

GENERAL ORDER, No. 326.

October 18, 1884.

On the recommendation of Lieutenant Commander John F. Merry, in command of the U. S. S. Tallapoosa at the time of the sinking of that vessel, on the night of August 21, 1884, medals of honor are hereby awarded to the following-named persons—Lieutenant Commander Merry reporting that, while all the officers and men on board behaved gallantly, and did their duty as officers and men should, the men named came more under his special notice, to wit:

August Ohmsen, master-at-arms, for clearing the berth-deck, remaining there until the water was waist deep, wading about with outstretched arms rousing the men out of their hammocks, then going on deck, assisting to lower the first cutter, and then the dinghy, which he took charge of.

David Harrington, first-class fireman, and *John W. Magee*, second-class fireman, both of whom remained at their posts of duty in the fire-room until the fires were put out by the rising waters; the former opened the safety-valves when the water was at his waist.

The medals will be prepared as early as practicable, and transmitted to those to whom awarded.

For the information of the Navy, the following list is given of petty officers and seamen in the naval service to whom medals of honor have been heretofore awarded, but no announcement thereof made in General Orders:

Henry Williams, carpenter's mate, for going over the stern of the U. S. S. Constitution, at sea, February 13, 1879, during a heavy gale, and performing important carpenter's work upon her rudder.

James Horton, captain of top, and *Joseph Matthews*, captain of top, for courageous conduct in going over the stern of the U. S. S. Constitution, at sea, February 13, 1879, during a heavy gale, and cutting the fastenings of the ship's rudder-chains.

Henry Simpson, first-class fireman, and *John Millmore*, ordinary seaman, for rescuing from drowning John W. Powers, ordinary seaman, serving on the same vessel with them, the U. S. S. Essex, at Monrovia, Liberia, October 31, 1877.

James Thayer, ship's corporal, for rescuing from drowning a boy serving with him on the U. S. S. Constitution, at navy yard, Norfolk, Va., November 16, 1879.

William Johnson, cooper, of the U. S. S. Adams, for rescuing from drowning Daniel W. Kloppen, a workman at the navy yard, Mare Island, Cal., November 14, 1879.

Thomas Mitchell, landsman, for rescuing from drowning M. F. Caulan, first-class boy, serving with him on the U. S. S. Richmond, at Shanghai, China, November 17, 1879.

James O'Conner, landsman, E. F., and *William Sweeney*, landsman, E. F., for jumping overboard from the U. S. S. Jean Sands, opposite the Norfolk navy yard, on the night of June 15, 1880, and rescuing from drowning a young girl who had fallen overboard.

John Russell, seaman, and *Philip Moore*, seaman, for jumping overboard from the U. S. S. Trenton, at Genoa, Italy, September 21, 1880, and rescuing from drowning Hans Paulsen, ordinary seaman.

William Morse, seaman, and *John Smith*, seaman, for jumping overboard from the U. S. S. Shenandoah, at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, September 19, 1880, and rescuing from drowning James Grady, first-class fireman.

Alexander Turvelin, seaman, and *John Davis*, ordinary seaman, for jumping overboard from the U. S. S. Trenton, at Toulon, France, February, 1881, and rescuing from drowning Augustus Ohlensen, coxswain.

George Low, seaman, for jumping overboard from the U. S. S. Tennessee, at New Orleans, La., February 13, 1881, and sustaining, until picked up by a boat's crew, N. P. Petersen, gunner's mate, who had fallen overboard.

William Hill, captain of top, for jumping overboard from the U. S. T. S. Minnesota, at Newport, R. I., June 25, 1881, and sustaining, until picked up by a steam-launch, William Mulcahy, third-class boy, who had fallen overboard.

William Sadler, captain of top, for jumping overboard from the U. S. S. Saratoga, off Coaster's Harbor Island, R. I., June 25, 1881, and sustaining, until picked up by a boat from the ship, Frank Gallagher, second-class boy, who had fallen overboard.

Adam Weisdel, ship's cook, for jumping overboard from the U. S. T. S. Minnesota, at Newport, R. I., August 26, 1881, and sustaining, until picked up by a boat from the ship, C. Lorenze, captain of the fore-castle, who had fallen overboard.

Michael Thornton, seaman, for jumping overboard from the U. S. tug Leyden, near Boston, Mass., August 25, 1881, and sustaining, until picked up, Michael Drennan, landsman, who had jumped overboard while temporarily insane.

Edward Barrett, second-class fireman, and *John Laverty*, first-class fireman, for hauling the fires from under the boiler, the stop-valve chamber having been ruptured, of the U. S. S. Alaska, at Callao Bay, Peru, September 14, 1881.

John Morris, corporal, U. S. M. C., for leaping overboard from the U. S. Flag-ship Lancaster, at Villefranche, France, December 25, 1881, and rescuing from drowning Robert Blizzard, ordinary seaman, a prisoner, who jumped overboard.

Henry J. Manning, quartermaster, and *John McCarton*, ship's printer, for jumping overboard from the U. S. F. S. *New Hampshire*, off Coasters' Harbor Island, near Newport, R. I., January 4, 1882, and endeavoring to rescue *Jabez Smith*, second-class musician, from drowning.

Francis Moore, boatswain's mate, for jumping overboard from the U. S. T. S. *Portsmouth*, at the Washington navy yard, January 23, 1882, and endeavoring to rescue *Thomas Duncan*, carpenter and caulker, who had fallen overboard.

H. C. Courtney, seaman, and *T. Cramen*, boatswain's mate, for jumping overboard from the U. S. T. S. *Portsmouth*, at the Washington navy yard, February 7, 1882, and rescuing from drowning *Charles Taliaferro*, jack of the dust.

Jeremiah Troy, chief boatswain's mate, and *James F. Sullivan*, boatswain's mate, for jumping overboard from the U. S. T. S. *New Hampshire*, at Newport R. I., April 21, 1882, and rescuing from drowning *Francis T. Price*, third-class boy.

Johannes Rouning, ordinary seaman, and *Christian Osepius*, seaman, for jumping overboard from the U. S. tug *Fortune*, May 7, 1882, at Hampton Roads, Va., and rescuing from drowning *James Walters*, gunner's mate.

Louis Williams, captain of top, for jumping overboard from the U. S. S. *Lackawanna*, March 16, 1883, at Honolulu, H. I., and rescuing from drowning *Thomas Moran*, landsman.

Matthew Gillick, boatswain's mate, and *J. F. Auer*, ordinary seaman apprentice, for jumping overboard from the U. S. S. *Lancaster*, November 20, 1883, at Marseilles, France, and rescuing from drowning a French lad, who had fallen into the sea from a stone pier astern of the ship.

J. A. Norris, landsman, and *Robert Sweeney*, ordinary seaman, of the U. S. S. *Jamestown*, December 20, 1883, for rescuing from drowning *A. A. George*, who had fallen overboard at the New York navy yard.

Louis Williams, captain of the hold, and *Isaac L. Fassler*, ordinary seaman, of the U. S. S. *Lackawanna*, for rescuing from drowning *William Cruise*, who had fallen overboard, June 13, 1884, at Callao, Peru.

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Acting Secretary of the Navy.