

operations which were an unqualified success. There is no doubt that the Ship's Company of H.M.S. Diana saved the Bahia Gaditana but without the skilled application of the technical knowledge of Lieutenant Commander Darley and the outstanding leadership of both these officers the whole operation could have been a major catastrophe.

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

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

17th December 1968.

THE QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the British Empire Medal for Gallantry (Military Division) to the undermentioned:

Petty Officer Engineering Mechanic Derek George DOIGNIE, P/K 939971.

Petty Officer Engineering Mechanic Ronald HORNBY, D/KX 892494.

Leading Engineering Mechanic Dereck Edward WHITE, P/K 983865.

Petty Officers Doignie and Hornby and Leading Mechanic White were members of the fire fighting party on the Bahia Gaditana. They were first to enter the engine room, the seat of the fire.

The three ratings, dressed in protective clothing, entered the engine room at 1515 behind a protective wall of water. However, the intense heat and poor visibility forced them to abandon the engine room after only 5 minutes. A second and more successful attempt was made some 20 minutes later, although the circumstances of this occasion were more hazardous than the first occasion due to the danger of re-ignition and the fact that suction on the fire pump was very uncertain. Had the pump suction failed the engine room team might well have been burned alive.

During the whole of this time the three ratings gave clear and accurate reports which were of the greatest value in directing fire fighting operations and consequently resulted in the extinguishing of the fire.

The example of their coolness, endurance and application of professional knowledge was an inspiration to those engaged in fighting the fire which, but for their courage and selfless devotion to duty, might well have resulted in loss of life of Spanish crew and boarding party.

Whitehall,

London S.W.1.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the following awards for Brave Conduct in recognition of courage, skill and determination shown by the undermentioned when on the night of Tuesday, 16th April 1968, while acting as crew of a Wessex 1 Helicopter, they assisted in the rescue of an injured man from Longships' Lighthouse, under extremely difficult conditions.

Commendation

Lieutenant Commander Michael CUDMORE.

Lieutenant (S.L.) Richard GILES SAKER.

Petty Officer Anthony MILLS, L/FX 883441.

Medical Assistant Barry NORTON, P 083875.

ROYAL NAVY

Rear Admiral R. G. RAPER, C.B., promoted Vice-Admiral with seny. 5th Dec. 1968.

Grant of Short Service Commission to the Reverend M. R. CHAPMAN, B.A., on 3rd Oct. 1968, as Chapl'n. with seny. 3rd Oct. 1968, to be confirmed on completion of training. 24th Dec. 1968.

Grant of Short Service Commission to the Reverend P. O. DEACON on 3rd Oct. 1968, as Chapl'n. with seny. 3rd Oct. 1968, to be confirmed on completion of training. 24th Dec. 1968.

Cdrs. placed on Retired List 14th Dec. 1968:

G. Y. TEMPLE.

J. L. W. BOOTY, M.I.Mech.E.

Cdr. S. H. SUTHERS, D.S.O., D.F.C., to be placed on Retired List. 18th Dec. 1968.

Cdr. R. H. BRISTOWE, D.S.O. (Emerg'y.) resigned Commission. 12th Nov. 1968.

Surgn. Cdr. (D) E. B. C. CLIFF, to be placed on Retired List. 21st Dec. 1968.

Lt. Cdr. D. N. D. ROBERTS, M.I.E.E., placed on Retired List. 16th Dec. 1968.

Lt. Cdrs. to be placed on Retired List on dates stated:

R. J. PERRYMAN. 18th Dec. 1968.

E. C. CHILDS. 20th Dec. 1968.

J. A. SMITH, J. D. H. WEYMAN. 21st Dec. 1968.

Instr. Lt. Cdr. G. ROLLITT, B.A., placed on Retired List. 16th Dec. 1968.

Surgn. Lt. Cdr. J. R. NORMAN, M.B., B.S., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., D.Ch., placed on Emerg'y List on completion of Short Service Commission for period of 4 years. 16th Dec. 1968.

