

ments to the Distinguished Service Order and for the award of the decorations and medals specified below to the undermentioned officers and men in recognition of their services in the action in the Straits of Otranto on the 15th May, 1917:—

*To be Companions of the Distinguished Service Order:—*

Capt. George James Todd, R.N.

For his services in command of H.M.S. "Bristol" during the action.

Engr. Cdr. Frank Rheuben Goodwin, R.N.

For exceptional work under very trying conditions in bringing H.M.S. "Dartmouth" to port after she was torpedoed.

*To receive the Distinguished Service Cross:—*

Skipper William Bruce, R.N.R., 1486 W.S.A.

He remained at his post with his crew when under the fire of a very superior force until his ship, H.M. Drifter "Quarry Knowe," blew up.

Skipper Robert Stephen, R.N.R., 1384 W.S.A.

He remained at his post, although under heavy fire from a very superior force, until his ship, H.M. Drifter "Tait's," was badly damaged and in a sinking condition.

Skipper William Farquhar, R.N.R., 1310 W.S.A.

He remained at his post with his crew, although under the fire of a very superior force, only leaving his ship, H.M. Drifter "Admirable," as she was sinking.

Skipper Robert Cowe, R.N.R., 1774 W.S.A.

Although under fire from a very superior force, he remained at his post, keeping his ship, H.M. Drifter "Coral Haven," heading for the enemy, and encouraging his crew to fight their small gun. Four rounds were fired, and he and his crew only escaped from their ship when she was on fire and in a sinking condition.

Skipper Dennis John Nichols, R.N.R., 834 W.S.A.

He remained at his post in the wheel house, steering his ship, H.M. Drifter "Floandi," and although wounded himself, assisted in removing the more severely wounded members of his crew. Later he went in a small boat, plugging the holes in ship's side, thereby enabling her to reach port.

*To receive a Bar to the Distinguished Service Cross.*

Lieut. Robert Henry Baunton, D.S.C., R.N.R.

He was in charge of the patrol line, and did extremely good work in rallying the Drifters and reorganising the various groups.

*To receive the Conspicuous Gallantry Medal.*

Dkhnd. Frederick Hawley Lamb, R.N.R., O.N. 1491 TS.

Though severely wounded in the leg by the explosion of a box of ammunition on H.M. Drifter "Gowan Lea," he stuck to his gun endeavouring to make it work.

Engmn. Charles Mobbs, R.N.R., O.N. 1760 ES.

He remained at his post until the main steam pipe was shot away, when he was forced to leave the engine-room, but as soon as possible he returned and put out the fires. He also went in a small boat and assisted to plug holes in the ship's side, thus enabling her to reach port safely.

2nd Hnd. John Turner, R.N.R., O.N. 5098 DA.

He displayed great coolness whilst under fire. Seeing that the enemy were endeavouring to destroy the W/T apparatus, Turner went aloft to strike the topmast, quite regardless of the fact that shells were passing between the mast and funnel.

Engmn. Walter Watt, R.N.R., O.N. 2089 TS.

The crew were taken prisoners, but on their way to the Austrian cruiser Watt jumped overboard. He was recaptured, and when alongside the cruiser he again jumped overboard and escaped. He was picked up by another drifter 1½ hours later.

2nd Hnd. Joseph Hendry, R.N.R., O.N. 1959 SA.

His ship being in a sinking condition, the remainder of the crew left her in a small boat and were taken prisoners, but Hendry refused to leave. His ship eventually sank under him, and he was in the water for some hours until picked up by another drifter.

*To receive the Distinguished Service Medal.*

Dkhand. Robert McKenzie, R.N.R., O.N. 4142 DA.

Engmn. William Noble, R.N.R., O.N. 1838 ES.

Engmn. James Dowie, R.N.R., O.N. 2113 TS.

Dkhnd. William Francis Painter, R.N.R., O.N. 11219 DA.

Ldg. Dkhnd. Alexander Magill, R.N.R., O.N. 223 SD.

Engmn. William Herne Fowler, R.N.R., O.N. 2439 ES.

2nd Hnd. John Pirie, R.N.R., O.N. 991 SA.

Dkhnd. George Olive, R.N.R., O.N. 3296 SD.

Ord. Teleg. William Holmes Wadsworth, R.N.V.R., O.N. Z/1230 (Mersey).

Ch. Yeo. Sigs. Tom Smith, O.N. 185978 (Dev.).

E.R.A., 2nd Cl., George Hownam, O.N. 271439 (Dev.).

Ch. Sto. Thomas Phillips, O.N. 285849 (Dev.).

P.O. George James William Bower, O.N. 227848 (Dev.).

C.P.O. Albert Edward Stones, O.N. 192314 (Po.).

P.O. James Maloney, O.N. 236647 (Po.).

Act. C.E.R.A., 2nd Cl., George Herbert, O.N. 272273 (Po.).

Ch. Sto. Thomas Mann, O.N. 295386 (Po.).

*To receive a Bar to the Distinguished Service Medal.*

Dkhnd. Edward Ernest Godbold, R.N.R., O.N. 3321 D.A.

The following officers and men were mentioned in Despatches:—

Cdr. Douglas William O'Bryen Forsyth, R.N.