

2251 Private H. J. Robertson, 1st/4th (Ross Highland) Battalion, Seaforth Highlanders, Territorial Force.

For conspicuous gallantry on the 23rd October, 1915, at Rue du Bois, when on two occasions he went out by day under heavy fire seventy yards from our front parapet to a very exposed position, close to the German front trenches, to dress the wounds of a man and to bring him in.

Private Robertson has always displayed great bravery and coolness as a stretcher-bearer, and has set a fine example of devotion to duty.

3/8409 Corporal F. Ruff, 8th Battalion, Bedfordshire Regiment.

For conspicuous gallantry on the 26th September, 1915, near the Quarries, north-east of Le Rutoire. He went out of a trench a distance of seventy yards under a heavy fire from high explosive shells, gas bombs and rifles, and brought in a wounded man to a place of safety. In the evening of the same day he carried the same wounded man, whilst exposed to a heavy rifle fire, to a field dressing station.

69805 Serjeant W. C. Ryer, 26th Canadian Infantry Battalion.

For conspicuous gallantry on the 13th October, 1915. During a reconnaissance of a German crater Serjeant Ryer carried another Serjeant, who was mortally wounded, until the latter died, when he returned to the crater and, with the assistance of another man, carried back a second man. This was performed under heavy cross fire from machine guns and rifles. He gave a fine example of bravery and devotion to duty.

2200 Lance-Corporal H. Seale, 12th Divisional Cyclist Company, Army Cyclist Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and determination on 13th October, 1915, near Hulluch Quarries. He was buried as the result of the explosion of a shell, but, after extricating himself, he returned to his trench mortar, and, though suffering from severe shock and total deafness, he worked it with great coolness, under heavy shell fire, all the afternoon.

8/1837 Lance-Corporal H. D. Skinner, 07th Battalion, New Zealand Forces.

For conspicuous gallantry on 9th August, 1915, on the Gallipoli Peninsula, when he was entrusted with an important message, which had to be conveyed under a very heavy and continuous fire. Although seriously wounded, he managed, with great difficulty and suffering, to successfully deliver it. His bravery and devotion to duty were most marked.

1088 Corporal P. Smith, 2nd Battalion, Australian Imperial Force.

For conspicuous bravery on 7th and 8th August, 1915, at Lone Pine (Dardanelles). He was in charge of two parties of bomb-throwers, and, notwithstanding severe fire and very heavy casualties, he maintained his two posts in action for two consecutive days. Throughout this period he displayed great bravery and powers of leadership, and his fine example inspired all ranks with him to hold out against repeated desperate attacks. By maintaining his position he rendered most valuable help to the whole line.

1402 Private C. Spurgeon, 8th Battalion, East Kent Regiment.

For great bravery on the 26th September, 1915, near Hulluch. Although severely wounded in the neck, he continued with great coolness and courage to attend to the wounded, and notwithstanding that he was himself again hit, he continued to bring in wounded men. His gallantry and devotion to duty were very marked.

981. Trooper T. B. Stanley, 10th Australian Light Horse Regiment.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the 29th/30th August, 1915, at Karajik Aghala, Hill 60 (Dardanelles), when he was one of a party which held an important point in a trench for 37 hours consecutively, during which period there was almost incessant hand-to-hand fighting. He displayed great coolness and bravery, and when finally a withdrawal was necessary he was the last to leave the trench.

S/55 Company Serjeant-Major A. Sterry, 8th Battalion, East Surrey Regiment.

For conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty on the 20th October, 1915, in the Tambour du Clos, close to Fricourt. The Germans having exploded a mine, Company Serjeant-Major Sterry climbed over the debris in full view of the enemy, under heavy machine-gun fire, and got to the head of one of our mine saps which was blocked and from which smoke was issuing. He unblocked the entrance, and with the greatest gallantry crawled into the sap three times and brought out three men. He was finally overcome by gas and carried away.

316 Lance-Corporal J. Tallon, 1st Battalion, Australian Imperial Force.

For conspicuous bravery on 7th August, 1915, at Lone Pine (Dardanelles). Throughout several determined attacks by the enemy Lance-Corporal Tallon threw bombs with great effect, exposing himself freely when necessary, regardless of all personal danger. Finally his arm was blown off and he was compelled to retire. His courage and devotion to duty gave a fine example to all ranks with him.