

when, single-handed, he repeatedly drove back the enemy's bombing parties, thereby holding the right flank of the battalion for over two and a-half hours. His bravery and devotion to duty were very marked.

180 Corporal S. Bayley, 1/9th Battalion, Manchester Regiment, T.F.

For conspicuous bravery on the 7th and 9th August, 1915, at Cape Helles (Dardanelles). Corporal Bayley remained with Lieutenant Forshaw, V.C., holding a barricade for forty-one hours continuously. On the evening of the 8th August his party was relieved by another unit, but he volunteered to remain on. He displayed the greatest gallantry and endurance under the most trying circumstances in repelling many severe attacks, and when the barricade was at last broken through he was the foremost in the successful counter-attack led by Lieutenant Forshaw, which regained it, and finally retained it. On being ultimately relieved he was utterly exhausted by his arduous and gallant work of bomb-throwing.

7483 Private A. C. Baynes, 3rd Battalion, Middlesex Regiment.

For conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty on the 28th and 29th September, 1915, near Vermelles. Private Baynes, although almost overpowered by the superior number of bombs thrown by the enemy, with great bravery and coolness managed to keep them at bay, and continued throwing bombs. By his personal gallantry and example he kept together a party of bombers until the trench was saved.

R.A., 15389 Serjeant W. Bell, Permanent Staff, 4th Highland (Mountain) Brigade, Royal Garrison Artillery, T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and ability on the 28th June, 1915, at Cape Helles (Dardanelles). When the officer commanding a section was killed early in the day, he assumed command of it. The section was separated from the battery, and dug in close behind the forward trenches, and Serjeant Bell remained in command throughout the action, showing exceptional coolness and resource, and performing excellent work. He has always shown great powers of leadership and initiative and marked devotion to duty.

2782 Battery Serjeant-Major D. Bird, 10th Battery, Royal Field Artillery.

For conspicuous gallantry on the 1st June, 1915, on the Gallipoli Peninsula, when he formed part of a voluntary gun detachment for a naval 12-pr. gun, which was in action in an open position under heavy shell fire for nearly an hour, at a range of 700 yards from the enemy's trenches. Serjeant-Major Bird unhesitatingly assumed the most dangerous position in the gun detachment, and showed a fine example of disregard for personal danger and devotion to duty.

2172 Lance-Corporal W. E. Boot, 1st/8th Battalion, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment, T.F. (attached 139th Brigade Mining Section).

For conspicuous gallantry near Hollebeke on 23rd September, 1915. The enemy exploded a mine, thereby blowing up a portion of one of our galleries near which three men were working. Second Lieutenant Webster and Lance-Corporal Boot immediately went into the galleries to try and save one man who was missing. After they had been repeatedly driven back by gas, a Private went down with air piping, but found the missing man dead. All three were severely gassed.

19003 Corporal N. A. Bott, 1st Battalion, Suffolk Regiment.

For conspicuous gallantry and resource on the night of the 2nd/3rd October, 1915, near Vermelles. After his Company Commander had been wounded Corporal Bott continued to lead the men and gained the German parapet, where he was wounded in nine places. Although wounded he continued to encourage the men and give all necessary directions. He displayed the greatest bravery and coolness in the most trying conditions.

1516 Serjeant K. S. Bowron, 1st/14th (County of London) Battalion, The London Regiment (London Scottish), T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry on the 25th September, 1915, near Hulluch. After leading his platoon with great skill and daring to a point near the Lone Tree he crawled forward alone to reconnoitre. While doing so he was wounded, but nevertheless he completed his reconnaissance and returned to his platoon with valuable information.

11604 Lance-Corporal A. H. Breese, 6th Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment.

For conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty on the 9th August, 1915, at Suvla Bay (Dardanelles), when he volunteered to go out with an Officer of his regiment, under very heavy fire, to assist in rescuing six wounded men from the burning scrub. It was an attempt involving the greatest risk, and the wounded were saved from almost certain death. Lance-Corporal Breese displayed a courage and devotion beyond all praise.

8472 Private B. H. Brill, 1st Battalion, Suffolk Regiment.

For conspicuous gallantry on the night of the 2nd/3rd October, 1915, near Vermelles, when, after an attack on a German trench, he remained in the open under very heavy fire collecting and bandaging the wounded, who were being bombed by the enemy. He set a fine example of courage and devotion to duty.

17204 Lance-Corporal A. Brooks, 1st Battalion, Royal Berkshire Regiment.

For conspicuous gallantry at Cuiinchy during the night of 23rd September, 1915. At 10.30 p.m., during a bombardment,