

Chief Stoker William Edward McFarlane,
P/KX.76763,
Stoker Petty Officer William Leslie Moore,
D/KX.81926,
Acting Petty Officer Frederick William Cox,
R.N.P.S., LT/JX.170698,
Leading Stoker John Edward Shrigley, C/KX.
96092,
Leading Steward Antonio Ronayne, Malta/LX.
23255,
Leading Cook (O) William John Skidmore,
C/MX.84277,
Able Seaman George Southern, P/JX.326202,
Seaman John James Orgles, LT/JX.243246,
Ordinary Seaman Peter Thomas Frank
Bickmore, P/JX.389145 (Chigwell),
for courage, skill and untiring devotion to
duty in fire-fighting, rescue work and
salvage operations during and after a heavy
air raid on Bari.

Rigger's Mate William Aitchison, R/JX.
242107,
Rigger's Mate Hugh Kane, R/JX.180943,
for coolness and disregard of danger in
transferring the wounded from H.M.S.
Spartan to H.M.S. Barndale.

Temporary Acting Petty Officer Maurice Oliver
Bruce, P/JX.165598 (Stockton-on-Tees),
for outstanding service in fire-fighting
when a defensively equipped merchant ship
carrying explosives caught fire.

ADMIRALTY.

Whitehall.

11th July, 1944.

The KING has been graciously pleased to
give orders for the following appointments to
the Distinguished Service Order and to approve
the following awards:—

For bravery in attempting to save life at
sea:

The Albert Medal (Posthumous).

Temporary Sub-Lieutenant (A) George
McHardy, R.N.V.R. (East Finchley, N.2).
Sick Berth Attendant Ivor Thomas Griffiths,
D/MX.93880 (Gyffyllog, near Ruthin, Den-
bighshire).

When an aircraft crashed while landing on
H.M.S. Illustrious and came to rest with the
engine on the flight deck and the tail on
top of a pom-pom gun, petrol began to pour
from the wreck and within two minutes an
explosion was followed by fire.

Within those two minutes Sub-Lieutenant
McHardy, who had himself only just landed
on, and Sick Berth Attendant Griffiths, who
was a member of a party detailed for medical
duties on the flight deck, climbed on to the
aircraft in an attempt to free the pilot,
although both were well aware of the extreme
risk they were running. They were killed by
the explosion that followed.

For gallant and distinguished services in
most hazardous operations:

To be a Companion of the Distinguished Service Order.

Temporary Lieutenant Kenneth John
MacKenzie, R.N.V.R.

For outstanding courage, skill and devotion
to duty in successful patrols in one of H.M.
Submarines:

To be a Companion of the Distinguished Service Order.

Lieutenant Robert Boyd, D.S.C., Royal Navy
(Belfast).

The Distinguished Service Cross.

Lieutenant Donald Rupert Wilson, R.A.N.V.R.
(Sydney).

The Distinguished Service Medal.

Acting Chief Petty Officer Arthur Willoughby,
P/J.109024 (Portsmouth).
Chief Engine Room Artificer Cecil Broadbent,
D/MX.55525 (Huddersfield).
Petty Officer George Frederick Sims, D/J.
111989 (Birkenhead).
Leading Stoker Robert Wareing, D/KX.97075
(Colne).
Acting Leading Stoker Russell Denis Robins,
D/JX.139799 (Caerleon).
Able Seaman George Bird, C/JX.236852
(Bradford).

Mention in Despatches.

Lieutenant John Oldham Coote, Royal Navy
(London).
Stoker Petty Officer Peter Sidney Scott, C/KX.
84585 (London).
Able Seaman Thomas Charles Gerard O'Hara,
P/JX.183348 (Hove).
Able Seaman Douglas Oldham, P/JX.261942
(Burslem).
Stoker First Class Donald Frederick Grout,
C/SKX.1591 (Braintree).

For undaunted courage, resolution and skill
while operating from H.M. Ships Emperor,
Searcher and Furious in air attacks on enemy
shipping in Northern waters:

Bar to the Distinguished Service Cross.

Temporary Lieutenant (A) Blyth Ritchie,
D.S.C., R.N.V.R. (Uddingston, Lanark).

The Distinguished Service Cross.

Temporary Sub-Lieutenant (A) John Geoffrey
Devitt, R.N.V.R. (Birkenhead).

Mention in Despatches (Posthumous).

Temporary Sub-Lieutenant (A) Robert Arthur
Cranwell, R.N.Z.N.V.R. (Auckland).

Mention in Despatches.

Lieutenant John Arthur Cotching, D.S.C.,
R.N.R. (Warlingham).
Temporary Lieutenant (A) Walter John
Sheppard, R.N.V.R. (Banwell).
Temporary Lieutenant (A) William Stanley
Edney, R.N.Z.N.V.R. (Detroit).
Temporary Lieutenant (A) Courtney St. George,
R.N.Z.N.V.R. (Auckland).
Temporary Sub-Lieutenant (A) John Austin
Grant, R.N.V.R. (Knaphill).
Temporary Sub-Lieutenant (A) George Edward
Green, R.N.V.R. (Wellington).
Temporary Sub-Lieutenant (A) Kenneth
Bertram Pearson, R.N.V.R. (London).