

was not sighted for six days. Later, help was sent, the fore-castle was patched and the vessel guided into port.

The ship with most of her cargo of gasoline was saved.

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

Captain Francis Cecil Pretty, D.S.C., Master.
Andrew Drummond, Esq., Chief Engineer.

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

Joseph Isaac Jesse, Esq., Chief Steward.

Awarded the Medal of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, for Meritorious Service:—

George Frater, Carpenter.
L. Dabner, Able Seaman.

A vessel was struck by bombs when in convoy. The steering gear being completely destroyed, steering had to be done by main engines, the difficulties being increased by the fact that a heavy sea was running. Fires broke out in several places.

The Master, Captain Pretty, dealt most promptly and efficiently with the damage, and handled his ship very well, maintaining an accurate course at a speed of only one knot less than her maximum, thus contributing very largely to the safe arrival of the convoy at its destination.

The Chief Engineer, Mr. Drummond, by his prompt and efficient supervision in the engine room and stokehold, prevented the serious consequences which might otherwise have attended a dangerous leak in the ship's side caused by the bombs. The Chief Steward, Mr. Jesse, did excellent work, and pending the transfer to the vessel of a Medical Officer he at once took charge of the wounded and gave sound first aid.

The Chief Engineer was ably assisted by Carpenter Frater in putting out the fire in the crew's quarters. Although badly burned and with his right ankle broken, Able Seaman Dabner threw overboard High Explosive shells which would otherwise have fallen into the fire.

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

Captain Owen Vincent Jones, Master.

Awarded the George Medal:—

James Ryan, First Mate.

The ship was attacked by an enemy aircraft, which came upon her from astern, circled round and three times attacked her from ahead.

Mr. Ryan, at his gun, held his fire until the last moment and brought down the aircraft.

Meanwhile, the Master, Captain Jones, out-maneuvred the enemy, and his good seamanship undoubtedly helped to save the ship.

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

David Gold Davies, Esq., Mate.

This ship was attacked at night by an enemy aircraft which machine-gunned the deck and shook the ship heavily with a bomb which fell alongside.

The crew took cover, the Master went to the bridge, and the Mate, Mr. Davies, manned the machine-gun.

Though under heavy fire when the enemy attacked again, and badly shaken, Mr. Davies handled his gun steadily. His tracer bullets were seen to hit the fore end of the aircraft, which flew away, probably crippled.

The ship reached port under her own steam.

David Benjamin John Morris, Esq., 4th Engineer.

The ship was damaged by a bomb from an enemy aircraft. The engine room was flooded to water level, and the ship settled by the stern. All hands took to the boats, but as the ship seemed to be settling only slowly it was decided to try to tow her to port. Another ship which was close by rigged a tow, and though the water was gaining in spite of the pumps the ship was in due course grounded.

Mr. D. B. Morris, the 4th Engineer, showed great bravery when the explosion occurred. He was on duty in the engine room and though cut on the forehead by a flying rivet he stopped the engines and brought his firemen up the ladder. When one of them fell he went to his rescue and with water almost up to his neck tried to drag him to the ladder. He failed, for the swirl proved too strong, and the man was afterwards found to have been killed by the explosion.

Captain John Robert Reid Wilson, Master.

Captain Wilson's ship escaped an enemy attack which damaged other vessels.

Captain Wilson, in spite of the fact that several enemy E-boats were known to be about, stopped his ship, lowered one of his boats and spent over an hour and a half in rescuing survivors.

Later, the ship was struck and there was a heavy explosion, but she settled down with only a slight list and, with engines running, was able to proceed to port.

Awarded the George Medal:—

Sydney Herbert Light, Able Seaman.

Seaman Light's ship was torpedoed at night. One boat was swamped in lowering, with the result that all hands except Able Seaman Light and a Greaser were thrown out. Light released the forward fall, and with the Greaser holding the boat off eight other men were got aboard. The boat then drifted away from the sinking ship. As she lay broadside on the seas swept over her and daylight found her still afloat, but awash and with her crew worn out with baling.

Able Seaman Light, who had taken charge, stepped the mast and set sail. Some ships were sighted, but they failed to see the