

lives to the Master's skilful handling of the ship, and to the brave conduct of the Second Officer and his boat's crew.

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

William Skinner, Esq., Chief Engineer.

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

Luigi Francesco Togneri, M.B., Ch.B., Surgeon.

*Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—*

David White, Able Seaman.

Donald Mowat, Electrical Engineer.

The ship was badly damaged by a U-boat, a torpedo struck her abaft the engine-room. The Second Engineer was trapped under a grating, with water rising fast. Chief Engineer Skinner and Electrician Mowat, by the skilful use of crowbars, released the Officer.

The vessel took on a dangerous list to port and the Master ordered all boats to be lowered, manned and pulled clear. He himself remained on board with the Chief Engineer and the ship's Surgeon, Doctor Togneri. These two Officers helped the Master to save the ship. As the weather was moderate and the vessel seemed to be holding her own, a number of Officers and men returned on board, and tried to get her in tow. Able Seaman White, who was the oldest member of the working party, showed special zeal.

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

Captain Charles Albert Bailey, Master.

*Awarded the George Medal:—*

Percy Donald Jones, Esq., Third Officer.

*Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—*

Edward Canlan, Able Seaman.

The ship was sailing alone when she sighted a submarine on the surface on her starboard beam. The enemy opened fire with two heavy guns and a pom-pom, at about 6,000 yards range, but the ship replied and her shells fell close to the submarine. The Captain fought a spirited action lasting nearly two hours. Third Officer Jones, who was in charge of the gun's crew, was wounded in the head and chest but continued to fire the gun until it was put out of action by a shell. Much damage had already been done to the ship and the bridgehouse and holds were on fire. The Captain gave orders to abandon ship but the submarine went on firing until the vessel sank. Great coolness was also shown by Able Seaman Canlan who was one of the gun's crew.

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

Captain James Bernard McAulay McCafferty, Master.

*Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—*

Alexander Duff, Carpenter.

The ship was attacked by an aircraft. Fire was at once opened and many hits were observed. The ship had been attacked from the air twice before and the Master had the defence very well organised. The enemy dropped bombs, one of which exploded on the after deck, setting the ship on fire and breaking the steering gear. He then flew off. The Master stopped the vessel and the wounded were put into a boat, but when the fire had been put out and it was found that the ship was not leaking, they were brought on board again. Jury steering gear was rigged and the ship was brought to port.

In the three attacks made on the ship by enemy aircraft, Carpenter Duff's bearing was admirable. In the main attack he was a gunner and he made many hits. He showed coolness and courage in rescuing injured men from bombed accommodation and in fighting the fire.

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

Miss Victoria Alexandrina Drummond, Second Engineer.

The ship was attacked for thirty-five minutes by a bomber, when 400 miles from land, but by skilful handling many hits were avoided.

When the alarm was sounded, Miss Drummond at once went below and took charge. The first salvo flung her against the levers and nearly stunned her. When everything had been done to increase the ship's speed she ordered the engine-room and stoke-hold staff out. After one attack the main injection pipe just above her head started a joint and scalding steam rushed out. She nursed this vital pipe through the explosion of each salvo, easing down when the noise of the aircraft told her that bombs were about to fall, and afterwards increasing steam.

Her conduct was an inspiration to the ship's company, and her devotion to duty prevented more serious damage to the vessel.

James Goodall Horner, Esq., Chief Engineer.

The ship struck a mine and was badly damaged. Two tugs came out to tow the ship in as there was a strong ebb. Chief Engineer Horner worked hard to save the ship. He kept his engines running until there was so much water in the engine-room that they stopped.

Norman Nicholson, Esq., Third Officer.

The ship was torpedoed and the crew were ordered to the boats. The sea was rough. Third Officer Nicholson was in charge of one of these boats which was heavily laden. She lay to for three days and