

Raymond G. Cook, Sergeant, Royal Marines; who showed great presence of mind and initiative in carrying out orders when a Turret was severely hit and fires and casualties occurred.

Thomas S. Reginald Norman Buckley, Marine; who when a Turret was hit showed great presence of mind and efficiency in ensuring the safety of the ammunition.

Clarence H. Charles Gorton, Petty Officer; who, being in charge of a Turret, worked hard and well, showed great devotion to duty, and ensured the maximum output from his turret throughout the action.

John W. Hill, Petty Officer; who as Director Layer, carried out his most important duties with great skill thereby contributing much to the fighting efficiency of the ship throughout the action.

Leonard C. Curd, Leading Seaman; who carried out most important Fire Control duties, usually performed by an Officer, with marked success throughout the action, and set a fine example of cheerful efficiency.

Robert D. Macey, Able Seaman; who, being in charge of a Shell Room, set a fine example of cheerful and good hard work and ensured that there was no delay in ammunition supply in the Turret which was able to fire the greatest number of rounds.

Robert McClarnan, Able Seaman; who, being in charge of a Magazine, set a fine example of cheerful, hard and skilful work.

Richard C. Perry, Stoker (First Class); who worked with energy, skill and initiative in making repairs to the catapult motor during action.

#### H.M.S. ACHILLES.

##### *Distinguished Service Medal.*

Edgar V. Sherley, Able Seaman; who was severely wounded when the Director Control Tower was hit by splinters. He behaved with great courage during his long wait until proper medical attention came. The nearest door of the D.C.T. through which he would normally have been evacuated was jammed by splinter damage, and it was necessary to remove him by a devious and difficult route in the heat of the engagement. He gave all the help he could to the Medical Party during this painful operation. He bore the pain of his wounds with great patience and fortitude.

Ian Thomas L. Rodgers, Ordinary Seaman; who, when early in the action several splinters struck the Gun Director Tower at once, killing three men and wounding two others inside the tower, was immediately ordered across, and proceeded to carry out essential duty coolly and skilfully for the rest of the engagement.

Allan M. Dorset, Boy (First Class); who, though early in the action several splinters struck the Gun Director Tower at once, killing three men and wounding two others inside the tower, behaved with exemplary coolness, despite the carnage around him. He passed such information as was available to him to the guns, and repeated their reports clearly for the information of the Gunnery Officer.

William G. Boniface, Chief Petty Officer; who, though early in the action several splinters struck the Gun Director Tower at once, killing three men and wounding two others inside the tower, maintained a good range plot throughout the engagement.

William R. Headon, Petty Officer; who, though early in the action several splinters struck the Gun Director Tower at once, killing three men and wounding two others inside the tower, kept up an accurate output for a prolonged action of over two hundred broadsides. He was faced with an especially difficult task in hand training with large alterations of course at full speed and with wide angles of rudder. During the lull he helped to remove dead and wounded.

Alfred Maycock, Petty Officer; who, though early in the action several splinters struck the Gun Director Tower at once, killing three men and wounding two others inside the tower, kept an accurate output for a prolonged action of over two hundred broadsides. During the lull he helped to remove the wounded and dead.

Harry H. Gould, Able Seaman; who, though early in the action several splinters struck the Gun Director Tower at once, killing three men and wounding two others inside the tower, maintained throughout the engagement a good range plot, even when the body of a shipmate fell on him through the D.C.T. floor.

Leslie Hood, Acting Chief Mechanician (Second Class); who was most helpful in the Engine Room, and showed zeal and energy throughout the action.

William Job Wain, Chief Stoker; who was, in the words of one of the staff of "A" Boiler Room, an "inspiration and help to them all." He steamed this boiler room with the highest efficiency, using great initiative in setting and adjusting the sprayers to obtain the best flame and a minimum of smoke.

Lincoln C. Martinson, Chief Yeoman of Signals; who showed great zeal and untiring energy in training and organising the V/S Department. The smartness of Achilles' flag-hoisting had been commented on both by the Commodore Commanding, New Zealand Squadron, and the Rear Admiral Commanding, South America Division, and did not fail in battle.

When seriously wounded and in great pain, he continued to inquire after the welfare of the V/S department and wanted to know how his men were doing.