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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

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

27th July, 1953.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointments to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire for courage, skill and initiative when an explosion occurred in H.M.S. INDOMITABLE on 3rd February, 1953:—

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

- Lieutenant-Commander John Raymond Henry BULL, D.S.C., Royal Navy.
- Lieutenant (E) Peter Angus COOPER, Royal Navy.
- Temporary Lieutenant (L) Kenneth Malcolm Elder MACKAY, R.N.V.R.
- Senior Commissioned Shipwright Alfred Samuel Robert SAUNDERS, Royal Navy.

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The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the British Empire Medal (Military Division) to the undermentioned for courage, skill and initiative when an explosion occurred in H.M.S. INDOMITABLE on 3rd February, 1953:—

- Electrician's Mate 1st Class Edward William DAWES, L/SFX. 873355.
- Leading Seaman George Rex DUDLEY, P/JX. 259129.
- Leading Electrician's Mate Stanley Arthur John RUTTER, P/SMX. 838501.
- Electrician Arthur George SHOTT, P/MX. 745975.

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The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to

approve the award of the George Medal to the undermentioned:—

- Commissioned Mechanician Hedley William EDWARDS, B.E.M., Royal Navy.

Mr. Edwards was supervising the repair of a petrol delivery line in H.M.S. INDOMITABLE when a severe flood of petrol occurred. He at once issued the necessary orders for shutting down all petrol delivery lines and for danger warnings to be broadcast. He continued his efforts to stop the leak until an explosion occurred. Although badly shaken, Mr. Edwards proceeded to help to organise and direct the firefighting and continued his efforts without respite for many hours until he was satisfied that no further danger existed.

- Petty Officer Stoker Mechanic Victor Harold STANTON, P/SKX. 801626.

Petty Officer Stoker Mechanic Stanton was with the petrol party in H.M.S. INDOMITABLE when the severe flood of petrol occurred. Fully realising the danger, he remained to assist an Engine Room Artificer in his efforts to stop the leak. When the explosion took place Petty Officer Stoker Mechanic Stanton was blown a considerable distance but was not injured. He helped the badly injured Engine Room Artificer to a place of safety and then checked that all deliveries of petrol had been stopped, and all storage tanks properly shut down. He then did invaluable work in fighting the fires, continuing without sparing himself until all danger was over.

*Admiralty,
Whitehall, S.W.1.*

27th July, 1953.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards for courage, initiative and devotion to duty in trying to prevent an explosion which occurred in H.M.S. INDOMITABLE on 3rd February, 1953:—

Commendation (Posthumous).

- Engine Room Artificer 4th Class Brian Howard Clissold PUGH, P/MX. 909118.
- Leading Electrician's Mate Albert George William ROWLEY, P/SMX. 833584.
- Electrician's Mate 1st Class Ronald CANNON, P/SMX. 903650.

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