

To be Additional Officers of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:—

Captain Goronwy Owen, Master.
Harry Tomlinson, Esq, Chief Engineer.

To be an Additional Member of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.—

Frederick Newman Johnson, Esq, Chief Officer.

The ship was attacked by torpedo bombers but succeeded in driving them off. Later she was machine-gunned by enemy aircraft, and then attacked by torpedo bombers. By the skilful seamanship of the Master she avoided damage. The Chief Engineer answered with efficiency the many heavy calls made on his department. The Chief Officer organised the defences of the ship and more than one bomber was hit.

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Captain Charles Victor Catling, Master

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Percy George Ludlow, Esq, Chief Engineer.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division) —

Henry Mizen, Able Seaman
Edward Fullerton, Fireman.

The ship was mined and sank four hours later. The Master received a head injury and was stunned. The Chief Engineer led a party to rescue men who were still below. They were foiled, however, by flooding and steam.

Although still dazed, the Master assumed control and saw the starboard lifeboat got away. The boat with its survivors was quickly picked up by a destroyer. As he believed there still might be a chance to save those trapped in the ship, the Master called for volunteers. The Chief Engineer, Mizen and Fullerton were among the first to answer the call. Although they returned, they found they could do nothing.

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John Cameron, Esq, Chief Officer

The ship was torpedoed at night in a heavy sea. A boat load of twenty-seven survivors got away in charge of the Chief Officer. They were fourteen days on the open sea, during which time they made some five hundred miles braving intense cold, storms and hunger. It was due to the masterly seamanship of the Chief Officer and to his courage, resource and leadership, that so many were brought to safety.

Captain Alexander English, Master.

The ship was torpedoed in darkness and at once caught fire. During the getting away of boats she was heavily attacked but was abandoned in good order. The Master's boat made a journey of nine days, and it

was due to his skill and leadership that all but two of his people reached safety.

William John Freestone, Esq, Second Officer.

A ship was torpedoed. The Second Officer was in charge of one of the boats which were got away.

On the second day they met a badly overcrowded boat and raft from another torpedoed vessel. Two men and an Officer were transferred to Mr. Freestone's boat. By his skill and good seamanship the Second Officer, after a voyage of twelve days, brought many survivors to safety.

James Wylie Strang, Esq, Chief Engineer
William North, Esq, Second Engineer

The ship was torpedoed in darkness and at once caught fire.

The Master was badly hurt and the Second Engineer, with help, brought him out of his cabin and put him on to a raft, from which he was later rescued.

The Chief Engineer reduced the strength of the flames by playing smothering steam on the fire. He stopped the main engines and then saw to the getting away of the boats.

Mr Strang and Mr North acted with courage and resource in the face of grave danger from fire and explosion. They saved life, and maintained good order.

Captain John Wharton, Master.

The ship was struck in darkness, and sank within four minutes. Owing to the fine organisation of the Master, all except two of the crew got away. The Master's own lifeboat held twenty-two men. He set a course for land, some three hundred and eighty miles away. After eleven days, during which time the boat frequently met heavy weather, all but one of her people reached safety. The Master showed fine qualities and his seamanship stood the most critical test.

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Frederick John Muttitt, Esq, Chief Officer

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division).—

Henry Cyril Venables, Gunner
Joseph Edward Bramwell, Able Seaman

The ship was attacked by enemy aircraft, one of which dived low and crossed abaft the bridge.

The high level of keenness and efficiency of her gunnery was due to the Chief Officer, and under his direction Venables and Bramwell kept up hot and accurate fire, which destroyed one aircraft and damaged another.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division).—

William Thomas Hinton, Gunner.

A ship was attacked at night by a U-boat and set on fire. In the light of this, another ship saw the submarine. Her guns at once went into action. The good shooting of Hinton was outstanding. The third shell burst on or near the conning-tower. Four more shots were fired before the enemy disappeared.