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Sub-Lieut. James Petrie, R.N.V.R.

This officer volunteered for rescue work in M.L. 276. When the coxswain was killed near the Ostend piers, he jumped to the wheel and steered the launch into the harbour. When fired on by machine guns from the piers, he manned the Lewis gun and returned the fire on both pier-heads. Later, when three wounded men were discovered in the water, he personally assisted them into the launch, being exposed all the time to heavy fire.

Lieut. Cuthbert F. B. Bowlby, D.S.C., R.N.

In command of a coastal motor boat, and escorted "Vindictive" close up to the entrance, then ran ahead, and finding one of the piers, fired a torpedo at it. The water being shallow and the range short, the explosion shook the boat so severely as to damage her engines and open her seams. She commenced to sink, but by his presence of mind he got the leak stopped, engines going again, and brought his boat out of the fire zone, where he was taken in tow by H.M.S. "Broke."

Lieut. Albert L. Poland, R.N.

In command of a coastal motor boat, and carried out a successful torpedo attack on the pier ends, afterwards laying and maintaining good smoke screens close inshore throughout the remainder of the operation under a heavy fire.

Lieut. Anthony C. Mackie, R.N.V.R.

This officer was of great assistance in command of M.L. 279. He pluckily carried on his smoke-screen work under fire for one and a half hours after breaking the star-board shaft, retiring with the rest of the flotilla, when operations were completed, under one engine.

Lieut.-Cdr. Arthur G. Watts, R.N.V.R.

This officer was in command of M.L. 239 and leader of a smoke screen unit. He led his unit with skill and judgment in a very exposed position, and it was largely due to him that the screen was so extremely successful in his section.

Lieut. Felix F. Brayfield, R.N.V.R.

This officer volunteered for rescue work as second in command of M.L. 128. M.L. 128, in company with M.L. 283, went in after "Vindictive" to look for survivors. When near the shore she came under heavy fire, the signalman was killed and Lieut. Brayfield and one of the crew wounded. Lieut. Brayfield showed great devotion to duty, remaining on the bridge and carrying on with his duties until the operation was over, though wounded in the leg.

Lieut. Allan L. Geddes, R.N.V.R.

This officer was in command of M.L. 553 and leader of an inshore smoke screen unit. He led his unit with skill and judgment under fire, and it was largely due to him that the smoke screen was so extremely successful in his section.

Lieut. Gordon F. Ross, R.N.V.R. (Killed in action.)

Volunteered for rescue work in M.L. 254—killed in the entrance to Ostend harbour.

P.O. Joseph James Reed, D.S.M., O.N. 230360 (Ch.).

This Petty Officer was in "Brilliant" in the previous attempt to block Ostend. He immediately volunteered to accompany his officers in a second operation. On the night of 9th/10th May he steered the "Vindictive" into Ostend harbour and, when the charges were fired and the ship abandoned, he picked up Lieut. Sir John Alleyne, who was lying unconscious in the conning tower, carried him to the gangway, and lowered him over the side. This very gallant Petty Officer then assisted others to escape, and on board M.L. 254 was of the greatest assistance in keeping that vessel afloat until she was picked up.

Ldg. Dkhd. David George Rees, R.N.R., O.N. 3146 S.D.

For his conspicuous gallantry as coxswain of M.L. 254, remaining at the wheel after being wounded. He assisted Lieut.-Cdr. Drummond—also seriously wounded—to put the motor-launch alongside "Vindictive" in Ostend harbour and carried on until he was relieved by one of the rescued crew.

The following Engine-room Artificers distinguished themselves in the "Vindictive" during the attack on Zeebrugge Mole on 23rd April. They immediately volunteered for further service in "Vindictive," and behaved with conspicuous bravery in that ship on the night of 9th/10th May:—

E.R.A., 3rd Cl., Herbert Cavanagh, D.S.M., O.N. M.1111 (Po.).

Act. E.R.A., 4th Cl., Herbert Alfred Harris, D.S.M., O.N. M.6218 (Po.).

E.R.A., 4th Cl., Norman Carroll, D.S.M., O.N. M.17679 (Ch.).

E.R.A., 4th Cl., Alan Thomas, D.S.M., O.N. M.16493 (Dev.) (Prisoner of war.)

The following volunteered for a very hazardous service and distinguished themselves in the "Vindictive" on the night of 9th/10th May. Lieut. Crutchley reports: "I find it impossible to select any other names, as all behaved equally well."

Sig. David Heale, O.N. 233488 (Po.).

Ldg. Sea. Albert Westly Ling, O.N. 239540 (Ch.).

Ldg. Sea. Ernest Edward Robertson, O.N. J.2307 (Ch.).

A.B. Henry Frederick George Wilson, O.N. J.23754 (Ch.).

A.B. Frank John Bore, O.N. J.24770 (Ch.).

A.B. John Chambers, O.N. 225973 (Ch.).

A.B. Victor Vernon Surridge, O.N. 235405 (Ch.).

E.R.A., 3rd Cl., Francis Joseph Pickerell, O.N. M.3343 (Ch.).

Sto. P.O. Samuel John Jordan, O.N. 310625 (Dev.).

Sto. P.O. James Percy Newington, O.N. 307026 (Ch.).

Ldg. Sto. Bernard Whirledge Lowe, O.N. S.S. 111939 (Po.).

Ldg. Sto. Albert Edward Saunders, O.N. K.15952 (Ch.).

Sto., 1st Cl., John Edward Taylor, O.N. K.34589 (Ch.).

Sto., 1st Cl., Frederick Gilroy, O.N. S.S. 117139 (Ch.).

Sto., 2nd Cl., George William Kenneth Elliott, O.N. K.46559 (Ch.).