

GENERAL ORDER }  
No. 521. }

NAVY DEPARTMENT,  
WASHINGTON, July 7, 1899.

The Department publishes, for the information of the service, the following extracts from the correspondence in regard to the cutting of cables at Cienfuegos, May 11, 1898, by officers and men of the *Marblehead* and *Nashville*:

U. S. S. MARBLEHEAD,  
*Off Cienfuegos, Cuba, May 16, 1898.*

SIR: Referring to my number 26 of the 11th instant, addressed to the Secretary of the Navy, I have the honor to transmit the detailed reports of the cutting of two cables off Colorados Point on May 11th. \* \* \* I beg to call the attention of the commander in chief to the men who have been specified by Lieutenants Winslow and Anderson as having done extraordinarily well under fire, and respectfully suggest that they may be reported to the Department as especially worthy of reward, should the suggestion meet with the approval of the commander in chief.

Very respectfully,

B. H. MCCALLA,  
Commander, U. S. N.,  
Commanding, and Senior Officer present.

To the COMMANDER IN CHIEF,  
*North Atlantic Station.*

U. S. S. NASHVILLE, THIRD RATE,  
*Blockade off Cienfuegos, Cuba, May 11, 1898.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report on the part taken by this vessel in the operations of to-day, connected with the cutting of the cables at Colorados Point at the eastern entrance to the port of Cienfuegos, Cuba. \* \* \* I can not praise too highly the coolness and behavior of all on board, officers and men. Lieutenant A. C. Dillingham, the executive officer, deserves great credit for his coolness and good judgment throughout the affair, and especially toward the close of the engagement, when, the commanding officer being temporarily disabled by a shock \* \* \* caused by being struck over the heart by a rifle ball, he handled the ship and boats admirably. \* \* \*

Very respectfully,

W. MAYNARD,  
Commander, U. S. N., Commanding.  
Commander B. H. MCCALLA, U. S. N.,  
Commanding U. S. S. *Marblehead* and 4th Division,  
*North Atlantic Fleet.*

U. S. S. NASHVILLE, THIRD RATE,  
*Off Cienfuegos, Cuba, May 12, 1898.*

SIR: In obedience to article 525, U. S. Navy Regulations, I have the honor to submit the following report of the action participated in by this vessel on the 11th instant. In obedience to orders from the divisional commander, we had prepared two boats (steam cutter and sailing launch) armed and equipped for the purpose of cutting the cable wires at this place. These boats were under the command of Lieutenant C. McR. Winslow and Ensign T. P. Magruder. \* \* \* The work performed by the people in the boats was both hazardous and difficult, and too much credit can not be given Lieutenant Winslow for his excellent judgment and consummate coolness under most trying conditions of heavy sea and destructive fire of the enemy. As soon as Lieutenant Winslow had seen his wounded cared for, though wounded himself, he came to the bridge for duty.

Very respectfully,

A. C. DILLINGHAM,  
Lieutenant, U. S. N., Executive Officer.  
COMMANDING OFFICER.

U. S. S. NASHVILLE, THIRD RATE,  
*Off Cienfuegos, May 11, 1898.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report of the cutting of the ocean telegraph cables at the entrance to Cienfuegos Harbor. \* \* \* I have to state that I was ably supported by Ensign T. P. Magruder, in command of the steam cutter, who displayed great coolness, bravery, and promptness in carrying out my orders and in protecting his men. Lieutenant E. A. Anderson commanded the sailing launch of the *Marblehead*, and did his work with coolness, bravery, and intelligence, continuing the

work, regardless of the hot fire to which he was exposed, until ordered by me to desist.

The following is a list of the men in the *Nashville* boats:

Ernest Krause, coxswain.	Carl H. Neubert, seaman.
Austin J. Durney, blacksmith.	Robert Volz, seaman.
Johan J. Johansson, ordinary seaman.	Albert Beyer, coxswain.
John P. Riley, landsman.	George W. Bright, coal passer.
David D. Barrow, ordinary seaman.	William Meyer, carpenter's mate, 3d class.
Benjamin F. Baker, coxswain.	Harry H. Miller, seaman.
Lauritz Nelson, sailmaker's mate.	John Eglit, seaman.
Hudson Van Etten, seaman.	John W. Gibbons, oiler.
Willard Miller, seaman.	Philip Ganghan, sergeant, U. S. M. C.
Robert Blume, seaman.	Pomeroy Parker, private, U. S. M. C.
Frank Hill, private, U. S. M. C.	Oscar W. Field, private, U. S. M. C.
Joseph H. Franklin, private, U. S. M. C.	Michael L. Kearney, private, U. S. M. C.
Joseph F. Scott, private, U. S. M. C.	
Thomas Hoban, coxswain.	

