

Leonard George Pillar, Deck Hand. (Award dated 21st October, 1941.)

The trawler was proceeding independently towards her fishing grounds when an aircraft approached. The enemy showed lights and circled to try to deceive the ship. As he made his first run Pillar fired and hit the aircraft. When last seen, smoke was pouring from the fuselage, and the enemy was jettisoning the rest of his bombs.

Pillar was wounded in the leg, but refused to leave his post in case the enemy returned. Although a bomb fell within three feet of him, it failed to unsettle his courage or disturb his aim.

William Read, Engineer. (Award dated 21st October, 1941.)

Three trawlers were attacked by a Focke Wolf Condor. They were bombed in turn and then machine-gunned. Each time the aircraft attacked, the trawlers replied with their guns. They put up a stout defence, and at least one trawler hit the enemy.

Fine work was done by Read, whose ship was much damaged, so that the engine-room was full of steam and soot from burst pipes. He kept the engines going throughout the attacks, and afterwards stood fast without break or rest steaming nearly 200 miles to safety.

William Henry Sheldon, Third Hand. (Award dated 19th August, 1941.)

While fishing, the small vessel was attacked by two German aircraft. Sheldon at once went to the portable Lewis gun, and opened fire from the forward deck. Although he hit the first bomber, he was himself wounded by the rear gunner. Instead of taking cover, he reloaded and opened fire on the second enemy. His gun then jammed. The first bomber returned and fired another burst and Sheldon was hit a second time. Even so, he was most reluctant to leave his post.

#### COMMENDATIONS.

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

Leonard Arnold, Esq., Chief Engineer.

Charles William Baker, Assistant Mooring and Wreck Raising Officer (Port of London Authority).

John George Bean, Esq., Skipper of a Steam Trawler. (Award dated 10th June, 1941.)

Oliver Best Bell, Esq., Skipper of a Trawler. (Award dated 26th July, 1940.)

Edgar Stanley Bennett, Esq., Skipper of a Trawler. (Award dated 26th July, 1940.)

Arthur Charlton Block, Esq., Skipper of a Steam Trawler. (Award dated 10th June, 1941.)

John Robert Bore, Esq., Skipper of a Steam Trawler. (Award dated 21st October, 1941.)

Captain Augustus Brownfield, Master, Salvage Vessel (Port of London Authority).

George Bruce, Esq., Skipper of a Steam Trawler. (Award dated 13th August, 1940.)

Robert Brun, Able Seaman.

Alfred Frederick Charlton, Gunner.

Charles Kemp Cornish, Esq., Skipper of a Steam Trawler. (Award dated 25th February, 1941.)

James Cowie, Engineer. (Award dated 24th May, 1940.)

Alexander Downie Craig, Second Hand. (Award dated 24th May, 1940. Subsequently presumed drowned as a result of enemy action.)

George Ernest Edward Critten, Mate. (Award dated 10th June, 1941.)

Vivian William Critten, Third Hand. (Award dated 1st August, 1940.)

William George Davies, Esq., Skipper of a Steam Trawler. (Award dated 10th June, 1941.)

Arthur Dyson (deceased), Mate. (Award dated 10th June, 1941.)

Robert George Etheridge, Mate. (Award dated 10th June, 1941.)

Charles Fisher, Mate. (Award dated 26th July, 1940.)

Edward Foster, Boatswain.

James Gale, Esq., Skipper of a Trawler. (Award dated 26th July, 1940.)

Fergus Joseph Gardiner, Third Hand. (Award dated 21st October, 1941.)

Ernest Goddard (deceased), Gunner.

Thomas William Gorrings, Esq., Skipper of a Steam Trawler. (Award dated 21st October, 1941.)

Henry William George Heath, Deck Hand. (Award dated 21st October, 1941.)

Joseph Humphrey, Esq., Skipper of a Drifter. (Award dated 26th July, 1940.)

Harold King, Esq., Skipper of a Steam Trawler. (Award dated 9th July, 1941.)

Albert Frederick Lee, Gunner.

George Albert Leo, Esq., Skipper of a Steam Trawler. (Award dated 26th August, 1941.)

Alfred Loftis, Esq., Skipper of a Steam Trawler. (Award dated 21st October, 1941.)

James Marshall, Engineer. (Award dated 9th July, 1941.)

Captain Bertie Reginald Mastin, Master.

John Matthew Mecklenberg, Esq., Skipper of a Steam Trawler. (Award dated 21st October, 1941.)

Jack Mengal, Esq., Skipper of a Trawler. (Award dated 25th February, 1941.)

Burton George Henry Moore, Engineer. (Award dated 13th August, 1940.)

William Morrow, Engineer. (Award dated 26th August, 1941.)

John Robert Nightingale, Esq., Skipper of a Steam Trawler. (Award dated 21st October, 1941.)

Norman Riach, Cook. (Award dated 26th July, 1940.)

David Frederick Roberts, Deck Hand. (Award dated 29th July, 1941.)

Dudley Allan Rushmere, Able Seaman.

William John Ralph Scoble, Esq., Skipper of a Steam Trawler. (Award dated 9th July, 1941.)

Herbert Irby Springall, Third Hand. (Award dated 26th July, 1940.)

David Squire, Third Hand. Award dated 26th July, 1940. He subsequently lost his life at sea by enemy action.)

George William Todd, Second Hand. (Award dated 26th July, 1940.)

Captain Edward Torrens, Master.

George Stanley Watcham, Trimmer. (Award dated 26th July, 1940.)

John Isaac White, Esq., Skipper of a Steam Trawler. (Award dated 1st April, 1941.)

David Williams, Esq., Chief Officer.