

## Charles Henry Cooley

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### THE ISLAND AND THE WAR

#### NEWPORT

Mr. Charles Cooley, son of Mrs. Cooley, of 22 Victoria-road, was one of the survivors of the torpedoed hospital ship WARILDA, on which he was serving as a fireman. He had been on deck for a blow after duty, and had just gone to his bunk when the explosion occurred. He rushed on to the boat deck half dressed to render what assistance he could in the rescue work, and was able later to get below for his clothes, although it was difficult owing to the darkness. Subsequently he went off in one of the boats, and was eventually picked up by a destroyer.

Mr. Cooley was in the late Lord Brassey's famous yacht, "Sunbeam" before the war, since which time he has chiefly engaged on transport work. He states that two other Island men were among the crew of the WARILDA, one from Ryde and another, he believes, from Sandown\*. The former he knows was saved, but he has not heard the fate of the other.

\*Douglas William Phillips of Sandown did not survive the sinking of the WARILDA.

Further info: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HMAT\\_Warilda](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HMAT_Warilda)

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