Rear Admiral Cyril Samuel Townsend [6C14]

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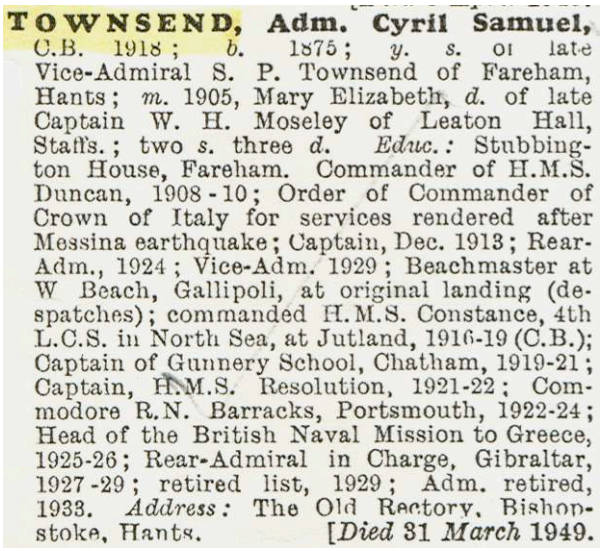

TOWNSEND, Adm. Cyril Samuel, C.B. 1918; *b.* 1875; *y. s.* of late Vice-Admiral S. P. Townsend of Fareham, Hants; *m.* 1905, Mary Elizabeth, *d.* of late Captain W. H. Moseley of Leaton Hall, Staffs.; two *s.* three *d.* *Educ.:* Stubbington House, Fareham. Commander of H.M.S. Duncan, 1908-10; Order of Commander of Crown of Italy for services rendered after Messina earthquake; Captain, Dec. 1913; Rear-Adm., 1924; Vice-Adm. 1929; Beachmaster at W Beach, Gallipoli, at original landing (despatches); commanded H.M.S. Constance, 4th L.C.S. in North Sea, at Jutland, 1916-19 (C.B.); Captain of Gunnery School, Chatham, 1919-21; Captain, H.M.S. Resolution, 1921-22; Commodore R.N. Barracks, Portsmouth, 1922-24; Head of the British Naval Mission to Greece, 1925-26; Rear-Admiral in Charge, Gibraltar, 1927-29; retired list, 1929; Adm. retired, 1933. *Address:* The Old Rectory, Bishopstoke, Hants. [*Died* 31 *March* 1949.

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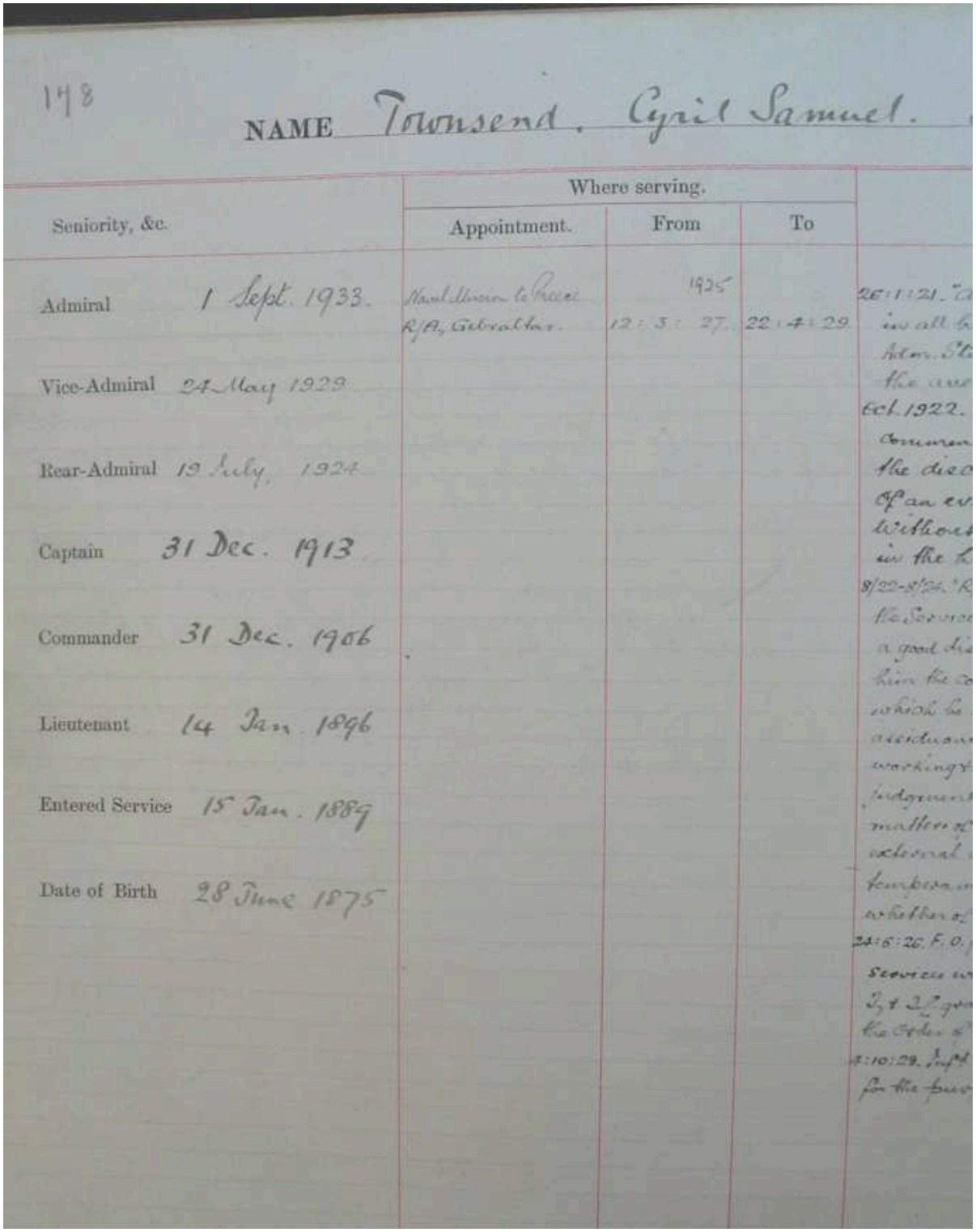

