

JAMESON, TOM

RANK: MAJOR GENERAL

DECORATIONS: DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER, COMPANION ORDER OF THE BATH.

YEARS OF SERVICE: 1912 -?

OPERATIONAL SERVICE: ANTWERP, GALLIPOLI, RUSSIA

SHIPS: HMS RESOLUTION, HMS KENT

UNITS: RM BRIGADE

Interview with Major General Tom Jameson. Experiences in WW1 as junior officer in operations near Antwerp, in Gallipoli and with the Grand Fleet. Operations in far East Russia recorded in Part 2.

Born 1894, youngest of nine. Father land agent in Ireland. School near Bath, joined RM for training at Greenwich and Deal. When WW1 broke out transferred to RM Brigade, which landed (RN Division) in Belgium 1914 to defend Antwerp. Defences became untenable ... withdrawal by foot and train to Ostend, thence Dover. Skirmishes with advancing Germans.

Remained in RM Brigade, transferring to cyclists' company. Deployed to Gallipoli aboard Troopship Somalia. Part of seaborne feint in support of main landing. Then landed on "W Beach". Cycles abandoned, duty in front line. Formed into bombing company; launched bombs from catapults. Head wound, evacuated to Alexandria for treatment, returned for final withdrawal.

Following Whale Island Gunnery Course, drafted to newly built HMS Resolution, to Grand Fleet in Scapa Flow. Sweep patrols of North Sea. Appointed HMS Kent early 1918.... to Hong Kong.