Actg. Lts. promoted Lts. on dates and with seny. stated:

J. C. S. DARWIN. 25th Jan. 1968 (1st Aug. 1967).

K. M. WILLIAMS. 14th Oct. 1968 (1st Jun. 1968).

C. R. TUFFLEY. 2nd Nov. 1968 (1st Aug. 1968).

R. I. M. ALEXANDER. 11th Nov. 1968 (1st Jul. 1968).

M. A. JOHNSON. 14th Nov. 1968 (1st Jan. 1968).

Lts. (Emerg'y.) commissions terminated on completion of Emerg'y. List service, on dates stated:

A. E. JENNINGS. 3rd Nov. 1968.

A. M. CARD, D. A. CLOSE, A. E. CUTTING, R. A. J. MERSOM, K. L. G. PALMER. 5th Nov. 1968.

P. S. CROSS. 9th Nov. 1968.

R. C. ANDREW. 10th Nov. 1968.

G. STANLEY, G. D. STEPHENSON. 11th Nov. 1968.

R. J. N. ROFFE. 14th Nov. 1968.

J. S. R. HICKS, J. S. HITCHEN, P. R. MILLER. 15th Nov. 1968.

Lt. (SD) C. G. BARTLETT, to be placed on Retired List. 14th Dec. 1968.

Lt. (CS) L. J. BROWN, to be placed on Retired List. 17th Dec. 1968.

Engr. Lts. placed on Retired List. 16th Dec. 1968:

E. G. LANGFORD, J. W. ROBERTSON.

Instr. Lt. J. S. DISCOMBE, placed on Emerg'y List on release from Short Service Commission for period of 4 years. 14th Dec. 1968.

Grant of 5 year Short Service Commission to Surgn. Lt. T. J. McCANN, M.B., Ch.B., on 31st Jul. 1968, with seny. 31st Jul. 1968, confirmed on completion of training. 28th Oct. 1968.

Supply Lt. G. E. LOXTON, to be placed on Retired List. 22nd Dec. 1968.

Actg. Sub Lt. I. G. M. BURNETT, promoted Lt. 16th Nov. 1968, with seny. 1st Sep. 1966.

Actg. Sub Lts. confirmed Sub Lts. on dates and with seny. stated:

T. R. J. MORRIS. 19th Oct. 1968 (1st Sep. 1966).

R. W. LOCKYER. 16th Nov. 1968 (1st Sep. 1966).

Actg. Sub Lts. (SD) confirmed Sub Lts. (SD). 16th Dec. 1968, with seny. 25th Apr. 1967:

R. F. RAPHAEL, R. J. PIKE, R. CLARKE.

Actg. Ship't Sub Lts. confirmed Ship't Sub Lts. 16th Dec. 1968, with seny. stated:

B. E. FARROW. 21st Sep. 1966.

M. J. BELL. 27th Sep. 1967.

Sub Lts. (SL) promoted Lts. (SL) on dates and with seny. stated:

D. M. CONNELL. 4th Dec. 1968 (4th Dec. 1968).

N. McMILLAN. 9th Dec. 1968 (9th Dec. 1968).

E. J. BRYSON. 12th Dec. 1968 (12th Dec. 1968).

D. M. PARRATT. 15th Dec. 1968 (15th Dec. 1968).

Sub Lt. (SL) M. H. C. CRAWFORD, to be promoted Lt. (SL). 23rd Dec. 1968, with seny. 23rd Dec. 1968.

Actg. Sub Lt. (SL) A. A. GOMM, confirmed Sub Lt. (SL). 31st Oct. 1968, with seny. 31st Jan. 1967.

Actg. Sub Lt. (SL) B. J. P. HEALY, to be confirmed Sub Lt. (SL). 25th Dec. 1968, with seny. 25th Mar. 1967.

Actg. Engr. Sub Lts. (SD) confirmed Engr. Sub Lts. (SD). 16th Dec. 1968, with seny. 27th Sep. 1967:

B. BOLTON, R. B. WILLIAMSON.