

greater part being carried out in darkness. It was due to Commander Paul's seamanship and skill that two of H.M. Ships, both seriously damaged, were saved from total loss.

Captain William Halford SELBY, D.S.C., Royal Navy, H.M.S. SAUMAREZ.

When on 22nd October, 1946, H.M.S. SAUMAREZ struck a mine in the North channel, Corfu, the explosion occurred just forward of the bridge, causing heavy casualties and starting a major fire. The ship lost all power, and drifted close to the Albanian shore. After an interval, steam was raised again, and Captain Selby was able to turn his ship stern to wind, to begin fire-fighting, and to secure a tow provided by H.M.S. VOLAGE. Later, H.M.S. VOLAGE was also mined, and slipped the tow, but afterwards another tow was passed, and the ships proceeded stern first to Corfu Roads. Still later an emergency lead was run from the VOLAGE, and the fire was got under control with the help of this, and of parties from other ships. The vessels arrived in Corfu Roads some twelve hours after the first explosion.

Although badly shaken and bruised, Captain Selby, by his leadership, example and cheerful devotion to duty, encouraged his ship's company in their efforts to save their vessel and to extinguish the fire. Thereafter he remained on duty for a further two days, until ordered to report sick.

*The Distinguished Service Cross.*

Temporary Sub-Lieutenant Donald LUTON, R.N.V.R.

for courage and skill shown while commanding H.D.M.L. 1333 in a two-day patrol in Sumatra in March 1946, in the course of which his craft was constantly under heavy small arms and machine gun fire at close range from hostile forces.

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Lieutenant-Commander Alexander TYSON, Royal Navy.  
 Temporary Lieutenant-Commander (Sp.) Anthony John LELAND, O.B.E., R.N.V.R.  
 Acting Temporary Lieutenant-Commander (A) John Allen YOUNG, R.N.V.R.  
 Acting Temporary Lieutenant (Sp.) James Sibley ENGLISH, R.N.V.R.  
 Temporary Sub-Lieutenant John Alastair Mackenzie PITCAIRN, R.N.V.R.  
 Air Artificer (4) William Noel LEACH, FX.76905.  
 Seaman A. E. ESSERY, LT/JX.355760.  
 Able Seaman L. G. HEWITSON.

for good services in the Far East during operations in the Netherlands East Indies following the surrender of the Japanese.

Engine Room Artificer T. FORSTER, P/MX. 49187.

for devotion to duty in the last action of H.M.S. LI WO, sunk by overwhelming Japanese forces on 14th February, 1942.

*Mention in Despatches (Posthumous).*

Able Seaman Keith MAYOR, D/JX.363471.

for great fortitude and resolution while in the hands of the Germans, from the time of his capture in 1943 to the time of his death at Belsen in April 1945.

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