

nights. Mr. Nicholson repaired the sea anchor when it parted on the second evening.

It was wholly due to the seamanship, resource and good judgment of the Third Officer that the survivors were rescued.

*Awarded the George Medal:—*

Edward James Butler, Gunner.

Three times the ship was attacked by low-flying aircraft. She was hit each time by bombs and during the second and worst attack Gunner Butler was blown into the air, but he retained his hold on his gun.

The steam connection was broken, and and much steam was escaping. On the deck several bombs for the Holman projector were lying without pins. The Gunner crawled through the steam and threw the bombs over the side. They exploded before they hit the water. Shortly afterwards, he saw some ammunition lying near the gun without caps and threw that also overboard.

In the last attack, though all guns but one were disabled, the Gunner brought this to bear, firing until the aircraft was out of range. He showed great courage and devotion throughout the action.

Andrew Hunter Johnson, Esq., Chief Engineer.

The ship had a cargo of benzine. She was struck by a torpedo on the port side between two tanks and the spirit shot up to a great height. The Chief Engineer at once went into the engine-room and put out the auxiliary fires. His presence of mind, courage and prompt action saved the benzine from catching alight.

Neale Mitchell, Esq., Second Engineer.

For courage and resource when the ship was attacked by an enemy aircraft.

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

James Henry Clinton, Gunner.

The ship was attacked four times by a bomber. Guns were at once in action and Clinton fired coolly and accurately all the time the enemy was within range. At the third attack the vessel was hit and the Master was forced to abandon ship at once. Two boats were got away into heavy seas but were separated. One was found by an Escort Vessel. Clinton, in the other boat, did fine work bailing and his cheerfulness and courage helped to keep up the spirits of the boat's crew.

Harry John Mead, Gunlayer.

The ship was attacked by two enemy aircraft with bombs and machine-gun fire. The gun's crew engaged the aircraft and black smoke was seen coming from them. The Chief Officer and two men were wounded. The Gunlayer, Mead, carried the wounded men from the platform and then returned to the gun, where he stayed until the enemy had been driven off and the ship was being abandoned. Mead showed great courage and exemplary coolness at his post.

Donald Birtwistle Moore, Gunlayer.

During an action with enemy aircraft a bomb from the Holman projector landed on the deck. The pin was out, yet the bomb did not explode. Gunlayer Moore at once ran down to the lower deck where it had fallen and threw it overboard and the bomb exploded in the sea. By his coolness and quick action the Gunner prevented loss of life and damage to the ship.

Safar Ali, Engine Room Serang.

Abdul Somodi, Deck Serang.

The ship was torpedoed. It was ultimately necessary to abandon her. This was carried out in good order, mainly owing to the excellent conduct of the Deck and Engine Room Serangs. In the boats both Serangs rowed whenever necessary, advised the men not to ask for water and encouraged them. They behaved as fine leaders and the men followed their good example.

COMMENDATIONS.

The individuals named below have been brought to notice for brave conduct when their ships encountered enemy ships, submarines, aircraft or mines:—

William Allen, Gunlayer.

Stanley Anderson (deceased), Ordinary Seaman.

Captain Vance Ayles, Master.

Thomas Cecil Barff, Esq., Chief Engineer.

Captain Thomas Bell, Master.

William Frank Bramhill, Esq., Third Officer.

Frederick Albert Chapman, Sailor.

Edward Robertson Clark, Esq., Chief Officer.

Charles Thomas Collett, Esq., Second Officer.

James Crewe, Junior Wireless Operator.

William James Davies, Carpenter.

Arthur Dennis, Esq., Second Radio Officer.

John Gwilym Evans, Esq., Chief Officer.

Captain Robert Thomas Gibson, Master.

Arthur William Gillett, Boatswain.

Alan Graham Gowdy, Esq., Second Officer.

Arthur Charles Eric Green, Esq., Third Officer.

William Gregg, Seaman Gunner.

Captain Alfred William Harrison, Master.

William Hugh Harrison, Esq., Chief Officer.

Wilfred Hosier, Esq., Second Mate.

Duncan Johnston, Able Seaman.

Peter Love, Esq., Chief Officer.

Ernest Roy Lupton, Esq., Third Officer.

John McGregor, Esq., Chief Engineer.

George Robert Mackillican, Esq., Chief Officer.

Captain Septimus Howard Murray (deceased), Master.

Thomas Peel, Gunlayer.

Reginald Radley, Sailor.

George Dick Miller Reid, Esq. (deceased), Chief Officer.

James Robertson, Able Seaman.

Eric Vernon Smith, Gunner.

Russell Story, Esq., Chief Officer.

Arthur Leason Tamlin, Boatswain.