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

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

*23rd October, 1945.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointments to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:

*To be Additional Officers of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order:*

Major (Acting Lieutenant Colonel) Kenneth Langton Macdonald COOPER, Royal Marines, for inspiring leadership, courage and efficiency whilst in command of the 3rd H.A.A. Regiment, R.M., for a period of over four years.

He has performed with outstanding distinction an important part in keeping open the Port of Antwerp, coming as a fitting culmination to a very long and successful tenure of command.

Temporary Major (Acting Temporary Lieutenant Colonel) Hugh LINDSAY, Royal Marines,

for outstanding example, leadership and efficiency whilst in command of the 4th L.A.A. Regiment, R.M. Shortly after Lieutenant Colonel Lindsay took command, his Regiment was deployed in defence of the Port of Antwerp during February and March 1945. The high standard displayed by the Regiment during this critical period was largely due to his example and made a considerable contribution to the defence of the Port.

Major (Acting Lieutenant Colonel) Thomas Kelly WALKER, Royal Marines,

for inspiring leadership, organisation and efficiency in forming and training an infantry battalion within three months. The battalion went into training in January, 1945, and the following April relieved a sector of the River Maas. Numerous offensive patrols were made across the river and on the night of April 22nd the enemy were evicted from Alem Island and the Heerevaarden Isthmus.

*To be Additional Members of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order:*

Temporary Lieutenant Trevor Lancaster HUGHES, Royal Marines.

Temporary Captain (Acting Temporary Major) Walter Hardy MCEWAN, Royal Marines, for courage, leadership and determination whilst serving with the Allied Armies in the defence of Antwerp and the invasion of Holland.

Lieutenant Cyril Bramwell Arnold ABRAHAM-THOMAS, R.I.N.V.R.,

for marked skill, courage and leadership in organising the salvage of three Catalina aircraft and one training plane, and the recovery of depth charges under very hazardous conditions in Red Hills Lake, Madras, during November 1944.

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The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the George Medal to the undermentioned:—

Temporary Lieutenant James Verdon STEELE, R.N.V.R.

When a "Biber" Midget Submarine was being brought into Dover on January 8th, 1945, the tow-line parted and it sank making location very difficult. As it was the first of its type to be recovered instructions had been given that it had to be raised at all costs and Lieutenant Steele showed great courage and initiative in carrying out this extremely hazardous operation.

When the submarine had at last been located and brought into shallow water, it was found to have one torpedo on board which was in the dangerous position and not set to safe. As any small slip or jolt to the submarine might have released the torpedo and caused it to fire, Lieutenant Steele took very great precaution in lifting it. Moreover the pistol was found to be