

lost valuable minutes in trying to help him instead of getting the boat into the water. The Master therefore told them to leave him and ordered them all away to the boat.

Able Seaman Percival, however, resolutely refused to go and stood by.

All hands were now safely in the boat except the Master and Able Seaman Percival and, as the vessel was about to take her final plunge, Percival was ordered to jump overboard. Instead of obeying this order he tried to carry the Master to the bulwark rail. Four members of the crew stepped back on board and helped Percival. They all dropped into the sea together just as the ship sank and were picked up by a life-boat.

Percival, by his selfless devotion, saved the Master's life.

Ultan Tobin Todd, Apprentice.

When struck by a torpedo, the ship broke in two amidships. The forward half began to sink at once. The starboard dinghy was got away from the lower bridge and fifteen men, under the Chief Officer, climbed into it from the water.

The after half of the ship, though still afloat, was standing nearly upright but the port life-boat was lowered. It was due solely to the coolness and seamanship of Apprentice Todd, the only man in authority on the after part of the vessel, that the boat, with seven men, was got away.

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