

St. Nazaire, and was waiting for her escort when attacked. She was struck by a salvo of four high explosive bombs, which hit her simultaneously in the most vital parts, and she sank in ten minutes. Some 2,000 were saved by lifebelts and 500 by boats and rafts.

To be an Additional Officer of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:—

Captain Ivor Llewellyn Price, Master, s.s. "Margot" (Walmer Steamship Company Ltd., London).

Commended:—

Frederick Arthur Musk, } s.s. "Margot"
Telegraphist } (Walmer Steamship
Laurence Pattison, } Company Ltd.,
Signalman } London.)

S.S. "Margot" was attacked by aircraft while disembarking troops and discharging motor transport and ammunition at a Norwegian port. The Master organised the discharge of the cargo and throughout set a fine and inspiring example. The two signalmen besides receiving and answering all signals from the escorting vessels led and worked parties whenever they could leave the bridge and manned and fired machine-guns on the bridge during air raids.

To be an Additional Officer of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:—

Captain Arthur Edward Nicholls, Master, s.s. "Oronsay" (Orient Steam Navigation Company Ltd., London).

Commended:—

Ivan Ernest Goodman Goldsworth, Esq., R.D., Staff Commander, s.s. "Oronsay" (Orient Steam Navigation Company Ltd., London).

The transport "Oronsay" was engaged in withdrawing troops from France and rescued a large number of military officers and other ranks, many of whom proved to be survivors of H.M.T. "Lancastria". "Oronsay" was heavily attacked from the air and hit at the moment of her arrival at St. Nazaire. The embarkation took some four or five hours during which five bombing attacks were made upon the vessel. Captain Nicholls was ably assisted by Staff Commander Goldsworthy who had been injured. The Master's resource and coolness were outstanding and he brought his ship home without any bridge instruments or charts.

To be an Additional Member of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:—

Captain Harold Lawson, Master, s.s. "Sanfry" (James Hargreaves and Sons (Leeds) Ltd., Leeds).

Commended:—

Leslie Depledge, } s.s. "Sanfry"
Steward } (James Hargreaves & Sons
Joseph Lawson, } (Leeds) Ltd., Leeds)
Deckhand }

S.S. "Sanfry" was in convoy when a large flight of 60 to 70 enemy planes delivered a bombing attack. Being astern of the convoy the ship escaped damage but shortly

afterwards when a fresh attack developed, she was chosen as a special target, and was badly shaken. Her gunner, however, kept up fire and no vital damage was suffered. The next day when "Sanfry" and three other vessels had left the convoy, they suffered a murderous attack from a "U" Boat. The three other ships were all torpedoed and sunk while "Sanfry" narrowly escaped three torpedoes. Under fire from the submarine's guns she replied vigorously with her 12-pounder and Lewis gun. Two enemy shells struck the hold but failed to explode. The gunner was wounded and was dragged to safety from the exposed gun position by Steward Depledge and Deckhand Lawson. These two then continued to fire the gun, though under heavy fire from the submarine, which suddenly gave up the attack and disappeared. Next morning "Sanfry" sighted two enemy Motor Boats. Turning his ship so as to bring them dead astern Captain Lawson prepared to fire on them. Both boats, however, at once turned and made off. "Sanfry" was safely brought to harbour. Her Master's rapid appreciation of each position; his skilful seamanship and determined resistance were outstanding and the courage of Steward Depledge and Deckhand Lawson, not only in rescuing the wounded gunner but in taking his place and by vigorous fire repelling the submarine's attack, are worthy of the warmest commendation.

Awarded the Medal of the Civil Division of the said Most Excellent Order for Meritorious Service:—

John Robert Gallagher, Gunner, s.s. "Tamworth" (Dalgleish Steam Shipping Company Ltd., Newcastle-on-Tyne).

Commended:—

Captain Charles Logan } s.s.
Sclanders, Master } "Tamworth,"
John Emery Atkinson, } (Dalgleish Steam
Esq., 2nd Engineer } Shipping Com-
Eric Speakman, Gunner } pany, Ltd., New-
castle-on-Tyne.)

S.S. "Tamworth" was armed with a 12-pounder Gun and a Lewis Gun. When in convoy off Dover she was attacked by enemy aircraft which dived to bomb her, rose, and flew away. "Tamworth" was not hit but the delayed shock of the explosions around her lifted the ship right out of the water and blew her wireless away. The ship's side was badly dented and her engine-room damaged. In spite of this her gunners continued firing, and when attacked by an aircraft which had already sunk another vessel astern, they blew the machine to pieces. Yet another aircraft coming in from the port side was also hit, and flew off with both engines smoking. "Tamworth" made several attacks on other enemy aircraft before being towed back to port.

To be an Additional Member of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:—

Thomas Ludlow, Esq., Chief Officer, s.s. "Terlings" (Lambert Brothers Ltd., London).