

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 the handle, until the primer was eventually unscrewed and taken out of the depth-charge, thus rendering it safe. This operation was of the most dangerous nature, as at any moment the stern of the ship might have dropped off before the depth-charge was removed and would have carried down both the officer and the man, who would have inevitably lost their lives. The explosion would also have destroyed the remaining portion of the ship, with loss of life to those of the crew who were on board.

NOTICE OF INTENDED DISTRIBUTION OF NAVAL SALVAGE MONEY.

Department of the Accountant-General of the Navy,
Admiralty, S.W. 1.

21st February, 1919.

Notice is hereby given to the Officers, Seamen, and Marines, and to all persons interested therein, that the distribution of the undermentioned awards of salvage money will commence on Saturday, the 22nd instant, in the Prize Branch of the Department of the Accountant-General of the Navy, Admiralty, S.W. 1.

All applications from persons entitled to share, who are not now serving, should be addressed "On Prize Business:—to the Accountant-General of the Navy, Admiralty, London, S.W. 1." Such applications (except in the case of Commissioned Officers) should be accompanied by Certificates of Service.

Salvage of S.S. "Teesdale" by H.M. Ship "Boyne," H.M. Torpedo Boat "104," H.M. Trawlers "Stanley Weyman" and "Buffalo II," H.M. Tugs "Fortitude," "Woonda," "Aetna," "Wapiti," "Trusty," "Rover," and Mooring Vessel "D.W. No. 13," on 15th and 16th June, 1917.

Salvage of barque "La Epoca" by H.M. Tug "Warrior" on 23rd February, 1917.

Salvage of schooner "Diana" by H.M. Tug "Warrior" between 1st and 4th May, 1917.

Salvage of S.S. "Messina" by H.M. Tugs "Warrior," "Stormcock," and "Hellespont" between 20th and 22nd February, 1917.

Admiralty, 8th February, 1919.

R.M.

Tempy. Lieut. Edward Lysons Lunt to be actg. Capt. whilst comdg. a Company. 16th Jan. 1919.

Admiralty, 10th February, 1919.

R.M.

The undermentioned 2nd Lieuts. are granted the tempy. rank of Lieut. :—

Heaton Lumley.

John Leslie Llewellyn Rees.

20th Dec. 1918.

Admiralty, 11th February, 1919.

R.M.

The promotion of tempy. 2nd Lieut. Sydney Fisher Smith to the rank of tempy. Lieut. is antedated to the 10th Mar. 1916. (The notification which appeared in the London Gazette of the 2nd June 1916, page 5464, is cancelled.)

R.M.A.

Maj. Stephen Charles Wace to be tempy. Lieut.-Col. whilst holding a spec. appmt. 6th Feb. 1919.

R.M. Forces.

Capt. (tempy. Maj.) Walter Erskine Binney, Res. of Offrs., R.M., reverts to the Retd. List, and his tempy. rank of Maj. is converted to hon. rank. 27th Jan. 1919.

Admiralty, 12th February, 1919.

R.M.

Tempy. Lieut. (actg. Capt.) Frank Ede relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. on alteration in posting. 14th Feb. 1919.

Tempy. Lieut. the Hon. Esmond Cecil Harmsworth to be actg. Capt., without pay or allces., whilst specially employed. 1st Jan. 1919.

Admiralty, 14th February, 1919.

R.N.

Cdr. Walter E. Critchley, R.N. (retd.), granted rank of Capt. (retd.) in recognition of services rendered during the war. 27th Jan. 1919.

Proby. 2nd Lieut. (tempy. Lieut.) Barry Sor-tain Claudet resigns his commission. 30th Jan. 1919.

The tempy. commsn. of Lieut. Henry Batter-son Lovatt is terminated on account of medical unfitness. 10th Feb. 1919.

Tempy. Lieut. Henry Batterson Lovatt is granted the privilege of retaining his rank without the right to wear uniform.

The tempy. commsn. of Lieut. Alfred John Long is terminated on acct. of medical unfitness. 12th Feb. 1919.

Cdr. Hon. Gerald F. Digby (emergency.) granted rank of Captain (emergency.) for service rendered during the war. 13th Nov. 1918.

Lieut.-Cdr. Edward A. Digby (retd.) to be Cdr. (retd.) in recognition of services rendered during the war. 21st Jan. 1919.