

Darley did a stunt landing with only his left hand—extraordinarily plucky I call it—and saved my life.”—*Morning Post*.

Sydney C. F. Nailer, 1st/6th Manchester Battalion, was wounded at Suvla Bay on 7th August, 1915, and was promoted Lance-Corporal for conduct on the field. He was removed to the Bombay Presidency Hospital, Alexandria, for treatment, and thence transferred to one of the General Hospitals, Sheffield. He is now at the Convalescent Home maintained by Mrs. Campbell, at Old Warden, Biggleswade. He is doing well, but is still unable to move about unaided.

Under the heading, ‘Heroism of a R.N.D. Officer,’ *The Times* has the following:—

The following is an extract from a letter written by an officer of the Royal Navy who took part in the landing in Gallipoli in April last:—“It has been unfortunately my sad lot to write of the ending on this earth of many heroes, for I have been through much since August, 1914, but I sincerely assure you that I have never seen more daring and gallant deeds performed by any man, naval or military, than those performed by the man I now know to have been Sub-Lieutenant A. W. St. Clair Tisdall, Anson Battalion, R.N.D., at the landing from the River Clyde on that terrible ‘V’ beach. Throughout the afternoon of April 25 a boat containing an officer (unknown to all) and three blue-jackets, one of them a petty officer, were very prominent. The officer and the petty officer did the most daring of things, and were seen by very many. Time after time they visited that awful beach, and brought back wounded officers and men. Darkness came on, and that officer was nowhere to be found. All the petty officer and blue-jackets could say was, ‘He’s one of those Naval Division gents.’ Days and weeks passed away, and I and others never ceased trying to find out if we could who and where the unknown hero was. Over and over we discussed in the *River Clyde* and in dug-outs on the beach how those two had escaped. At last on June 15th a note came from the trenches to ‘V’ beach (I have it now) stating that the only R.N.D. officer on the *River Clyde* had been A. W. St. Clair Tisdall, Sub-Lieutenant, Anson Battalion, R.N.D. Thus we knew who the hero was. The very next day I learned of his death. I was grieved, like many others (though we had not the pleasure of his acquaintance), but not surprised, for a man of his daring, notwithstanding his perfect coolness and nonchalance, could not live through a war like this. What must this extraordinary fellow’s death have been like on May 6th? His very saving of the wounded and the handling of them was in itself the work of an artist, and a very great one.”

“Surgeon, R.N.,” writes:—“Will you allow me to supplement the narrative of a Naval Officer concerning the great gallantry of the late Sub-Lieutenant Tisdall, on April 25th, at ‘V’ Beach? On April 27th I had occasion to visit this beach, and from many independent sources I heard of his splendid devotion to the wounded. I heard it constantly expressed that he bore a charmed life as he waded up to his neck in the sea pushing in front of him a boat-load of wounded. Naval Officer may well ask of the manner of his passing. Bravely leading his men in the advance on May 6th, he was killed whilst standing up on the parapet of a trench where his men were taking tem-

porary cover. His body is interred close to the spot where he fell. Tisdall was a man who had absolutely conquered fear. He entirely disdained to take cover, whilst insisting on his men doing so. I remember well remonstrating with him on ‘V’ beach, but all to no purpose. It is a great honour at last to be able to pay a humble tribute to the memory of a very gallant gentleman. P.S.—Naval Officer was wrongly informed that Tisdall was the only Anson officer on the *River Clyde*. There were two others, one of whom was wounded early in the day, while the other took part with his platoon in the final charge which resulted in the capture of Seddul Bahr.”

The Late Capt. C. T. Shaw.

Captain Cyril Trevor Shaw, 122nd, attached 120th Infantry, I.A., younger son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Shaw, of Middleton Lodge, Hornsea, Yorkshire, was born in India in 1882, and educated at Bedford School. He left in 1900 to take a commission in the Sligo Militia Artillery, passing thence into the York. and Lancs. Regiment, and being posted to the battalion then in India. In a year or two he obtained a commission in the 122nd Rajputana Infantry, and did some excellent work on the North-West Frontier. When war broke out he applied to be attached to a regiment going to the front, and was soon sent to the Persian Gulf with the 120th Rajputana Infantry, and fell at the end of November.—*The Times*.

The Late Lieut. H. F. T. Hogben.

He was born in 1890, and educated at Parsonstown School, King’s Co. (1899-1905), and at Bedford School (September, 1905—July, 1909). On leaving Bedford he entered Guy’s Hospital Medical School, and gained a London University Open Scholarship. He was a good shot. He was in the School Shooting VIII., and later won many prizes at Bisley, including the open championship of the University of London Rifle Association in 1913, and also the ‘Allcomers’ Aggregate.’ He was in the King’s 100 in 1913 and 1914. He played football for his Hospital, and was also distinguished at boxing and swimming.

He was in the School O.T.C. all his time at Bedford, afterwards joining the Artists’ Rifles. He was gazetted to the 10th Middlesex Regiment in July, 1913, went out to India in October, 1914, and was sent with a draft to the Persian Gulf in April, 1915, to join the 2nd Norfolks. He was killed in action with General Townshend’s force at Ctesiphon between Nov. 22nd and 24th.—*[Communicated.]*

The Late Capt. C. Boddam-Whetham.

Captain Cecil Boddam-Whetham, 3rd Black Watch, attached 1st Gordon Highlanders, previously reported missing, is now believed to have been killed on December 10th, 1914. He was the second son of the late Colonel A. T. Boddam, Bedford, late Royal Welsh Fusiliers, and of Mrs. A. T. Boddam-Whetham. Born in 1879, the deceased officer was an O.B., and passed through Woolwich into the Royal Artillery in 1898. He attained the rank of captain in 1906, and in 1908 retired from the R.F.A., and was gazetted in the 3rd Black Watch. He saw service in West Africa (Southern