

George E. Smith, Plumber, Third Class; who, shortly after the explosion in the Chief Petty Officers' Flat, took a party of Stokers there to free the Main Switchboard Room's hatch. At the time the flat was in darkness, reeking with fumes and smoke, full of debris, and with the possibility of little deck supporting.

Frederick Knight, Joiner (Third Class); who, while bleeding in the face and badly shaken by the 11-inch shells exploding on the forecastle Messdeck, used great initiative in improvising stretchers for the wounded, in examining compartments underneath the damage and in plugging holes in the upper deck.

William E. Green, Petty Officer; who, as Chief Quartermaster, when the upper steering position was put out of action by an 11-inch shell exploding on a Turret ensured that the secondary steering position was correct and fully manned. Finding it to be so he started aft to see that the after steering position also was correct; on his way he was seriously wounded.

Joseph A. Rooskey, Chief Mechanician (Second Class); whose work was outstanding among all those on the catapult platforms jettisoning the aircraft. His calmness, skill and initiative were most valuable and set a splendid example to all those around him.

Alfred J. Ball, Able Seaman; who when taken wounded to the Fore Medical Station himself gave first aid to the other wounded and by his willingness and cheerfulness was of great help to the Fore Medical Station.

Stephen J. Smith, Petty Officer; who was in charge of the After Repair Party. A few minutes after the action opened a shell bursting close to the ship aft caused the flooding of Number 3 Breaker Room and much damage to the leads there. His prompt action in running emergency circuits to a Turret and the after steering motor helped to maintain the ship in action.

Thomas G. Phillips, Engine Room Artificer (Third Class); who got the two extra dynamos on load in record time. As the result of an explosion he and his party were trapped in the forward Dynamo Room which filled with dense fumes and smoke. One dynamo had stopped and with the exhaust fan out of action he skilfully effected the repairs needed to get the machine running again.

Sidney A. Carter, Master-at-Arms; who, though wounded in the right knee and severely bruised by a splinter early in the action, carried on tirelessly and devotedly his duty in the After Medical Party.

Eric T. Dakin, Sick Berth Attendant; who had been in the ship only a week, having been lent from H.M.S. Ajax, his first ship. His conduct throughout the action was exemplary. He carried out instructions per-

fectly, his first-aid treatment was very good and his quiet gentle manner gave great confidence to the wounded. His ability to take charge and keep order in difficulties was splendid.

*Mentions in Despatches.*

H.M.S. AJAX.

Engineer Captain Lionel C. S. Noake, R.N.  
Paymaster Commander Rutherford W. Moore, R.N.  
Lieutenant-Commander Ralph C. Medley, R.N.  
Lieutenant-Commander Richard R. S. Pennefather, R.N.  
Paymaster Lieutenant-Commander Victor G. H. Weekes, R.N.  
Surgeon Lieutenant-Commander Alexander J. Burden, R.N.  
Lieutenant Richard E. N. Kearney, R.N.  
Chief Petty Officer Henry N. Watson.  
Chief Yeoman of Signals George W. Harman.  
Leading Signalman Daniel F. Parrott.  
Chief Petty Officer Telegraphist John F. Dagwell.  
Band Corporal Angus J. H. Macdonald.  
Marine Albert J. Hester, R.M.  
Leading Seaman Cecil J. Williams.  
Leading Seaman Henry Brennan.  
Chief Ordnance Artificer (First Class) Arthur Hoile.  
Leading Telegraphist Frederick J. Chatfield.

H.M.S. ACHILLES.

Commander (E) H. W. Head, R.N.  
Paymaster Commander H. T. Isaac, R.N.  
Lieutenant P. P. M. Green, R.N.  
Lieutenant (E) Jasper A. R. Abbott, R.N.  
Gunner (T) George R. Davis-Goff, R.N.  
Warrant Electrician Joseph F. Swift, R.N.  
Chief Petty Officer Leonard H. Boys.  
Chief Petty Officer Ronald P. Burges.  
Sailmaker Ivan D. Crawford.  
Able Seaman Keith F. Connew.  
Able Seaman James S. Borwick.  
Able Seaman Collin W. Malcolm.  
Able Seaman Bernard J. Sole.  
Able Seaman Alexander Steve.  
Able Seaman Laurence A. Webb.  
Chief Engine Room Artificer (First Class) Reginald A. Martin.  
Chief Stoker John W. Welham.  
Stoker Petty Officer Robert M. Lobb.  
Stoker (First Class) David S. Allison.  
Ordinary Telegraphist Alan V. Bell.  
Chief Petty Officer Cook Hubert C. Luke.  
Master-at-Arms Frederick E. Loader.  
Acting Corporal Leonard J. Fowler.  
Marine Ray O. Osment.

H.M.S. EXETER.

Paymaster Commander Henry B. John, M.B.E.  
Lieutenant Donald T. McBarnet, R.N.  
Surgeon Commander John Cussen, R.N.  
Sub-Lieutenant (E) John W. Mott, R.N.  
Acting Sub-Lieutenant Clyde A. L. Morse, R.N.  
Senior Master Ernest A. Doust, R.N.  
Gunner Stanley J. Dallaway, R.N.  
Stoker Petty Officer Albert S. Jones.