

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS
OF KNIGHTHOOD.*St. James's Palace, S.W.1.*

15th May, 1945.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the British Empire Medal (Military Division) to:—

Petty Officer William CULLEN, C/JX.294207,
Petty Officer Joseph Muirhead NEILSON, C/JX.
320294.

Petty Officer Charles WEBB, D/JX.356626,
Leading Seaman Sidney John Victor COOK,
C/JX.294498,

Leading Seaman George Stredwick STEELE,
P/J.93462,

Able Seaman Guy CARR, P/JX.170645,

Able Seaman Douglas James DOWNER, P/JX.
326436,

Able Seaman James Ralph LESLIE, P/JX.
323330,

Able Seaman Terence Charles SOLDIER, P/JX.
515657,

Able Seaman John Beet SWARBRICK, P/JX.
223035,

Corporal (Temporary) John GRUNDY, Ply.X.
101726 (Whiston),

Corporal (Temporary) Walter THOM, Po.X.
107028 (Glasgow),

Marine (Acting Temporary Corporal) Alexander
Gunning MUIR, Po.X.110265 (Chelmsford),

Ordinary Seaman Douglas Walter BRUCE-
JONES, P/JX.428462,

Ordinary Seaman Kenneth HARDEN, P/JX.
632824,

Ordinary Seaman John Goodwin McDONALD,
P/JX.632764,

Marine Albert Henry THOMPSON, Po.X.101491
(Newark),

Marine George Harold WARREN, Po.X.115137
(Farnsfield),

for gallantry and skill in mine-searching
and clearing operations in the ports of Nor-
mandy and the Low Countries following the
invasion of France.

ADMIRALTY.

Whitehall.

15th May, 1945.

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

For gallantry in saving life:

The Albert Medal in Gold (Posthumous).

Sick Berth Attendant Arturo FANCONI, C/MX.
554517.

On 28th June, 1944, Fanconi was sum-
moned to help men wounded by mines at
Quineville in Normandy. He at once ran
almost half a mile and went through what
later proved to be a field of anti-personnel
mines to reach them.

He applied tourniquets and bandages; then,
with help, carried two patients out of the
drive which was the scene of the incident.
This was a tiring and difficult task as it
entailed hugging a wall all the way. Fanconi
was on the more dangerous side throughout.

While the rescue party were considering
how best to help a third man who lay some
distance within the minefield, another mine
burst beneath the rubble on which they
stood. This killed one helper and wounded

Fanconi and another. Despite this, Fanconi
tried to collect his scattered medical kit and
to help his comrade. He had to crawl to do
so, and was in great pain.

In his attempt, he exploded a further mine
which blew off one of his feet. The explosion
hurled him into the air, and when he fell he
set off a third mine which severed his other
foot. A Corporal made every effort to help
him, but the kit was now of little use and
Fanconi could not be saved.

All who had witnessed his selfless courage,
his speed and skill in giving aid to others,
all the while exposing himself to immediate
danger, were inspired by his great example.

For courage, skill and determination while
serving in H.M. Ships Portchester Castle,
Helmsdale, Braithwaite, Lock Eck, Loch
Dunvegan and Bayntun in attacks on enemy
submarines:

*To be a Companion of the Distinguished
Service Order:*

Commander Peter William BURNETT, D.S.C.,
Royal Navy (West Kirby).

Bar to the Distinguished Service Cross.

Lieutenant-Commander Ronald Clifford
FREAKER, D.S.O., D.S.C., R.N.R. (Liver-
pool).

Lieutenant-Commander Leo Patrick BOURKE,
D.S.C., R.D., R.N.Z.N.R. (Auckland,
N.Z.).

The Distinguished Service Cross.

Commander Edward WHEELER, R.D., R.N.R.
(Liverpool).

Lieutenant-Commander Percival John STONER,
Royal Navy (Horsham).

Lieutenant Alexander Gordon SCOTT, R.N.R.
(Aberdeen).

Temporary Sub-Lieutenant Brian Gifford
PENNINGTON, R.N.R. (Warrington).

Temporary Sub-Lieutenant Benjamin Victor
MUIR, R.N.V.R. (Colwyn Bay).

Temporary Sub-Lieutenant Dennis Ewart
WATKINSON, R.N.V.R. (London).

Temporary Sub-Lieutenant William Kerr
WEBSTER, R.N.Z.N.V.R. (New Plymouth,
N.Z.).

The Distinguished Service Medal.

Chief Engine Room Artificer David STORMS,
D/MX.49741 (Dartmouth).

Petty Officer Sydney Henry James ALDAM,
C/X.20310A (London, S.E.16).

Petty Officer Robert GOLDSMITH, C/JX.136270
(Gillingham).

Temporary Petty Officer Harold Paul BUNT,
D/J.115431 (St. Ives).

Acting Temporary Petty Officer Telegraphist
Raymond Albert McKEOUGH, P/SSX.30506
(Maidstone).

Temporary Stoker Petty Officer Edwin KIRBY,
P/KX.84903 (Middlesbrough).

Acting Electrical Artificer Fourth Class Stanley
Charles KENDALL, P/MX.98523 (Coventry).

Leading Seaman Leslie Douglas PARRISH,
D/JX.148962 (Bolton, Yorks.).

Leading Seaman John TRIGGS, D/SSX.26162
(Rathcoursey, Eire).

Temporary Leading Seaman David George
GLOVER, D/JX.160026 (Sanderstead).

Temporary Leading Seaman Harold Ernest
NORMAN, D/JX.196944.