

H.M.S. ACHILLES.

Distinguished Service Cross.

Lieutenant George G. Cowburn, Royal Navy; who handled the ship with the utmost skill and coolness and was undismayed when the Commanding Officer and the Chief Yeoman of Signals were wounded alongside him. The Ship's immunity from being hit was mainly due to him. The running commentary on the progress of the action which he passed to the Lower Conning Tower was of the greatest value, as it was broadcast to all positions between decks, including the Engine Room.

Surgeon-Lieutenant Colin G. Hunter, Royal Navy;

who was very junior for the responsible duty of Principal Medical Officer. He is a New Zealander. He had gained the confidence of the ship's company and won their esteem and affection, and so contributed much to the contentment of the Lower Deck. During the action his First Aid organisation worked very well, and he showed good judgment in dealing with the seriously wounded.

Gunner Eric J. Watts, Royal Navy;

who, though early in the action the Director Control Tower was hit by six splinters of a shell which killed or wounded half the personnel, carried out his duties as Rate Officer most ably throughout. When his rate keeping was no longer required, he left his position and calmly tended the wounded.

Gunner Harry T. Burchell, Royal Navy;

who, throughout the first action and the sixteen-hour chase which followed, carried out his duties with the greatest zeal and efficiency and relieved the Principal Control Officer of much trouble and responsibility, so that he could concentrate on observing and identifying the fall of shot. His conduct was exemplary.

H.M.S. EXETER.

Distinguished Service Cross.

Commander Charles J. Smith, Royal Navy;

who showed great calm and resource when communications had failed, in passing an order for port helm and in firing the starboard tubes at the correct moment. When required he coned the ship from aft, and after the action worked tirelessly to repair electrical damage, although wounded in the leg.

Commander Richard B. Jennings, Royal Navy;

who throughout the action controlled the main armament with great calmness and skill. When only one Turret was left in action he tried to spot from the after control position though standing over the muzzles of the guns. Throughout and after the battle he was untiring in his work of keeping the turret in action and in directing the ship's company to clear away the debris, the Commander being wounded.

Lieutenant Aidan E. Toase, Royal Marines; who was very active and resourceful in assisting to render the turret safe after it had been hit by an 11-inch shell.

Surgeon-Lieutenant Roger W. G. Lancashire, Royal Navy;

who, during the action and throughout the passage to the Falklands, with no sleep, worked cheerfully and unceasingly in tending the wounded.

Midshipman Robert W. D. Don, Royal Navy; who, throughout the action showed great calm, resource and initiative, especially in running hoses into the burning Marines' barracks, in fighting a fire over the lower steering position, and in rescuing the wounded.

Warrant Shipwright Charles E. Rendle, Royal Navy;

who controlled the shoring up and general repairs to the after section of the ship during the action. His untiring energy and great skill in effecting repairs, and so making the ship watertight after action, were beyond praise.

H.M.S. AJAX.

Distinguished Service Medal.

Albert E. Fuller, Petty Officer;

who was in charge of an electrical repair party near a compartment in which an 11-inch shell burst putting out all lights and causing much damage to electrical gear. He at once took efficient action to provide lighting and control the damage, and showed great courage, presence of mind and good leadership.

William G. Dorling, Chief Mechanician (Second Class);

who was in charge of the Stokers' Fire and Repair party near a compartment in which an 11-inch shell burst cutting pipes and starting fires. He at once took efficient action to control the damage and showed great courage, presence of mind and good leadership.

Bertram Wood, Stoker (First Class);

who showed special bravery, presence of mind and forwardness in controlling damage when an 11-inch shell burst near him. He entered "X" lobby when a number of casualties had occurred, and, single handed, put out a fire.

Frank E. Monk, Stoker (First Class);

who showed special presence of mind and forwardness in controlling damage when an 11-inch shell burst near him.

Duncan Graham, Shipwright (Third Class);

who set a magnificent example by his courage and forwardness near severe damage.

James W. Jenkins, Electrical Artificer (Third Class);

who showed special presence of mind and forwardness in controlling damage when an 11-inch shell burst near him.