parties were at once organised and Chief Engineer Reddington acted as liaison officer. He behaved with great resourcefulness and courage throughout the attacks and the ship was saved.

Horace Thompson, Esq., Chief Officer.

The ship was attacked by a submarine and sunk by the second of two torpedoes. Chief Officer Thompson was in the Chart room and fell through the deck into the Master's room below. On making his way to the bridge he found the Master suffering from shock. The Second and Third Officers were killed. The Chief Officer, though wounded himself, carried the Master—a man of fifteen stone—to the port lifeboat and got it away with twenty-seven survivors.

The Chief Officer searched for the other lifeboat without success and then set sail towards port, about five hundred miles away. Nine days later the boat reached land. She had been navigated without charts or instruments. Chief Officer Thompson judged his course by dead reckoning and his resource, coolness and skill were the means of saving many lives.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Alexander Dalziel, Ordinary Seaman.

After his ship had been torpedoed, the Master was trapped in the forecastle with a

broken arm. The crew had been ordered away in the boats but Seaman Dalziel, hearing a faint cry, groped his way through darkness and debris, found the Master and released him. He then dragged him to the deck, slid down the side of the sinking ship to the water and helped him to cling to a log until the two men were picked up an hour and a half later by a rescue ship.

Herbert Anthony Gibbons, Able Seaman.

For brave conduct and resource when his ship was attacked by enemy aircraft.

COMMENDATIONS.

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

William George Atkinson, Able Seaman.
Stanley Arkwell Bone, Esq., Fourth Engineer.
Donald Owen Clarke, Apprentice.
Patrick Fay, Sailor.
Ralph Llewelyn Hagley, Esq., Second Officer.

Stanley Ewart Hooper, Able Seaman.
Captain Harry Everett Maber, Master.
George Edward Mayne, Esq., Chief Officer.
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