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Seniority, &c.		Where serving. Appointment.	From	To	
Admiral	1 Sept. 1933.	Naval Mission to Greece R/A, Gibraltar.	1925 12:3:27.	22:4:29.	26:1:21. "A in all h Adm. St the are Oct. 1922. Commen the disc Of an ev Without in the h 8/22-8/24. "R the Service a good di him the co which he assiduou working & judgment matters of external temperam whether of 24:6:26. F.O. Services w I & II gra the Order of 4:10:29. Inf for the pur
Vice-Admiral	24 May 1929				
Rear-Admiral	19 July, 1924				
Captain	31 Dec. 1913				
Commander	31 Dec. 1906				
Lieutenant	14 Jan. 1896				
Entered Service	15 Jan. 1889				
Date of Birth	28 June 1875				

Samuel. CMG

To	REMARKS.
2:4:29	26:1:21. "An excellent officer in all respects. A good organizer – & v. tactful in all his dealings with those under him." Comr. G. W. Vivian. Adm. Sturdee adds: "I have a v. high opinion of Capt. T. Well above the average. Q. School in v. g. order.
	Oct. 1922. "A good battleship Capt., with a cheery, bright manner that commends itself to both offrs. & men, loyal, conscientious, & zealous in the discharge of his duties. Keeps himself fit, physically & mentally. Of an even temperament which is not worried by responsibility. Without being a brilliant flag offr. I consider he is likely to do well in the higher ranks. Average ability." V/A Sir W.C.M. Nicholson.
	8/22-8/24. "R/A Townsend is an offr. of high merit & ability. He has a thorough knowledge of the Service, deals with offrs. & men with understanding & consideration, & is at the same time a good disciplinarian. He has a strong & influential personality which has gained for him the confidence of offrs. & men & enabled him to establish a high spirit in the estabt. which he has comd. He is specially interested in welfare matters, & has been most assiduous in his care for the comfort & well being of the men under his charge. Hard working & conscientious, an excellent organizer, loyal to his C. in C., good insight & judgment, & able to form & impress large & comprehensive views while not neglecting matters of detail. Public spirited, & has played a prominent & useful part in the external affairs of the Port in which the R.N. is interested. Cheerful & sanguine temperament, & enjoys v. g. health. I recomd. Adm. T. strongly for high appt. whether of an executive or administrative nature". Adm. Sir S.R. Fremantle.
	24:6:26. F.O. forward copy of Ltr. from Greek Minister expressing his Govt's appreciation of R/A T's services while Head of Brit. N. Mission in Greece. (M. 2184/26.). (Copy sent to Rear Adm. T. & Lt. gratification conveyed, 10:7:26.). Awarded Cross of the Knight Commander of the Order of the Redeemer.
	4:10:28. Infd. (C.W. 8097/28) that sea service with Greek Mission cannot be permitted to count for the purpose of retention on active list on promotion to V/A.

