

Volunteers, led by the Second Engineer, entered the stokehold and drew the fires. Besides his work in drawing the fires, Mr. Thomson was also outstanding in leading parties in fire-fighting.

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

James Alexander Annandale, Third Engineer.

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

William Wastle, Carpenter.

Hugh Edward Hughson, Able Seaman.

The ship was torpedoed and a fierce fire started which the crew could not fight as the pipe line was broken and they could get no water. Ship was abandoned and the crew was picked up. As the fire had burned down and the ship did not seem about to sink, an attempt was made to reboard her, but owing to the heavy swell this was not possible. Later she was reboarded and tugs were sent for. A party, which included Mr. Annandale, Wastle and Hughson, was put on board to raise steam to help the tow, and also to try to straighten out the jammed rudder.

They did good work in dangerous conditions with full knowledge that the ship might sink at any time. The party had to be taken off at noon the next day as the weather got worse and eventually the ship sank.

#### COMMENDATIONS.

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

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