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25th November, 1947.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the Albert Medal for gallantry in saving life at sea to:—

Leading Seaman Phillip Robert Stevens MAY,
CSP/R.225814.

H.M. Cable Ship ST. MARGARETS was lying at Hay Wharf, Malta on 20th June 1947 when a Chief Petty Officer, entering No. 2 cable tank, was overcome by gas. The First Lieutenant, the Boatswain, and four ratings entered the tank to rescue him and were themselves all overcome.

Leading Seaman May then entered the tank, and, in a series of rescues, secured a line with a timber hitch round each of the seven men, so enabling them to be hauled on deck. He did this by taking deep breaths, and holding them. Speed was essential, and to have waited for apparatus would have been fatal. He made six separate attempts and although the first victim of the gas died later, he was able to save the lives of all those who had followed him.

After his third venture, Leading Seaman May was himself so exhausted by the fumes and exertion that a ship-mate offered to relieve him, but he himself was overcome and required to be rescued. May therefore continued his gallant work single handed until the task was completed. Seven men owe their lives to his selfless bravery and determination.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards:—

For gallant and distinguished service while operating with the Palestine Patrol, in intercepting illegal immigrant ships:

Bar to the Distinguished Service Cross;

Lieutenant - Robin James Gordon
MACPHERSON, D.S.C., Royal Navy.

The Distinguished Service Cross;

Lieutenant Kenneth Patrick SHALLOW, Royal Navy.

Lieutenant Christopher Maitland STOCKEN,
Royal Navy.

The Distinguished Service Medal;

Petty Officer Revell Blackwood WHITE,
D/JX152360.

Leading Seaman James Smyth COWDEN,
D/JX155259.

Able Seaman Francis Dan GODFREY,
D/JX705561.

Able Seaman Charles Kenneth LEWIS,
D/JX538797.

Able Seaman Harry PILKINGTON,
D/JX727284.

Able Seaman Richard THEAKER, P/JX697768.

Mention in Despatches;

Captain George Emery FARDELL, Royal Navy.

Lieutenant - Commander Richard Herbert Calcraft WYLD, D.S.C., Royal Navy.

Acting Lieutenant-Commander David Arthur DUNBAR-NASMITH, D.S.C., Royal Navy.

Lieutenant Edward Anthony Saville BAILEY,
M.B.E., D.S.C., Royal Navy.

Lieutenant Austen John FRYER, Royal Navy.

Lieutenant George Armand de Gavardie KITCHIN, Royal Navy.

Lieutenant John Evelyn O'LEARY, Royal Navy.

Lieutenant Richard Christopher Edward WATKIN, Royal Navy.

Mr. Jack REA, Gunner, Royal Navy.

Petty Officer Michael George COOKE,
P/JX715776.

Petty Officer Edwin Thomas HARRIS,
P/JX156297.

Engine Room Artificer Fourth Class Eric Herbert RAVENSCROFT, D/MX93585.

Electrician (T.I.) Albert Edward PROUT,
D.S.M., D/JX133964.

Leading Stoker Joseph Templeton CRONEY,
P/KX93652.