

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

Captain George Philip Parkinson, Master.  
George Henry Fairlem, Esq., Chief Engineer Officer.

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

Thomas Richard Windus, Esq., Chief Officer.

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

James Smith, Boatswain.

The ship, sailing in convoy, was torpedoed and badly damaged, and she began to flood rapidly. In view of this and the possibility of further attack, orders were given for the crew to leave the ship and stand by in the boats. Half an hour later the Master and several of the crew reboarded the vessel and after further examination it was decided to attempt to save her. The remainder of the crew returned to the ship, which proceeding at reduced speed under her own power and with pumps going to cope with the flooding, was eventually brought to land and beached. The bulk of the cargo was saved, however, and the ship, which was refloated and repaired, is now back in commission.

The Master showed exceptional courage, coolness and leadership and, by his determination and judgment, brought his ship safely to land.

The Chief Engineer Officer also displayed outstanding courage and skill. By his tireless efforts and efficient control in the engine-room, although the ship was badly damaged and a target for attack, he contributed materially to the eventual saving of the vessel.

The Chief Officer acted with coolness and courage of a high order. With the Master and six other volunteers he reboarded the ship and by his determination did much to save her.

Boatswain Smith displayed courage and devotion to duty and his exemplary behaviour was an inspiration to all. In spite of the difficulties and the danger of further attack he was one of the first to reboard the ship and he played a leading part throughout.

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

Norman Edmund Longthorpe, Able Seaman.

The ship, whilst sailing in convoy, was severely damaged by enemy action. All the crew, some of whom were injured, eventually got away from the sinking ship and were taken on board an escort ship nearby.

Able Seaman Longthorpe displayed outstanding courage and coolness. Although he had the opportunity of getting away in the boat, he declined to leave and went to the assistance of his injured shipmates. The ship was breaking up but despite this he persisted in his rescue efforts and his action, undertaken without thought of his own safety, helped greatly in the saving of a number of lives.

COMMENDATIONS.

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

Richard Stoker Allan, Esq., Junior Third Engineer Officer.

Mohamed Yeacooob X Ekaram Alee, Senior Steward.

Thomas James Frederick Baker, Esq., Second Radio Officer.

Captain William Charles Barnes, Master.

Alexander Black, Esq., O.B.E., Chief Engineer Officer.

Captain Theodore Blanch, Master.

Jack Bright, Esq., Chief Officer.

Harry Francis Charles Broomfield, Esq., Radio Officer.

Seediq Ahmad X Abdul Cadar, Deck Serang.

Leicester Melbourne Edward Calvert, Esq., Senior Fourth Engineer Officer.

Dennis Thomas Cowan, Second Steward.

Charles Culpitt, Esq., Second Engineer Officer.

Edward John Cumming, Esq., Chief Refrigerating Engineer Officer.

Roderick Webster Currie, Esq., Senior Radio Officer.

William Cowen Currie, Chief Steward.

George Douglas, Esq., Senior Second Engineer Officer.

Louis James Evans, Chief Steward.

William Henry Wilkinson - Ferguson, Apprentice.

Douglas Thomas Gilham, Assistant Steward.

Geoffrey Reginald Veriour Hardy, Esq., Third Radio Officer.

Thomas Heddles, Pumpman.

Charles Walton Hodgson, Esq., First Radio Officer.

Albert George Linden, Esq., Chief Officer.

Eric Vincent Mace, Apprentice.

Kenneth Stuart Marsh, Esq., Second Officer.

William Sydney Mutimer, Esq., Third Officer.

Captain Frederick John Muttitt, M.B.E., Master.

Alfred Newman, Able Seaman.

Oscar Olsen, Esq., Second Officer.

John Edward Phillips, Boatswain.

Murdoch Mackenzie Ramsay, Esq., Chief Officer.

Edwin James Ridout, Esq., Second Officer.

James Rowan, Storekeeper.

Peter Ambrose Rucklidge, Esq., Third Officer.

James Ernest Saunders, Esq., Radio Officer.

Arnold Thompson Stratton, Able Seaman.

Joseph Edward Thompson, Donkeyman.

Robert Frederick James Wildman, Able Seaman.

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

St. James's Palace, S.W.1.

11th July, 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 award of the British Empire Medal, and for the publication in the London Gazette of the names of the persons specially shown below as having