

bringing him in under heavy fire, a distance of several hundred yards. On the way the concussion of one shell knocked the whole party down.

5359 Acting Company Quartermaster-Serjeant C. Aldridge, 2nd Battalion, Norfolk Regiment.

For conspicuous gallantry at Kut-al-Amara (Mesopotamia), on 28th September, 1915. He brought up ammunition and rations to the firing line under heavy shell and rifle fire.

Acting Company Quartermaster-Serjeant Aldridge's name had previously been brought to notice for gallant conduct.

13067 Lance-Corporal S. Alexander, 2nd Battalion, Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment).

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership near "Dublin Castle" on the Gallipoli Peninsula from 14th to 18th October, 1915, when in charge of Company bomb throwers during operations.

1787 Private A. A. Alma, 12th Battalion, Middlesex Regiment.

For conspicuous gallantry on the night of the 14th/15th December, 1915, at Bois Francais. When with a raiding party under Lieutenant Trevor, Privates Kossak and Alma showed great dash and courage, and the former drove back single-handed with his bombs a hostile attack inside the German trenches. Both men had been with Lieutenant Trevor on many reconnaissances.

16858 Serjeant H. Ashby, 7th Canadian Infantry Battalion.

For conspicuous gallantry on the night of 16/17th November, 1915, near Messines. Serjeants Meyerstein and Ashby with some scouts worked for 4 hours in bright moonlight cutting lanes through the wire close to a heavily manned German trench. They then placed a bridge over the Douve river about 16 yards from the enemy's parapet, and guided our bombing parties through the lanes they had cut. Their coolness and courage rendered the bomb attack possible.

16395 Lance-Corporal E. L. Babcock, 7th Canadian Infantry Battalion.

For conspicuous gallantry and resource near Messines on the night of the 16th/17th November, 1915. Corporals Babcock, Odlum and Weir and Lance-Corporal Berry worked for four hours on a bright moonlight night cutting wire close to a heavily manned German trench. They also assisted in placing a bridge over the Douve river about 16 yards from the German parapet, and guided bombing parties through the lanes they had cut. It was largely due to their coolness and resource that the attack was a success.

8840 Corporal T. Bax, 2nd Battalion, Royal West Kent Regiment.

For gallant conduct and ability during the capture of Amara (Mesopotamia), from 31st May to 3rd June, 1915, and at the action of Kut-Al-Amara on 27th, 28th and 29th September, 1915, whilst employed on the machine guns of H.M.S. Comet. He did invaluable work under most exceptional circumstances and behaved with great coolness under heavy shell and rifle fire.

1781 Lance-Corporal H. Beales, 1/5th Battalion, Norfolk Regiment, Territorial Force.

For conspicuous gallantry during operations at Kuchuk Anafarta Ova, Gallipoli Peninsula, on 12th October, 1915. He crawled out two hundred yards under heavy fire and brought in a wounded officer. Later he showed great coolness and presence of mind in assisting to rally the men of his platoon.

B/3121 Private J. E. Beazley, 8th Battalion, Rifle Brigade.

For conspicuous gallantry near Ypres on 23rd November, 1915, when he volunteered to guide a party in an attempt to rescue a wounded officer who was lying out near the German lines. He was the only man remaining of the patrol of which the wounded officer had been in charge, and had already made one unsuccessful attempt to reach him. This time the wounded officer was found and dragged back with great difficulty under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire.

6033 Lance-Corporal J. Beddow, 11th Battalion, Lancashire Fusiliers.

For conspicuous gallantry on the night of 9th/10th December, 1915, north of Warnton railway. Lance-Corporals Keating and Beddow remained out for three hours and twenty minutes cutting wire in front of and on the enemy's parapet in preparation for an assault. They were subjected to heavy machine gun and rifle fire.

3992 Private R. Bell, 1/5th Battalion, Bedfordshire Regiment, T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and determination during operations at Suvla Bay, Gallipoli Peninsula, on many occasions, notably the following:—

On 15th August, 1915, he organised and led a party of men when their officers had become casualties.

On 16th August he went out under a very heavy fire, dressed and brought in a wounded officer.

On 17th August he made a valuable reconnaissance of a Turkish position.