

Captain (temporary Major) Ernest Frederick Powys Sketchley, R.M.L.I., Royal Naval Division.

For services in the Gallipoli Peninsula. On the 13th July, during operations south of Achi Baba, a retreat began and rapidly developed, which might have had very serious consequences. Major Sketchley, who was with the supports, assisted by Lance-Corporal J. G. Way, prevented some of these men from retiring further. He then gathered together about 40 of them, reorganised them, and leading them forward, reoccupied some of the trenches. Major Sketchley and Lance-Corporal Way returned twice to gather more men, and, collecting in all about 100, retook further trenches, captured some 40 prisoners and secured the position. Both of them exhibited great courage, presence of mind and powers of personal leadership in a moment of crisis.

Lieutenant Mark Singleton, R.N.

For his services during the advance from Qurna and capture of Amara at the beginning of June, 1915. Lieutenant Singleton was in command of the armed launch "Shaitan," and displayed great skill and energy in pursuit of the enemy gunboat "Marmariss" and other craft. He went ahead of the main force through Amara in a gallant manner and performed the remarkable feat in his small armed tug of bringing to surrender a body of about 11 officers and 250 men of the Turkish troops whom he had intercepted, and causing a large number to retire, thus largely contributing to the surrender of the town.

Squadron-Commander Arthur Wellesley Bigsworth, R.N.

For his services in destroying single-handed a German submarine on the morning of August 26th, 1915, by bombs dropped from an aeroplane. Squadron-Commander Bigsworth was under heavy fire from the shore batteries and from the submarine whilst manœuvring for position. Nevertheless, displaying great coolness, he descended to 500 feet, and after several attempts was able to get a good line for dropping the bombs with full effect.

Surgeon Basil Alfred Playne, R.N., Royal Naval Division.

For gallantry and good service during operations near Gaba Tepe from April 28th to May 1st, 1915. On several occasions he rushed across the open (the communication trench being incomplete) into the fire trenches and attended the seriously wounded, regardless of the severity of the enemy's fire; on one occasion he carried a wounded officer on his back from the fire trench to the communication trench under heavy fire. His conspicuous bravery not only inspired the stretcher bearers to perform fine work, but gave confidence and spirit to all ranks. He was again several times brought to notice for gallant deeds when attending wounded on May 3rd and 4th.

The KING has further been graciously pleased to give orders for the award of the Distinguished Service Cross to the following Officers:—

Lieutenant William Penrose Mark-Wardlaw, R.N.

Lieutenant Colin Cantlie, R.N.

Lieutenant Irving Montgomery Palmer, R.N.

For his services in command of H.M.S. "Comet" during the advance on Amara, where he was landed with a very small force to preserve order, and at the barracks, though accompanied by only two men, he received the surrender of a battalion of Turkish officers and men.

Sub-Lieutenant Reginald Horace Lilley, R.N.

For his services in charge of a 4.7" gun in a horseboat, and for the excellent manner in which he performed the difficult and dangerous task of securing a small steam tug, which had been left at Amara by the enemy with steam up, with a large lighter alongside her, and shipping in the lighter about 80 officers and 800 men who had been taken prisoners. Many of these had to be disarmed, and Sub-Lieutenant Lilley had only two men to assist him in the task.

Acting Lieutenant Alan Bennis Fennel Alcock, R.M.L.I., Portsmouth Battalion.

For gallantry and good service near Gaba Tepe, between the 28th April and 1st May, 1915. Accompanied by Lieutenant Empson, of the same regiment, with two platoons, numbering in all 60 men, he defended an isolated trench against overwhelming odds. Lieutenant Empson was wounded early in the day on April 30th, and was killed on May 1st, and Lieutenant Alcock was finally compelled to withdraw, after having held this ground for four nights and three days. During this time no food or water could be conveyed to the trench, and at one time ammunition was reduced to about 15 rounds per man.

Lieutenant George Swinney, R.N.R.

Lieutenant John Thomas Randell, R.N.R.

Lieutenant Thomas Edward Price, R.N.R.

Lieutenant Francis William Lyte, R.N.R.

For his services as pilot of the armed launch "Shushan," on the 9th May, 1915, when he handled the vessel with the utmost coolness under fire. Lieutenant Lyte has done good work in the Shatt-el-Arab operations on many other occasions.

Sub-Lieutenant Charles James Gibbon, R.N.R.

Sub-Lieutenant Charles Henry Hudson, R.N.R.

Acting Sub-Lieutenant Irvine Muirhead Twyman, R.N.R.

For his services in the submarine commanded by Lieutenant-Commander Cochran in the Sea of Marmora.

Sub-Lieutenant Frederick Parslow, R.N.R.

For his services in the horse-transport "Anglo-Californian," which was attacked by a German submarine on the 4th July,