They all behaved with the utmost coolness and courage. \* \* \* The work of cutting the cables occupied three and one-fourth hours.

Very respectfully,

C. McR. WINSLOW,  
*Lieutenant, U. S. N.*

Commander B. H. McCalla, U. S. N.,  
*Commanding Division.*

U. S. S. MARBLEHEAD,  
*Off Cienfuegos, Cuba, May 12, 1898.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report of the work of the launches of this vessel while cutting the telegraph cables off the eastern side of Colorados Point at the entrance to Cienfuegos Harbor, Cuba, May 11, 1898. \* \* \* The conduct of the men was worthy of all praise. They worked intelligently and cheerfully at the exhaustive labor of cutting and picking up the heavy cables, and when under a heavy fire and one of the men badly wounded continued to work without confusion until ordered to stop. Where everyone did his whole duty, it is difficult to specify particular instances. \* \* \*

Respectfully submitted.

E. A. ANDERSON,  
*Lieutenant, U. S. N.*

COMMANDER U. S. S. MARBLEHEAD.

NAVY YARD, NORFOLK, Va.,  
*February 25, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend that all of the petty officers and enlisted men of the *Nashville* who were stationed in the boats of that ship and engaged in cutting the cables off Cienfuegos on the 11th of May last be given medals of honor for their devotion on that day. A list of these petty officers is, I understand, in the possession of the Chief of the Bureau of Navigation, having been furnished the Bureau by the commanding officer of the *Nashville* at my request.

Very respectfully,

B. H. McCALLA,  
*Captain, U. S. N.*

Rear-Admiral W. T. SAMPSON, U. S. N.,  
*Commander in Chief, North Atlantic Fleet,  
U. S. Flagship New York, Havana, Cuba.*

[First endorsement.]

U. S. F. S. NEW YORK, FIRST RATE,  
*Puerto Cortez, Honduras, March 13, 1899.*

Respectfully referred to the commanding officer of the U. S. S. *Nashville* for his recommendation and return.

W. T. SAMPSON,  
*Rear-Admiral, U. S. N.,  
Commander in chief, U. S. Naval Force,  
North Atlantic Station.*

[Second endorsement.]

U. S. S. NASHVILLE, THIRD RATE,  
*Havana, Cuba, April 10, 1899.*

Respectfully returned to the commander in chief, with the recommendation that the petty officers and the enlisted men within referred to be given

medals of honor for their courage and devotion on the occasion of cutting the cables off Cienfuegos, Cuba, on the 11th of May, 1898. A list of the petty officers and men is enclosed. A similar list was furnished the Bureau of Navigation on October 2, 1898, at the request of Captain McCalla.

W. MAYNARD,  
Commander, U. S. N., Commanding.

[Third endorsement.]

U. S. F. S. NEW YORK, FIRST RATE,  
Off San Juan, P. R., April 26, 1899.

I respectfully approve the recommendation of Commander Maynard that the men named be awarded medals of honor for gallantry. I also desire to add to this list the name of Commander W. Maynard, U. S. N., who was also exposed during the fight, and was struck by a spent bullet which nearly proved fatal.

W. T. SAMPSON,  
Rear-admiral, U. S. N.,  
Commander in Chief, U. S. Naval Force,  
North Atlantic Station.

[Fourth endorsement.]

NAVY DEPARTMENT, BUREAU OF NAVIGATION,  
May 6, 1899.

Respectfully referred to the Secretary of the Navy. I have the honor to submit the accompanying list of enlisted men of the U. S. S. *Nashville*, who are recommended by their commanding officer and the commander in chief of the North Atlantic Station as worthy to receive medals of honor for heroism and gallantry in cutting cables off Cienfuegos, Cuba, May 11, 1898. To this list the commander in chief has added the name of Commander W. Maynard, U. S. N., but the Bureau finds no provision of law which authorizes the awarding of medals of honor to a commissioned or warrant officer.

