

GENERAL ORDER, No. 180.

October 10, 1872.

The following-named persons, members of the crew of the U. S. S. Colorado, who were conspicuous for gallantry in the capture of the Korean forts, June 11, 1871, are hereby awarded medals of honor—the report of their distinguished conduct not having been received at the Department when General Order, No. 169, was issued:

James F. Merton, landsman, and a member of Company D, who was severely wounded in the arm while trying to force his way into the fort.

William F. Lukes, landsman, and a member of Company D, who received a severe cut over the head while fighting inside the fort.

Both of the above-named persons are specially mentioned by their commanding officers as conspicuous for coolness and bravery during the desperate fight.

The persons named below, members of the crew of the U. S. S. Colorado, have been specially reported by their commanding officers as entitled to great credit for good and brave conduct on the occasion of the capture of the Corean forts, though not recommended for the higher distinction of medals of honor:

Company C.

Albert Charlotte and George West, captains of the after-guard: William H. Owens, John Corcoran, John Shoemaker, James Mulling, and Edward Anderson, seamen; Charles H. Morton, ordinary seaman, and William S. Merritt, landsman.

Company D.

Thomas Stevens (2d), boatswain's mate: Martin White and John Lynch, seamen; Charles Wright, ordinary seaman: Peter Vanly, Edgar Crouter. and Irving Haywood, landsmen.

Company E.

James Galvin, tailor: Alexander Frank and Thomas Degan, seamen; Thomas Mannion, Timothy Mahony, and Charles Wilson, ordinary seamen; John S. Risser, John Dunne, Thomas McEvoy, Maxwell Fields, Joseph F. Beck, and Charles Saunders, landsmen.

Medals of honor are awarded also to the following-named persons for heroism in saving, or efforts to save, human life:

George Holt, quarter-gunner, and *Paul Tobin*, landsman, U. S. S. Plymouth, who, at the imminent risk of their lives, jumped overboard in the harbor of Hamburg, July 3, 1871, when a four-knot tide was running, and saved from drowning one of a party who was thrown out of a shore-boat coming alongside the ship.

James Stewart, corporal of the marine guard, U. S. S. Plymouth, who jumped overboard in the harbor of Villefranche, February 1, 1872, and saved Midshipman Osterhaus from drowning.

Alexander Bradley, landsman, U. S. S. Wachusett, who jumped overboard, off Cowes, August 7, 1872, in a strong tide-way, to save Philip Cassidy, landsman, of the *Wabash*, from drowning.

James Benson, seaman, U. S. S. Ossipee, who, June 20, 1872, at the imminent risk of his life, jumped into the sea, when the ship was going at a speed of about four knots, and endeavored to save John K. Smith, landsman, of the same vessel, from drowning.

A. LUDLOW CASE,
Acting Secretary of the Navy.

November 15, 1872.

SIR: In ordering officers to their domicile, or when relieving them on "waiting orders," the Office of Detail will be guided by the following considerations:

An officer who has been under orders full three years from the date of issue to the date of detachment from a sea-going vessel, may be given orders to return to his domicile. If on sea duty for a less time, or if detached after any length of service from other than sea duty, he will be placed on "waiting orders," unless he be on a foreign station, or at Key West, in which cases, if detached without application to be relieved before the usual period, he will be ordered to his domicile. An officer on duty ordered thence for examination, to a court-martial, or on other temporary duty, will, on its completion, be ordered to return and resume his duties. If on leave, and ordered as above, he will, when the temporary duty is performed, be placed on "waiting orders."

Special cases, where it is thought that traveling expenses should properly be allowed, will be referred by the Office of Detail to the Secretary of the Navy.

Respectfully, &c.,

GEO. M. ROBESON,
Secretary of the Navy.

Commodore DANIEL AMMEN, U. S. N.,
Chief of Bureau of Navigation.