

enemy machines were engaged at close range and forced to retire, and as our machine withdrew Flight-Lieut. Dunning was hit in the left leg and the machine itself was badly damaged. Sub-Lieut. Oxley, having first improvised a tourniquet, which he gave to Flight-Lieut. Dunning, took control of the machine, whilst the latter put on the tourniquet. The pilot was obliged to keep his thumb over a hole in the lower part of the petrol tank in order to keep enough fuel to return to the aerodrome, where he made an exceedingly good landing.

Flight Sub-Lieut. Donald Ernest Harkness, R.N.A.S.

Flight Sub-Lieut. Ralph Harold Collett, R.N.A.S.

In recognition of their services on the morning of the 9th August 1916, when they dropped bombs on the airship sheds at Evere and Berchem St. Agathe. Flight Sub-Lieut. Collett dropped all his bombs on the shed at Evere from a height of between 300 and 500 feet, under very heavy rifle, machine-gun and shrapnel fire from all directions. Flight Sub-Lieut. Harkness could not descend so low owing to the very heavy anti-aircraft fire which had by this time been opened on the machines, but he dropped some of his bombs on the shed, and then proceeded to Berchem St. Agathe, which he also bombed.

Act. Lieut. Frank Stewart Lofthouse, R.N.R.

Lieut. Lofthouse showed admirable presence of mind on the occasion of the attack by an Austrian cruiser on a group of drifters in the Adriatic on the 9th July 1916. When the cruiser opened fire on his drifter at point-blank range, this officer ordered the crew to put on lifebelts, and immediately went to the wireless apparatus himself and twice sent out a message as to the presence of the cruiser. Whilst he was sending this message three shots hit the ship. He then came on deck and, finding his ship was sinking, he got his crew overboard and by his example and behaviour kept them together until they were picked up six hours later.

Skipper Harold John Goldspink, R.N.R., 1937 W.S.A.

Skipper James Ritchie, R.N.R., 1271 W.S.A.

Skipper Ritchie behaved in an admirable manner and displayed great coolness under fire on the occasion of the attack by an Austrian cruiser on a group of drifters in the Adriatic on the 9th July 1916. He was instrumental in saving many lives by taking his drifter alongside damaged drifters and by picking up men who were in the water.

Skipper Frederick George Harris, R.N.R., 1147 W.S.A.

Skipper Harris showed most seamanlike qualities on the occasion of the attack by an Austrian cruiser on a group of drifters in the Adriatic on the 9th July 1916. He went to the assistance of the damaged drifters, took them in tow, and brought them safely into harbour.

The following awards have also been approved:—

*To receive the Conspicuous Gallantry Medal.*

Pte. Thomas Henry Hoskins, R.M.L.I., No. Ch. 12888 (R.F.R. B./1952).

For conspicuous gallantry at Gaba Tepe, on the 30th April 1915, when, after volunteering for the duty, he moved across the open under very heavy and very close range fire to another sector of the outpost line with an urgent message for ammunition and water. Having delivered the message, he courageously attempted to return to his unit, and in doing so was twice wounded.

*To receive the Distinguished Service Medal.*

L.S. Frederick William Andrews, O.N. 230697.

L.S. Charles John Colbran, O.N. 208778.

Act. L. Sto. Herbert Heath, O.N. K.946.

Qrmr. John Drinkall (Mercantile Rating).

Pte. George Yates, R.M.L.I., No. Ply./15209.

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Corpl. John M'Dowell, R.M.L.I., Ply./15925.

Corpl. Albert Robert Grainger, R.M.L.I., Ch./15463.

Pte. Charles Robert Bell, R.M.L.I., Ch./8882.

Sergt. John Charles Dunn, R.M.L.I., Po./7770.

Sergt. Marcus William Minter, R.M.L.I., Po./8622.

A.B. George Ramsey, R.N.V.R., ON. Z.2736.C.

Lce. - Cpl. David George Denyer, R.M.L.I., Po./12125.

Pte. Harry Mills, R.M.L.I., Ply./16368.

Pte. Albert Dunkley, R.M., Deal/3176 (S.) (Medical Unit).

Pte. Percy Berry, R.M.L.I., Ch.13352.

Sto. Thomas Bell, R.N.V.R., ON.Po./109000.

Lce.-Sergt. Frederick Wolstenholme, R.M.L.I. Ply./481 (S.).

Sto. Tom Arnold, Ch./R.F.R./S. (S.105803) (C.P.O., R.N.D.).

Sapper Walter Bottomley, R.M., Depôt/614 (S.) (Divl. Engrs.).

Sergt. Albert Henry Hunting, R.M.L.I., Po./16280.

A.B. George William James R.N.V.R., ON.Z. 2837.T.

A.B. Daniel Bullen, R.N.V.R., ON.KP.3.

Pte. Frank Hunt, R.M.L.I., Po./319 (S.).

*Nigerian Marine (Natives).*

Isaac, Deckhand.

Yesufu, Boatswain.

Angus, Chief Engineer.

Sam Druder, Boatswain.

William M'Beh, Quartermaster.

The undermentioned rating has been awarded a Bar to his Distinguished Service Medal for a subsequent act of gallantry:—

Leading Signalman Isaac Overton, O.N. 225837.

(The award of the Distinguished Service Medal was notified in the Gazette dated 16th August 1915, page 8135.)

*Royal Marines.*

The following promotions have been made for distinguished service with the Royal Naval