

It was not until the German doctors noticed she was fainting, owing to the loss of blood, that they tended her and found she had been lacerated by shell splinters.

Among the last to leave the ship were Ship's Cook Francis and Deck Mechanic Walker. Francis, at great risk to himself, rescued two women from burning accommodation and took a badly wounded passenger with him to the boat. Walker tended two wounded ship-mates under shell-fire and brought them to a lifeboat. When this capsized, he supported one of the men, who was too badly hurt to wear a life-belt, and got him to safety.

COMMENDATIONS.

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

James Foster Anderson, Esq., Chief Engineer.
 Captain Lombe Atthill, O.B.E., Master.
 Philip Barker, Boatswain, M.V. "Rangitane."
 Norman Barter, Gunner.
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 Reuben Howard, Esq., Chief Engineer.
 Percy William Hughes, Chief Steward.
 Captain Frank Charles Jarrett, Master.
 Hogarth George Mack, Esq. (deceased), Second Officer.
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Awarded the George Medal:—

George Sydney Smith, Esq., Second Engineer.
 Harold Evans, Esq., Third Engineer.

Fire broke out in the engine-room of a ship through fuel oil escaping and becoming ignited. The Chief, the Second and the Fourth Engineers were in the engine-room, but they made their way on deck. The Chief and Fourth Engineers with their clothes ablaze.

Third Engineer Evans was off watch but hearing shouts rushed on deck and, with Mr. Smith and others, smothered the flames on the Chief and Fourth Engineers, who were very badly burned.

In the meantime, it was discovered that a greaser had been left in the engine-room. Mr. Smith then put on a smoke helmet and followed by Mr. Evans with a wet towel around his head, went down in search of the greaser. They found him in the after part of the engine-room which was full of smoke and fumes, with flames from the burning oil on the fore part. A line was made fast round him and he was hoisted up on deck.

Smith and Evans, in spite of the danger of being suffocated or burned, again went down into the engine-room and extinguished the fire.

COMMENDATION.

The individual named below has been Commended for brave conduct when fire broke out in his ship:—

Ronald Rex Butler, Esq. (deceased), Fourth Engineer.

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