

Flt. Lieut. (act. Flt.-Cdr.) Edward James Pointer Burling, R.N.A.S. (now Capt., R.A.F.).

Carried out very successful spotting work in connection with the bombardment of Deir Sineid. During this work he was attacked by a very fast hostile aeroplane, and it was only due to the extremely clever handling of his aeroplane that the machine was not destroyed.

Lieut. George Brand, R.N.R., H.M. Trawler Gwennlian.

Commanded the Drifter Flotilla which laid and maintained indicator nets off the beaches, on which stores were landed. Owing to the strength of the current off the coast, the nets frequently dragged out of position, necessitating their being weighed and relaid. That this defence was kept in so satisfactory a state was due to the unremitting care and attention paid by Lieut. Brand and the hard work done by the drifter crews.

Lieut. Harold Francis Addenbrooke-Kent, R.N.R., H.M.S. Blossom.

In recognition of his services in going into a burning ammunition dump to assist in extinguishing a fire, on the 16th October 1917.

Skpr. Andrew Buchan, R.N.R., 1323S.A., H.M. Trawler Gwennlian.

Skpr. James Abraham King, R.N.R., 1528S.A., H.M. Drifter Twenty-eight.

Ably assisted Lieut. Brand in laying and maintaining indicator nets off the beaches.

To receive a Bar to the Distinguished Service Cross.

Flt. Lieut. Henry Vernon Worrall, D.S.C., R.N.A.S. (now Capt., R.A.F.).

Carried out very successful spotting work for "Requin" off the Wadi Hesi.

To receive the Distinguished Service Medal.

P.O. Mech. Joseph William Baglee, O.N. F142.

Ch. Engmn. William Thompson Gilroy, R.N.R., O.N. 4376E.S.

2nd Hnd. William Martin, R.N.R., O.N. 2854S.D.

2nd Hnd. Robert Roskell, R.N.R., O.N. 10017D.A.

2nd Hnd. William Smith, R.N.R., O.N. 5314D.A.

To receive a Bar to the Distinguished Service Medal.

Ldg. Sig. Edwin Thomas Guy, D.S.M., O.N. J8032 (Po.).

The following Officers and Men have been mentioned in despatches:—

Captain Percy Johnson, R.N.

Cdr. (now actg. Capt.) Gerard Clarence Pigou, R.N.

Cdr. Viscount Broome, R.N.

Cdr. Ernest Edward Alexander Betts, R.N.

Lieut.-Cdr. (actg. Cdr.) Edward Dumerque Drury, O.B.E., R.N.R.

Lieut.-Cdr. (now actg. Cdr.) Arthur James Coleman, R.N.R.

Lieut.-Cdr. James Bayley, R.N.

Lieut.-Cdr. Cyril Callaghan, R.N.

Lieut.-Cdr. Henry Daniel Pridham-Wippell, R.N.

Lieut.-Cdr. Alfred Frederick Bell Woodhouse, R.N.

Lieut.-Cdr. Robert Gregory Maze Durrant Hunt, R.N.

Lieut. (now actg. Lieut.-Cdr.) Norman Mead Joynson, R.N.V.R.

Lieut. Brian Somerset Bickmore, R.N. (since killed).

Lieut. John Rogers Creasey, R.N.V.R.

Lieut. John Carmichael Denholm, R.N.V.R.

Engr. Lieut. Robert Moffitt, R.N.

Payr. Sub-Lieut. Philip Cecil Chase, R.N.R.

Ch. Gnr. Frederick Charles Russell, R.N.

Ch. Gnr. George Harris, D.S.C., R.N.

Gnr. (T.) Henry Tiley, R.N.

Skpr. Henry Cannon, R.N.R., 2222S.A.

A.B. Edgar Richard Clarke, O.N. 215504 (Po.).

P.O. Robert King Collier, O.N. 183066 (Ch.).

P.O. Mech. Frank Herbert Cross, O.N. F428.

Ch. Yeo. Sigs. Alfred Gant, O.N. 186250 (Ch.).

C.E.R.A., 1st Cl., Richard Thomas George Horsington, O.N. 268574 (Dev.).

Sig. George Edward Victor Jarvis, O.N. 227775 (Ply.).

Sea. John Edward Kelly, R.N.R., O.N. 1835D.

C.P.O. Donald MacDonald, O.N. 158410 (Po.).

2nd Hnd. Thomas Pickles, R.N.R., O.N. 1724S.A.

P.O., 1st Cl., Charles Seaman, O.N. 158904 (Po.).

Sto. P.O. Edward Townsend, O.N. 163729 (Po.).

C.E.R.A., 1st Cl., Thomas Tully, O.N. 268954 (Ch.).

C.P.O. Thomas William Wanstall, O.N. 181893 (Ch.).

Admiralty, 21st February 1919.

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

Commander Henry de Beauvoir Tupper, R.N.,
and

Able Seaman Edward Thomas Spalding, O.N. J55883 (Ch.).

The account of the services in respect of which these decorations have been conferred is as follows:—

On the 4th August 1918, H.M.S. "Comet," under the command of Commander Tupper, was seriously damaged in collision. The ship was badly holed on the starboard side, the deck and all compartments eventually filled with water as far as the engine-room bulkhead, and the stern was at any moment liable to fall off. On being informed that the hydraulic release depth-charge was set to "fire," Commander Tupper sent away a man in a whaler to remove the primer. It was only possible to remove the primer from one of the charges, leaving the other depth-charge about 15 feet under water, still at "fire." Commander Tupper then went away in a dinghy himself, and by repeated diving operations tried to render it safe. After a rest he returned to complete the operation, in which Able Seaman Spalding, who was a passenger on the ship at the time and was a good swimmer, volunteered to assist. Commander Tupper at first refused to allow Spalding to assist him, as the latter had no knowledge of depth-charges, and Commander Tupper did not consider it safe for him to go down. Ultimately Commander Tupper and Able Seaman Spalding swam to the spot beneath which the depth-charge was submerged, and alternately gave a turn to the iron bar which Commander Tupper had placed in