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The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following Appointments to the Distinguished Service Order:—

*To be a Companion of the Distinguished Service Order:*

Captain Philip Louis Vian, Royal Navy, H.M.S. Cossack;

for outstanding ability, determination and resource in the preliminary dispositions which led to the rescue of 300 English prisoners from the German Armed Auxiliary Altmark, and for daring, leadership and masterly handling of his ship in narrow waters so as to bring her alongside and board the enemy, who tried to blind him with the glare of a searchlight, worked his engine full ahead and full astern, tried to ram him and drive him ashore and so threatened the grounding and loss of Cossack.

Lieutenant-Commander Bradwell Talbot Turner, Royal Navy, H.M.S. Cossack;

for daring, leadership and address in command of the party which boarded Altmark while the ships were manoeuvring under high power, changing relative positions and not in full contact, so that he had to leap a fathom to reach her. He pulled up the Petty Officer next behind him, who had jumped

short and hung by his hands, made fast the hawser, and, cheering, led his party at the double to the bridge. Having disarmed such enemy officers as carried firearms, he took over from a German first the starboard then the port telegraph and set it to "Stop" instead of "Full Speed Ahead," so that Altmark could not ram Cossack, but grounded aft on a shelf, making about 4 knots sternway.

His Majesty has also been graciously pleased to approve the following awards:—

*The Distinguished Service Cross.*

Paymaster Sub-Lieutenant Geoffrey Craven, Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, H.M.S. Cossack;

for outstanding ability and resource as an essential member of the Boarding Party.

Mr. John James Frederick Smith, Gunner, Royal Navy, H.M.S. Aurora;

for prowess, leadership and devotion to duty, in command of the second section of the Boarding Party.

*The Distinguished Service Medal.*

Petty Officer Norman Leslie Atkins, H.M.S. Cossack;

for gallantry and leadership in charge of a section of the Boarding Party.

Petty Officer Herbert Tom Barnes, H.M.S. Aurora;  
 Able Seaman Peter John Beach, H.M.S. Cossack;  
 Able Seaman James Harper, H.M.S. Cossack;  
 Able Seaman Albert William Marshall, H.M.S. Cossack;  
 Able Seaman Stanley Douglas Bennett, H.M.S. Aurora;  
 Signalman Donald Phillip Samuel Davies, H.M.S. Afridi (Lent Cossack);  
 Stoker First Class Norman Leslie Pratt, H.M.S. Aurora;

for gallantry and devotion to duty in the boarding of Altmark.

*Mentions in Despatches.*

Lieutenant Commander Hector Charles Donald MacLean, Royal Navy, H.M.S. Cossack;  
 for outstanding ability and resource in helping her Commanding Officer to handle Cossack in the fjord, and for distinguished service as Staff Officer (Operations) to Captain (D), Fourth Destroyer Flotilla.

Petty Officer Steward Rosario Ascjak, H.M.S. Cossack;

Petty Officer Cook Dominick Spiteri, H.M.S. Cossack;

Petty Officer Steward Carmelo Sammut, H.M.S. Cossack;  
 for cheerful and ready work in caring for and feeding 55 Officers, prisoners released from Altmark.

His Majesty has also been pleased to approve the following Awards, for unflinching courage, endurance, resource and devotion to duty in H.M. Trawlers and Drifters in their hard and perilous tasks of sweeping the seas clear of mines, combating submarines, and keeping a look-out for the enemy:—

*The Distinguished Service Cross.*

Lieutenant-Commander York Macleod Cleaves, R.D., R.N.R., Unit Commander A/S Group 23.

Chief Skipper John Culbertson Anderson, H.M. Trawler Loch Oskaig.

Chief Skipper George Youngson Abernethy, R.N.R., H.M. Trawler Concertator.

Chief Skipper Isaac Parkinson, R.D., R.N.R., H.M. Trawler Loch Buie.

Chief Skipper Thomas Fraser, R.N.R., H.M. Trawler Rinovia.

Skipper Alexander Craig, R.N.R., H.M. Trawler Darwen.

*The Distinguished Service Medal.*

First Engineman David Brown, X.383EU., H.M. Trawler Loch Oskaig.

First Engineman Thomas Johnson, X.385DT., R.N.R., H.M. Trawler Rinovia.

Engineman James Norman Hodgson, R.N.R., X.5975ES., H.M. Trawler Darthema.

Able Seaman John Sculher, GL.2—C/J.1715I, H.M. Trawler Loch Oskaig.

*Mentions in Despatches (posthumous).*

Lieutenant-Commander Harry Richard John Lewis, R.N., H.M. Trawler James Ludford.  
 Chief Skipper John Cowling, R.N.R., H.M. Trawler Evelina.  
 Chief Skipper Royce W. Stocks, R.N.R., H.M. Trawler Sedgely.  
 Temporary Skipper Charles W. Hannant, R.N.R., H.M. Drifter William Hallett.

*Mentions in Despatches.*

Lieutenant-Commander Ernest Bernard Sandon, R.N.R., H.M. Trawler Crestflower.  
 Sub-Lieutenant William Sitwell, R.N.V.R., H.M. Trawler Loch Oskaig.

Chief Skipper James Anderson, H.M. Trawler Alouette.

Chief Skipper Samuel Bass, H.M. Trawler Imperialist.

Skipper John Ray, R.N.R., H.M. Drifter Bell-dock.

Skipper George Henry Alexander Thompson, H.M. Trawler Loch Doon.

Skipper Walter Truefitt, R.N.R., H.M. Drifter Ugiebank.

Second Hand Jack Ball, X.56XB., H.M. Trawler Dalmatia.

Second Hand Alfred Jackson, X.291SA., H.M. Trawler Alouette.

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Second Hand Ronald Stevenson, R.N.R., X.9821B., H.M. Trawler Darthema.

Chief Engineman Robert Dougal, H.M. Drifter Belldock.

Chief Engineman Laurence Elton, KX.98260, H.M. Trawler Imperialist.

Chief Engineman Charles Hobson, H.M. Drifter William Hallett.

Chief Engineman Arthur Rokahar, KX.97925, H.M. Trawler Alouette.

First Engineman Frederick Atlas.

Engineman Albert George Allen, X.292EU., R.N.R., H.M. Trawler Concertator.

Petty Officer Second Hand Christopher R. Wimpenny, X.19210A, H.M. Trawler Loch Doon.

Third Hand James Bailey, H.M. Drifter Darwen.

Wireless Telegraphist Robert G. Edwards, WRX.869, H.M. Trawler Imperialist.

Wireless Telegraphist Arthur Sidney White, C/J.1099, R.F.R., Base Maintenance Staff.

Seaman William Sutherland, R.N.R., X.7265C., H.M. Trawler James Ludford.

Signalman Douglas Arthur Elvidge, R.N.V.R., LD/X.3864, H.M. Trawler Concertator.

Signalman Louis Percy, R.N.R., J.78763, H.M. Trawler Dee.

Stoker Alexander Buchan, R.N.R., X.3999T., H.M. Trawler Loch Buie.

Stoker George Havelock, X.10053, H.M. Trawler Dalmatia.

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