A. S. CROWNINSHIELD,  
Chief of Bureau.

U. S. S. SANDOVAL,  
Navy Yard, Washington, D. C., February 20, 1899.

SIR: I respectfully recommend that medals of honor be given the following-named men of the U. S. S. *Marblehead* for coolness and bravery while cutting the cables leading from Cienfuegos, Cuba, May 11, 1898, under a heavy infantry fire from the shore:

James H. Bennett, chief B. M.  
John J. Doran, B. M., 2d class.  
William Oakley, G. M., 2d class.  
Frank Williams, seaman.  
Harry Henrickson, seaman.  
Albert Badas, seaman.  
Axel Sundquist, C. C. M.  
William Hart, machinist, 1st class.  
Franz Kramer, seaman.  
Henry P. Russell, landsman.  
Herman Kuchneister, private, U. S. M. C.  
Walter S. West, private, U. S. M. C.

Julius A. R. Wilke, B. M., 1st class.  
Joseph E. Carter, blacksmith.  
John Davis, G. M., 3d class.  
William Levery, apprentice, 1st class.  
Herbert L. Foss, seaman.  
Nick Erickson, coxswain.  
Freeman Gill, G. M., 1st class.  
John Maxwell, fireman, 2d class.  
Leonard Chadwick, apprentice, 1st class.  
James Meredith, private, U. S. M. C.  
Edward Sullivan, private, U. S. M. C.  
Daniel Campbell, private, U. S. M. C.

Very respectfully,

The SECRETARY OF THE NAVY,  
for Bureau of Navigation.

E. A. ANDERSON,  
Lieutenant, U. S. N., Commanding.

[First endorsement.]

NAVY DEPARTMENT, BUREAU OF NAVIGATION,  
February 25, 1899.

Respectfully referred to Captain B. H. McCalla, U. S. N., for his consideration. In this connection attention is invited to section 1407, Revised Statutes of the United States, which provides that medals of honor can only be given

upon the recommendation of the commanding officer approved by the flag officer and the Secretary of the Navy.

A. S. CROWNINSHIELD,  
*Chief of Bureau.*

[Second endorsement.]

NAVY YARD, NORFOLK, VA.,  
*February 25, 1899.*

Respectfully returned, with the request that the paper may be forwarded to the commander in chief, Rear-Admiral Sampson. I have very great pleasure to recommend that these petty officers and men, who were in the boats of the *Marblehead*, engaged in cutting the cables off Cienfuegos on the 11th of May last, receive medals of honor. In my report of this operation I called attention to their work having been done "with the utmost coolness and intrepidity," and I believe they deserve such a recognition of their devotion. I had understood that medals of honor were to be awarded to these petty officers and men, or I should have recommended them specifically at an earlier date for this honor, having stated in my report of the 11th of May last that I should "later call especial attention to their conduct."

B. H. MCCALLA,  
*Captain, U. S. N.*

[Third endorsement.]

NAVY YARD, NORFOLK, VA.,  
*February 25, 1899.*

Respectfully forwarded to commander in chief North Atlantic Station.

N. H. FARQUHAR,  
*Commodore, U. S. N., Commandant.*

[Fourth endorsement.]

U. S. F. S. NEW YORK,  
*Puerto Cortez, Honduras, March 13, 1899.*

Respectfully returned to the Bureau of Navigation, with the recommendation that these men be given medals of honor in accordance with the provisions of section 1407, Revised Statutes.

W. T. SAMPSON,  
*Rear-Admiral, U. S. N.,  
Commander in Chief North Atlantic Station.*

[Fifth endorsement.]

NAVY DEPARTMENT, BUREAU OF NAVIGATION,  
*March 23, 1899.*

Respectfully referred to the Secretary of the Navy for such consideration as may be desirable under the provisions of section 1407, Revised Statutes of the United States.

A. S. CROWNINSHIELD,  
*Chief of Bureau.*

The Department commends the coolness and gallantry of the above-mentioned men of the U. S. S. *Marblehead* and the U. S. S. *Nashville* in performing the duty outlined in the above correspondence and has awarded to them medals of honor.

JOHN D. LONG,  
*Secretary.*