

Pte. William Hopewell, R.M.L.I., No. Ply./15995.

After the No. 1 and No. 2 of his Lewis gun section had become casualties in the ship in which Private Hopewell was serving, he took the Lewis gun ashore and brought it into action. He continued to fire the gun throughout the operation, and was almost the last man to retire, bringing his gun out of action with him, until it was rendered useless by a direct hit by a shell.

Sergt. Frank John Knill, R.M.A., No. R.M.A./12738.

This non-commissioned officer was in charge of "Vindictive's" howitzer, which fired continuously under the most difficult conditions during the whole period that the ship was alongside the mole at Zeebrugge. In spite of being semi-gassed, Sergt. Knill did not leave his post, but remained in charge of his gun until it ceased firing.

A.B. Ferdinand Eugene Minns Lake, O.N. J.22273 (Po.).

This Able Seaman formed one of the seaman storming party. His commanding officer reports that when "Iris II." was hit by several large shells, he found Able Seaman Lake extinguishing a fire under the fore-bridge with sand, under very heavy shrapnel fire. Regardless of his own safety, Able Seaman Lake assisted his commanding officer to throw overboard Stokes and Mills bombs, which were quite hot. He then took the wheel, and acted as quartermaster for six hours.

Pte. John Denis Lyons Press, R.M.L.I., No. Po./15394.

Private Press landed on the mole at Zeebrugge as runner to an officer of the Royal Marines. When his officer was seriously wounded in the head and rendered unconscious, Private Press remained with him, and, although himself wounded, eventually succeeded in carrying him back on board "Vindictive."

P.O. David Percy Smith, O.N. 225904 (Po.).

Petty Officer Smith acted as quartermaster of "Iris II.," and carried out his duties with great coolness throughout. On leaving the mole at Zeebrugge, the bridge of his ship was partially shot away, the captain and the navigator being severely wounded. Petty Officer Smith remained at his exposed post under heavy fire, steering the ship to safety with one hand while lighting the compass with a torch held in the other.

P.O., 1st Cl., Edwin George Youlton, O.N. 183625 (Po.).

This petty officer steered "Vindictive" when going alongside the mole at Zeebrugge, after which he remained with his commanding officer throughout, and gave a fine example of courage when standing in a most exposed position.

When a bursting shell caused a fire in a pile of boxes containing fused Stokes bombs, he averted a catastrophe by stamping without the slightest hesitation on the burning parts. This brave action was repeated shortly afterwards, when the fire restarted, just before he was struck down and severely wounded by a shell.

To receive the Distinguished Service Medal.

H.M.S. "Vindictive."

- Ch. Air Mech. Clifford Armitage, R.N.A.S., O.N. F6981.
 E.R.A., 4th Cl., Norman Carroll, O.N. M17679 (Ch.).
 E.R.A., 3rd Cl., Herbert Cavanagh, O.N. M1111 (Po.).
 Sto., 1st Cl., William Crawford, O.N. K34438 (Ch.).
 M.A.A. Charles George Dunkason, O.N. 191301 (Po.).
 Arm. Arthur William Evans, O.N. M7148 (Ch.).
 Ldg. Sig. Albert James Gamby, O.N. J11326 (Ch.).
 A.B. Arthur Geddes, O.N. J30822 (Ch.).
 E.R.A., 5th Cl., Herbert Alfred Harris, O.N. M6218 (Po.).
 Sto. P.O. Thomas Haw, O.N. 306429 (Po.).
 Sto., 1st Cl., James Lewis Hayman, O.N. K35627 (Dev.).
 P.O. Herbert Jackson, O.N. 213767 (Ch.).
 A.B. Richard Ellis Makey, O.N. 219228 (Po.).
 S.B.S. Arthur Ernest Page, O.N. M960 (Ch.).
 Ch. Sto. Alfred Edward Sago, O.N. 281683 (Ch.).
 Sto., 1st Cl., Joseph Smith, O.N. K24538 (Dev.).
 E.R.A., 4th Cl., Alan Thomas, O.N. M16493 (Dev.).
 P.O. Thomas Wood, O.N. 171903 (Ch.).

H.M.S. "Thetis."

- Sig. Harold Albert Stephen Clinch, O.N. J34097 (Ch.).
 Ldg. Sto. Frederick William Freestone, O.N. K7324 (Ch.).
 P.O. Alfred John Messer, O.N. 228561 (Po.).
 A.B. Edgar Charles Radley, O.N. J55797 (Ch.).
 Sto. George Charles Summers, O.N. SS111550 (Ch.).
 P.O. Ernest Sidney Tanner, O.N. J16136 (Ch.).
 Ldg. Sea. Charles Thesdon Winfield, O.N. 223785 (Po.).
 Sto. P.O. James Wynn, O.N. K1660 (Po.).

H.M.S. "Iphigenia."

- Plumber Charles Augustus Batho, O.N. M6328 (Ch.).
 E.R.A., 3rd Cl., Arthur John George Burton, O.N. M7269 (Ch.).
 Sto. Victor Reginald Bush, O.N. K23345 (Dev.).
 Arm. Edwin Gibson, O.N. M3735 (Ch.).
 C.P.O. Henry Ernest Jeffries, O.N. 178838 (Ch.).
 Act. C.E.R.A., 2nd Cl., Ernest Stephen George James Johnson, O.N. 271752 (Ch.).
 Sto., 1st Cl., Walter Ernest Joy, O.N. K12668 (Ch.).
 A.B. Leonard John King, O.N. J41060 (Ch.).
 A.B. Frederick James Woodroffe, O.N. J38918 (Dev.).

H.M.S. "Intrepid."

- A.B. Herbert Kerrison Bambridge, O.N. J3947 (Ch.).
 C.E.R.A. Thomas Percival Farrell, O.N. 270955 (Ch.).
 E.R.A., 2nd Cl., John Ferguson, O.N. M12154 (Ch.).
 A.B. Frederick Henry Hide, O.N. J3075 (Ch.).