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Report in 1917 of the award of Victoria Crosses to soldiers for actions on 25 April 1915
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How to use this source:

Study this source carefully. It contains information that could be useful in your presentation. As you study the source, ask yourself:

- Which soldiers were awarded the Victoria Cross?
- Which regiment did they come from?
- What does this source tell you about the dangers the troops faced at Gallipoli?
- Does this source suggest that the soldiers performed well under fire?
- Does the source suggest that the VC winners were completely exceptional?
- Why were the two VC winners unable to collect their medals and what does this suggest about the nature of the fighting at Gallipoli?
- Will you use this source in your presentation?



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War Office,
15th March, 1917.

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the Victoria Cross to the undermentioned Officer and Non-Commissioned Officers of the 1st Battalion, Lancashire Fusiliers, in recognition of most conspicuous bravery displayed:—

Capt. (temp. Maj.) Cuthbert Bromley (since drowned ~~on duty~~).

No. 1506 Sjt. Frank Edward Stubbs (since died of wounds).

No. 2609 Cpl. (now Sjt.) John Grimshaw.

On the 25th April, 1915, headquarters and three companies of the 1st Battalion, Lancashire Fusiliers, in effecting a landing on the Gallipoli Peninsula to the West of Cape Helles, were met by very deadly fire from hidden machine guns, which caused a great number of casualties. The survivors, however, rushed up to and cut the wire entanglements, notwithstanding the terrific fire from the enemy, and after overcoming supreme difficulties, the cliffs were gained and the position maintained.

Amongst the many very gallant officers and men engaged in this most hazardous undertaking, Captain Bromley, Serjeant Stubbs, and Corporal Grimshaw have been selected by their comrades as having performed the most signal acts of bravery and devotion to duty.

The above awards of the Victoria Cross are to be read in conjunction with those conferred on the undermentioned for most conspicuous bravery on the same occasion:—

Capt. Richard Raymond Willis, 1st Bn.,
Lan. Fus.
No. 1293 Sjt. Alfred Richards, 1st Bn.,
Lan. Fus.
No. 1809 Pte. William Keneally, 1st Bn.,
Lan. Fus.
See London Gazette, dated 24th August,
1915.