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:—*

Captain John Henry Colvin, Master.

The ship, which was at a Russian port for a long period, was subjected to constant attacks by enemy aircraft, being bombed nearly every night in addition to day raids.

The Master displayed outstanding courage and coolness throughout this trying and strenuous time. It was due to his leadership and example that the ship put up an excellent defence which undoubtedly did much to prevent the enemy from scoring direct hits or seriously damaging the vessel. Captain Colvin has rendered outstanding service in the vital work of supplying armaments to Russia. He had the Commodore on board his ship when outward bound and himself acted as Commodore on the homeward passage.

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

Captain Lawrence Bruce Anderson, Master.

A vessel was torpedoed when sailing in a coastal convoy which was attacked by "E" boats. She sank rapidly and many of the crew had to jump into the water. Two torpedoes were fired at another ship in the convoy but, by prompt and skilful evasive action, these were avoided and, in the midst of the enemy attack, Captain Anderson then manœuvred his ship close to the rapidly

sinking vessel. A boat was launched and survivors were picked up. After a thorough search for more survivors, the ship proceeded at full speed to rejoin the convoy, which was contacted four hours later and port made without loss of time.

Captain Anderson displayed exceptional courage, coolness and seamanship.

Wilfred Harold Hackworthy, Esq., Chief Radio Officer.

Mr. Hackworthy has been in charge of radio apparatus in ships since 1941, and has shown the utmost zeal and efficiency in his work. The great skill displayed by the Chief Radio Officer during Atlantic convoys has contributed to their safe passage.

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

Herbert Thomas Stamp, Able Seaman.

When an American vessel was mined and sunk, the ship immediately went to the assistance of the personnel.

Able Seaman Stamp displayed outstanding courage in these rescue operations. When it was found that those in a lifeboat were unable to make fast the line passed to them by the ship, he clambered down the nets into the boat, and, after making it fast, helped the occupants to the nets and ladders. One of the survivors was semi-conscious and fell back into the swamped boat with his head under water. Stamp immediately went to his aid but in so doing was thrown overboard. He pulled himself back and, with great difficulty, lifted the survivor's head out of the water and made a line fast round him so that he could be hoisted aboard. Able Seaman Stamp's courageous and prompt action undertaken without thought of self, was instrumental in saving a number of lives.

Arthur William Street, Assistant Steward.

When the ship was attacked by enemy aircraft she was severely damaged and many of the lifeboats were rendered unserviceable. The vessel became a mass of flames and she sank some hours later.

Assistant Steward Street showed great courage and devotion to duty. After taking