

instant, in the Prize Branch of the Department of the Accountant-General of the Navy, Admiralty, S.W. 1.

All applications from persons entitled to share, who are not now serving, should be addressed "On Prize Business:—to the Accountant-General of the Navy, Admiralty, London, S.W. 1." Such applications (except in the case of Commissioned Officers) should be accompanied by Certificates of Service.

*Admiralty, 20th May, 1919.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the Albert Medal for gallantry in saving life at sea to—

Surgeon Lieutenant-Commander Edward Leicester Atkinson, D.S.O., R.N.

The account of the services, in respect of which this decoration has been conferred, is as follows:—

On the 16th September, 1918, a serious explosion occurred amidships on board H.M.S. "Glatton" whilst lying in Dover Harbour. This was followed immediately by an outbreak of fire, the oil fuel burning furiously and spreading fore and aft. Efforts were made to extinguish the fire by means of salvage tugs. The foremost magazines were flooded, but it was found impossible to get to the after magazine flooding positions. The explosion and fire cut off the after part of the ship, killing or seriously injuring all the Officers who were on board with one exception. The ship might have blown up at any moment.

At the time of the explosion Surgeon Lieut.-Commander Atkinson was at work in his cabin. The first explosion rendered him unconscious. Recovering shortly, he found the flat outside his cabin filled with dense smoke and fumes. He made his way to the quarter deck by means of the ladder in the Warrant Officers flat, the only one still intact. During this time he brought two unconscious men on to the upper deck, he himself being uninjured.

He returned to the flat, and was bringing a third man up, when a smaller explosion occurred whilst he was on the ladder. This explosion blinded him, and, at the same time, a piece of metal was driven into his left leg in such a manner that he was unable to move until he had himself extracted it. Placing the third man on the upper deck, he proceeded forward through the shelter deck. By feel, being totally unable to see, he here found two more unconscious men, both of whom he brought out.

He was found later on the upper deck in an almost unconscious condition, so wounded and burnt that his life was despaired of for some time.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the Albert Medal for gallantry in saving life at sea to—

Lieutenant David Wainwright, R.N.

The account of the services in respect of which this decoration has been conferred is as follows:—

On the 4th February, 1919, H.M.S. "Penarth" struck a mine and immediately began to sink. Lieutenant David Wainwright, taking command of the situation, at once superintended the manning and lowering of the starboard gig, and later the launching of the Carley floats. Hearing there was a stoker injured in one of the stokeholds, he called for

volunteers to show him the way, and at once made his way forward. There was by now a heavy list on the ship, and it was apparent she would not remain afloat much longer, the upper deck on the starboard side being already awash. Lieutenant Wainwright made his way below unaided, and while he was in the stokehold the ship struck a second mine abaft of him. The forepart was blown off and sank, and he was forced to wait till the stokehold had filled before he could float to the surface up the escape.

He displayed the greatest gallantry and disregard of his own personal safety in going below at a time when the ship was liable to sink at any moment.

*Admiralty, 12th May, 1919.*

*R.M.*

Lt. Charles Quintin Parsons to be Capt., vice Hazell, resigned commn. 25th Apr. 1919.

The undermentioned tempy. Lieuts. are placed on the Retd. List:—

Edward Priddle.

Frank Samuel Cross.

George Stevens.

6th June 1919.

The undermentioned tempy. 2nd Lieuts. to be tempy. Lieuts.:—

Ernest Arthur Heaton, M.M.

Richard Charles Carvell.

Harold McFarland.

Harold Godfrey Stephens.

27th Mar. 1919.

Frank Herbert Onslow. 28th Mar. 1919.

Frederick Joseph Ruffe. 9th Apr. 1919.

Kenneth Bransby Hill.

George Anderson McDowell Elliott.

11th Apr. 1919.

*Admiralty, 13th May, 1919.*

Actg. Lieut. to be Lieut.:—

Alfred H. Huxley. 1st Apr. 1918.

Lieut.-Cdr. (retd.) to be Cdr. (retd.) in recognition of services rendered during the War:—

James H. Aitken. 11th Nov. 1918.

*R.N.V.R.*

Tempy. Sub-Lieut. to be tempy. Lieut.:—

Charles W. Gillham 9th July 1918.

*R.M.L.I.*

Maj. Edward Keeling Fletcher, D.S.O., to be Bgde.-Maj. 10th May 1919.

*R.M.*

The tempy. commn. of Maj. George Arthur Bruce is terminated to enable him to revert to his former unit, i.e., Tyne Electrical Engineers (Army). 6th May 1919.

The undermentioned tempy. Lieuts. are placed on the Retd. List:—

Charles Sayer Walker. 22nd Feb. 1919.

William Seabrook. 1st June 1919.

William Charles Coombes. 4th June 1919.

*Admiralty, 14th May, 1919.*

Payr. Cdr. Maurice G. F. B. Fenwick (Rtd.) to be Payr. Capt. (Rtd.) in recognition of services rendered during the War. 11th Nov. 1918.