

Has done continuous good work since 19th December 1914, and especially on the 11th May 1915, near Hooze, when his coolness and skill in the handling of his men were most marked. He also showed great gallantry in leading a counter-attack, in the course of which he was severely wounded. He collected and took forward about 100 men who were falling back in some disorder, at a very critical moment.

Second Lieutenant Wilfred Austin Salt, Special Reserve, attached 1st Battalion, The East Lancashire Regiment.

East of Ypres, on 9th May 1915, he held his breastwork against bomb throwers in a very gallant way. Suddenly he found he was being enfiladed from Shell Trap Farm, into which the Germans were penetrating; he threw back half his men to face the farm, and over a traverse he fired at the enemy at the close range of 30 yards. He shot one German, and was then wounded in the head and had two other bullet holes through his cap. A German officer shouted to him to surrender, but for answer he shot him through the head.

Second Lieutenant Salt continued to command his post in spite of his wound until a lull in the attack, when he was ordered by his senior to hand over his command and go to the dressing station.

Second Lieutenant Henry Marrant Stanford, 32nd Battery, Royal Field Artillery.

For consistently gallant conduct both at Neuve Chapelle and again on 9th May 1915, during operations near Rouges Bancs, in keeping up communication by mending telephone wires under heavy fire. He has done excellent work as Observing Officer for the last six months, and the accuracy of the wire-cutting by the 32nd Battery, Royal Field Artillery, on 9th May was due to his precise observations.

Second Lieutenant William Watson, 2nd Battalion, the Northumberland Fusiliers.

At Ypres on 8th May 1915. The Captain commanding "A" Company, 2nd Northumberland Fusiliers, was killed, and the whole of No. 4 Platoon killed or wounded, Second Lieutenant Watson, with the three remaining platoons of the company, continued to hold the trench, in spite of very heavy fire, both frontal and enfilade. Owing to the other three companies of the battalion being either casualties or captured, he retired his three platoons to the reserve line, but finding no room there returned to his original trench, and held it until relieved the following morning.

Assistant Surgeon Edwin Bunkall Messinier, Indian Subordinate Medical Department.

For consistent good work, gallant conduct and devotion to duty when "X" Battery, Royal Horse Artillery, was in action on 9th and 10th May 1915. He went under shell fire to assist the wounded and, although twice wounded, continued to perform his duties after having his wounds dressed.

With reference to the notification in the *Edinburgh Gazette* of the 3rd June 1915 (page 791), the acts of gallantry and distinguished services at the Dardanelles for which the rewards of the Distinguished Service Order and the Military Cross respectively were granted by His Majesty the King, are as follows:—

*Companions of the Distinguished Service Order.*

Lieutenant-Colonel Walter Ramsey McNicoll, 6th Australian Infantry Battalion (Victoria).

On the night of 25th–26th April 1915, during operations near Gaba Tepe, for repeatedly exhibiting great gallantry and skill in the command of his battalion.

Lieutenant-Colonel Cyril Brudenell Bingham White, Royal Australian Garrison Artillery, Staff.

During the operations near Gaba Tepe on 25th April 1915, and subsequently for his distinguished service in co-ordinating staff work, and in reorganisation after the inevitable dislocation and confusion arising from the first landing operations. He displayed exceptional ability.

Major Arthur Thackeray Beckwith, The Hampshire Regiment.

On 26th April 1915, at Sedd-el-Bahr, for brilliant and gallant leading of troops in the attack on the fort and town. Showed exceptional coolness and efficiency.

Major Charles Henry Brand, 3rd Infantry Brigade (Australian Forces).

On 25th April 1915, during operations in the neighbourhood of Gaba Tepe, for conspicuous gallantry and ability in organising stragglers under heavy fire, and for organising and leading an attack resulting in the disablement of three of the enemy's guns. Major Brand conveyed messages himself on many occasions under fire during emergencies.

Major James Samuel Denton, 11th Australian Infantry Battalion (West Australia).

During the operations in the neighbourhood of Gaba Tepe on the 25th April 1915, for valuable services in obtaining and transmitting information to ships' guns and mountain batteries, and subsequently for holding a trench, with about 20 men, for over six days, repulsing several determined attacks.

Major Herbert Hart, Wellington Battalion, 17th (Ruahine) Regiment, New Zealand Forces.

On 26th April 1915, during operations near Gaba Tepe, for distinguished service in rallying men and digging into an important forward position in the face of an extremely severe fire. The country was wooded and difficult, and unreconnoitred, and his force was subject to constant surprise attacks.

Major James Heane, 4th Australian Infantry Battalion (New South Wales).

On 1st May 1915, during the operations near Gaba Tepe, for displaying conspicuous gallantry