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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS
OF KNIGHTHOOD.

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1.
22nd February, 1944.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointments to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:—

To be an Additional Officer of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order:

Commander (E) Roger Grosvenor Parker,
Royal Australian Navy,
for leadership and enterprise.

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

Surgeon Lieutenant Ronald Mackenzie
MacIntosh, R.A.N.R.,
Sub-Lieutenant Peter Gyllies, Royal Australian
Navy,
for courage, endurance and devotion to
duty.

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OF KNIGHTHOOD.

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22nd February, 1944.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the British Empire Medal (Military Division) to:

Sick Berth Petty Officer Edward Hamilton
Cornish, 20420, R.A.N.,
Engine Room Artificer Third Class Patrick
Edward Randolph Goonan, 23857, R.A.N.,
Shipwright Third Class Connolly Peter William
Bryant, 24655, R.A.N.,
for outstanding zeal, enterprise and
devotion to duty.

ADMIRALTY.

*Whitehall.
22nd February, 1944.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the VICTORIA CROSS for valour to:

Lieutenant Basil Charles Godfrey Place,
D.S.C., Royal Navy.
Lieutenant Donald Cameron, R.N.R.

Lieutenants Place and Cameron were the Commanding Officers of two of His Majesty's Midget Submarines X 7 and X 6 which on 22nd September 1943 carried out a most daring and successful attack on the German Battleship Tirpitz, moored in the protected anchorage of Kaafjord, North Norway.

To reach the anchorage necessitated the penetration of an enemy minefield and a passage of fifty miles up the fiord, known to be vigilantly patrolled by the enemy and to be guarded by nets, gun defences and listening posts, this after a passage of at least a thousand miles from base.

Having successfully eluded all these hazards and entered the fleet anchorage, Lieutenants Place and Cameron, with a complete disregard for danger, worked their small craft past the close anti-submarine and torpedo nets surrounding the Tirpitz, and from a position inside these nets, carried out a cool and determined attack.

Whilst they were still inside the nets a fierce enemy counter attack by guns and depth charges developed which made their withdrawal impossible. Lieutenants Place and Cameron therefore scuttled their craft to prevent them falling into the hands of the enemy. Before doing so they took every measure to ensure the safety of their crews, the majority of whom, together with themselves, were subsequently taken prisoner.