

Many craft were hit by the accurate enemy fire, and some blew up very close inshore under the enemy guns. L.C.P.(L)144 was ordered to close, make smoke and pick up survivors. This was done at point blank range with an off-shore wind making effective smoke difficult. By his most courageous action Leading Seaman McGrath rescued over twenty survivors.

Leading Motor Mechanic William Herbert Cheeney, P/MX.124844.

On 1st November, 1944, during the assault on Westkapelle L.C.S.(L)260 received a direct shell hit in the wing petrol tank which penetrated to and caused a fire in the engine room. Leading Motor Mechanic Cheeney succeeded alone in getting the engine room fire under control with extinguishers, but could not get near the tank compartment hatch owing to the heat. When another craft came alongside to assist, Cheeney had a hose rigged from her, and sitting from outboard in the shell-hole in the ship's side, fought and put out the fire. Undeterred by the knowledge that petrol remained on board, he saved his ship by his very gallant action.

The Distinguished Service Medal.

Acting Chief Motor Mechanic Frank Woods, C/MX.500838 (Chorley).
 Temporary Corporal (Acting Temporary Sergeant) Stanley Victor Brooks, Ch/X.805 (Deal).
 Petty Officer John Joseph Davorn, D/JX.145599.
 Acting Petty Officer Harry Best, C/JX.159393.
 Petty Officer Motor Mechanic Frederick George Curtis, C/MX.99653 (Alveston).
 Petty Officer Motor Mechanic John Robert Sherbourne, P/MX.99327 (Oxford).
 Yeoman of Signals Anthony Edward Jones, D/JX.145443 (Pencoed).
 Leading Seaman William Jackson Cade, D/JX.238241 (Newcastle).

Leading Seaman Stanley William Winrow, P/JX.257713 (Bolton).
 Temporary Acting Leading Seaman John Smith, P/JX.395453.
 Temporary Acting Leading Signalman William Alexander Gow, C/JX.258010 (Harwich).
 Able Séaman Derry Cook, C/SSX.29770.
 Acting Able Seaman James Gallacher, C/JX.378014 (Glasgow).
 Stoker First Class. John Minnock, P/KX.145185 (Lanark).
 Marine John George Woods, Ch/X.108800 (Preston).

Mention in Despatches.

Temporary Sub-Lieutenant Frederick Arnold Fewster, R.N.V.R.
 Temporary Sub-Lieutenant Donald Harper Young, R.N.V.R.
 Chief Motor Mechanic George William O'Bee, C/MX.117690 (Gillingham).
 Petty Officer Telegraphist Cyril Douglas Lusted, C/JX.153199.
 Yeoman of Signals David Mial Trevor Jones, P/JX.151466.
 Leading Seaman Ronald Wilson, C/JX.184924 (Newcastle-on-Tyne).
 Leading Signalman Ernest Hodgson, D/J.38351 (Steeton, Nr. Keighley).
 Able Seaman James Wilson Bark, C/JX.377947 (Stranraer).
 Able Seaman Alexander Brown, C/JX.377960 (Hogorth Kippock, Cardross).
 Able Seaman Ronald Allan Elms, P/JX.328804.
 Able Seaman John Thomas Garthwaite, P/JX.382332 (West Hartlepool).
 Able Seaman Arthur James Green P/JX.327059 (Cheltenham).
 Able Seaman Mervyn Thomas George Jacobs, D/JX.349727.
 Able Seaman William McDonald Rae, P/JX.385672.
 Able Seaman Arthur Reginald Tapping, D/JX.420334 (Newton Heath).
 Coder Geoffrey Harris, P/JX.405338.
 Marine William Ernest Johns, Ply/X.111882.

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