Retired - 25:5:29.

Total Service :—

RANK.	To 31 March, 1888 (Old Rules)		From 1 April, 1888 (New Rules).		Total.
	Sea (including Ship of War).	Harbour.	Ship of War.	Other Service.	
	yrs. days.	yrs. days.	yrs. days.	yrs. days.	yrs. days.
Lieutenant.....					
Commander ...					
Captain					

Aug: 1917. "Good French: considerable War Staff training".
Aug. 12, 1920. French.
Oct: 1922. " - colloquial

Services as Lieuten

Rank.	Ship.	From	To	
Lieut:	Excellent to qual. (G)	'99	'02	Lie 190
	Goliath	'02	'03	1906
	R.N.B. Port	'04	'05	'07
(G)	Euryalus	'05	'06	
(G)	Cressy	'06		
Comm:	Victory addl for R.N.B. Port	Jan '07	Jan '08	Mch 0
	Duncan	Aug '08	Aug '10	
	Sig. & Wireless	Aug '10	Dec '10	Aug 0
	K. Edward VII	Jan '11	July '11	
(Flag)	Hercules	July '11	Dec '11	
	Sapphs for War College	Jan '12		Jan '0
	Victory "	Apl '12		
	Vivid for ed. of War Coll. Dev.	Dec '13		Aug 1
Capt:	" supp'ts on prem	Dec '13		
	Spec. Service in E Mediterranean	'15		July '1
	Castor	Oct 15		Dec '1
	Constance	Dec '15	- Jan '19	July 1
	" for 2nd in comd. 4th L.C.S.	5:1:18		30:5:18.
	Chatham Co. Sch.	25 Jan '19	24.1.21.	expe
	Resolution	14:4:21	1:8:22	Gazette
Comm. 2/c	R.N. Barracks Portsmouth	17:8:22	26:8:24	18:8:17
	Tech. Course	20:10:24		3:6:18
				15:10:18
				with
				in all
				a Eq
				12.8.20.
				very able of
				branches

Services as Lieutenant and Commander.

	To	REMARKS.
	'02	Lieut (G) 2nd class.
		1904. Acting Interpreter. French.
	'03	1906. Recd for promn by R. Ad Cross.
	'05	'07. Inspectn of R.N.B. Portsmouth by Ad. Bosanquet. "Has
	'06	been instrumental in achieving the regeneration of
		the spirit of discipline & contentment in R.N.B. Port."
		Th. satisfactn expressed.
	Jan '08	Mch 08. V.Ad. Curzon Howe. "Duncan" reflects the greatest
	Aug '10	credit on Cdr Townsend."
	Dec '10	Aug 08. Capt Ewart. "All vgi. especially as Executive Offcr
	July '11	in Gunnery. A thoroughly efficient officer of his rank
	Dec '11	in every respect. most zealous, hardworking & tactful.
		Cdr ben well. Strongly recd for early promn."
		Jan '09. Recd by R. Ad. Callaghan for services rendered on
		occasion of earthquake in Sicily & S. Italy.
		Aug 10. Capt Goodenough. "A Cdr of tried & proved ability.
		Exceptional zeal & judgt. Recd for promn."
		Ad Poe concurs.
		July '11. Capt Everett. "Excellent executive officer. v.g. organiser.
		Sound judgt. Physically v. strong. recd for promn."
		Dec '11. V. Ad Callaghan "Strongly recd for promn. - most able
		in every way."
	- Jan '19	July 12. Apptd Iron Course without qualg course.
		30:5:16. "A reliable offr. doing quite well in his first annd. will go on with more
'19	24-1-21.	experience. Handling ship with more confidence." Comdre le Mesurier.
'21	1:8:22	Gazette of 15:9:16. Commended for services in Jutland Battle.
		18:8:17. "A v.g. light cruiser Capt, with much experience. Has
'22	26:8:24	assisted me greatly in general organizn of Squadn." Comdre le Mesurier
'24		3:6:18. C.M.G. for valuable services during the war
		15:10:18. "A loyal, single-minded 2nd in Comd, who handles his Divn
		with care & accuracy. An old G. offr., who keeps up his knowledge
		in all professional subjects. A v.g. L.C. capt., capable of comdg.
		a Squadn, with a wide knowledge of the service." Comdre Bentinck
		12.8.20. "Has loyally assisted me during his time as Capt. of Chatham Gunnery Sch. An experienced and
		very able officer" Cdre. Shipwith. "Concur. A v.g. Capt. of the Gunnery Sch. Shd. do well in the higher
		branches of the Service. A most equable Temper." Admiral Studee