

1015 Company Serjeant-Major A. Peasgood, 1st/4th Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment, Territorial Force.

For conspicuous gallantry on the 13th and 14th October, 1915, at Hohenzollern redoubt, when in charge of a party of some twenty men in the south part of the redoubt. He organised bombing parties, and with the greatest courage and resource held his position from 3 p.m. on the 13th throughout the night until after midday on the 14th. He was found still holding the same position on the afternoon of the 14th, although his party had been reduced to six men. He refused to relinquish his post when the rest of his battalion was relieved by fresh troops. On the afternoon of the 13th he was hit in the chest by a piece of shrapnel.

913 Private G. L. Peel, 3rd Australian Light Horse Field Ambulance.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 11th August, 1915, along the Aghyl Dere (Dardanelles), when, with another man, he collected and took to a place of safety a number of mules which had broken loose as the result of shrapnel fire (their native attendants having left), and which were causing congestion and confusion in the traffic. His prompt and brave action undoubtedly saved the lives of many men who were in the immediate vicinity. The collection of terrified mules under a hot fire was both difficult and dangerous, and had they been allowed to stampede they must have galloped over and impeded troops whose advance was urgently needed.

7/583 Trooper H. Pidgeon, Canterbury Mounted Rifle Regiment, New Zealand Forces.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 21st August, 1915, on the Kaiajik Aghala (Hill 60), Dardanelles. The fighting was severe, and frequently hand to hand, and although wounded he refused to retire, and continued at his post with the greatest bravery and determination until wounded a second time. He also performed gallant work in rescuing wounded men under heavy fire.

11378 Lance-Corporal S. J. Pike, 1st Battalion, Devonshire Regiment.

For conspicuous gallantry on 15th October, 1915, near Maricourt. A wiring party were working during a fog in front of the trenches. When the fog lifted they retired, but one Private was seriously wounded. Lance-Corporal Pike and Corporal Love, under very heavy rifle fire from the Germans, who were less than a hundred yards away, at once went to his rescue, extricated him from the wire and brought him in. They both behaved with the greatest coolness and bravery.

2624 Serjeant A. W. Powell, 8th Battalion, Royal West Surrey Regiment.

For conspicuous gallantry and ability on the 26th September, 1915, near Hulluch,

when in charge of a machine gun. At one time he sat up on the parapet so as to bring his fire to bear on the enemy's machine guns, although drawing a heavy fire on himself. At another time he lay out in the open under a very heavy fire in order to form a rest for his machine gun. His devotion to duty was most marked.

2041 Serjeant E. Pratt, 1st/6th Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment, Territorial Force.

For conspicuous gallantry on the 4th November, 1915, in France. A detachment under his charge covered an Officer's party which was repairing wire in front of the parapet. There was a thick mist, which suddenly lifted, and the wiring party retired to the trenches. The enemy opened fire on the covering party and a man fell wounded. Serjeant Pratt rushed to his help, being grazed by a bullet as he ran up. With the assistance of the Officer he carried the man across some open ground and wire under heavy fire, the Officer being severely wounded whilst so doing. They succeeded in getting the man into the sap. Serjeant Pratt has on several occasions displayed great coolness and bravery, both in front of the parapet and on patrol work.

13489 Serjeant E. Preston, 11th Battalion, West Yorkshire Regiment.

For conspicuous gallantry on the night of the 21st/22nd October, 1915, near Rue du Bois, when, in company with an Officer, he carried out a very difficult reconnaissance at great personal risk and obtained valuable information regarding the defences of the enemy against the first line trenches.

2/1252 Gunner J. Rankin, 4th (Howitzer) Battery, New Zealand Field Artillery.

For conspicuous gallantry on 6th August, 1915, near Lone Pine (Dardanelles). While his battery was bombarding the position the telephone line was cut. Gunner Rankin went out voluntarily under heavy and continuous fire and laid another wire over the broken section, enabling the Battery Commander to resume control within half an hour of the communications being broken, thus materially assisting our fire effect. His bravery and good work have been consistently shown since the landing on 26th April.

2016 Private F. R. Ratcliffe, 1st/4th Battalion, Leicestershire Regiment, Territorial Force.

For conspicuous bravery on the 13th October, 1915, at Hohenzollern redoubt, when he was the first man of his platoon to reach the redoubt. Single-handed he attacked several of the enemy and with the greatest coolness and gallantry led his platoon until he fell wounded. His fine example was a great encouragement to all with him.