

Able Seaman Albert E. Bex, O.N. J.17223.
 Able Seaman Samuel Forsey, O.N. S.S. 2059
 (R.F.R. B.4597).
 Able Seaman William F. Hoffman, O.N. 195940
 (R.F.R. Chat., B.2650).
 Able Seaman David S. Kerr, O.N. 239816.
 Able Seaman Henry G. Law, O.N. 195366
 (R.F.R. Chat., B.8261).
 Able Seaman Arthur Roake, O.N. S.S. 1940
 (R.F.R. B.8843).
 Able Seaman William E. Rowland, O.N. J.17029.
 Seaman R.N.R., Henry Thomas Morrison, O.N.
 1495D.
 Chief Yeoman of Signals Alfred J. Chatwin,
 O.N. 156109.
 Seaman R.N.R., Daniel Roach, 1685D.
 Stoker Petty Officer James Getson, O.N. 295438.
 Stoker R.N.R., Henry Ridsdale, O.N. 1136 U.

ADMIRALTY, August 16, 1915.

The following awards have been made in recognition of services during the operations in the vicinity of the Dardanelles prior to 25-26th April:—

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the grant of the Victoria Cross to Lieutenant-Commander (now Commander) Eric Gascoigne Robinson, R.N., for the conspicuous act of bravery specified below.

Lieutenant-Commander Robinson on the 26th February advanced alone, under heavy fire, into an enemy's gun position, which might well have been occupied, and destroying a four-inch gun, returned to his party for another charge with which the second gun was destroyed. Lieutenant-Commander Robinson would not allow members of his demolition party to accompany him, as their white uniforms rendered them very conspicuous. Lieutenant-Commander Robinson took part in four attacks on the mine fields—always under heavy fire.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointments to the Distinguished Service Order and for the award of the Distinguished Service Cross to the under-mentioned Officers in recognition of their services as mentioned:—

To be Companion of the Distinguished Service Order.

Commander William Mellor, R.N.

Commander Mellor was in charge of the trawler mine-sweepers, and took part in all the mine-sweeping operations under fire prior to and including the 18th March; he displayed conspicuous gallantry, always being to the fore in a picket boat, in the most exposed positions, encouraging his sweepers and setting a fine example.

Lieutenant-Commander (now Commander) John Rickards Middleton, R.N.

Lieutenant-Commander Middleton on three occasions entered the minefields under heavy fire, where he organised and successfully carried

out attacks ~~by means~~ of explosive creeps—on the cables and jack stays.

Lieutenant Francis Hugh Sandford, R.N.

Lieutenant Sandford was specially recommended for his good work in connection with the attacks on the minefields, which he entered on several occasions, including night of 13th-14th March. He invariably displayed great determination when under fire. Lieutenant Sandford also rendered good service in the demolition of Fort Seddul Bahr.

Acting Lieutenant Bernard Thomas Cox, R.N.R.

Lieutenant Cox behaved in a most gallant manner when a volunteer in trawler No. 318 during the attack on the minefield on 13th-14th March. Though severely wounded he refused to quit his bridge until out of action. His vessel suffered serious damage and severe casualties.

Captain Christopher Powell Metcalfe, R.N.

On the 18th March, after H.M.S. "Irresistible" struck a mine, Captain Metcalfe took H.M.S. "Wear" alongside her, and rescued nearly the whole of her crew under a very heavy fire, which caused several casualties—a very fine display of seamanship.

Lieutenant-Commander (now Commander) the Hon. Patrick George Edward Cavendish Acheson, M.V.O., R.N.

Acting Sub-Lieutenant (now Sub-Lieutenant) Alfred Edward Boscawen Giles, R.N.

Lieutenant-Commander Acheson, with Acting Sub-Lieutenant Alfred E. B. Giles, Chief E. R. A. 2nd Class Robert Snowdon, O.N. 270654, and Stoker 1st Class Thomas Davidson, O. N. K. 14753, went down into the fore magazine and shell room of H.M.S. "Inflexible" when the parties working in these places had been driven out by fumes, caused by the explosion of a mine under the ship; they closed valves and water-tight doors, lights being out, the shell room having two feet of water in it, rising quickly, and the magazine flooding slowly.

The fumes were beginning to take effect on Acting Sub-Lieutenant Giles, but neither he nor the others left until ordered to do so by Lieutenant-Commander Acheson, who was the last to leave the shell room.

Engineer-Commander Harry Lashmore, C.B., R.N.

Engineer-Lieutenant-Commander Arthur Ellis Lester, R.N.

Engineer Lieutenant Rey, Griffith Parry, R.N.
 Surgeon Martyn Henry Langford, R.N.

During the time H.M.S. "Inflexible" was steaming to Tenedos—after having struck a mine—the engine-room being in semi-darkness and great heat, the ship in possible danger of sinking on passage, a high standard of discipline was called for in the Engineer Department, a call which was more than met. Engineer-Commander Harry Lashmore, responsible for the discipline of the engine-room department, was in the starboard engine-room throughout the passage, and set a fine example to his men.