

did with the greatest gallantry in face of a determined opposition, clearing out of the trench at least ten times their number, and thus saving a critical situation.

13113 Private H. P. Andrews, 2nd Battalion, Coldstream Guards.

For conspicuous bravery on the 8th October, 1915, near Loos. During the German attack on our sap-head in St. Elie Avenue, practically the whole of the sap-head, except the barricade, was levelled by artillery fire, and great difficulty was experienced in getting bombs up to the barricade. For the moment the supply ran out, thus enabling the Germans to get into our barricade. Private Andrews, with another man, having got more bombs, charged over the open ground towards the barricade, and by his personal bravery and dash drove the enemy from it. This gallant act was done entirely on his own initiative, and he was exposed to both heavy bomb and rifle fire.

34447 Acting Bombardier J. Archbold, 97th Battery, Royal Field Artillery.

For conspicuous gallantry on the 27th June, 1915, at Cape Helles (Dardanelles), when he went out under severe fire and brought in two wounded men from in front of an observing station. Again, on the 14th July, he advanced beyond our lines at night, and brought in a wounded man under very heavy rifle fire. Bombardier Archbold on many previous occasions had displayed great resource and bravery in repairing telephone wires under shell and rifle fire.

17531 Corporal J. M. Atkinson, 1st Battalion, York and Lancaster Regiment.

For conspicuous gallantry on the 29th September, 1915, near Vermelles, when he crossed over 300 yards of open ground under heavy fire to bring a message and take one back to the fire trench, which had been cut off from communication by the enemy. It was due to his bravery and devotion that a support Company was sent up to re-take the trench and re-establish our line.

2092 Private F. Attenborough, 1st/8th Battalion, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment, T.F. (attached 139th Brigade, Mining Section).

For conspicuous gallantry near Hollebeke on 23rd September, 1915. The enemy exploded a mine, thereby blowing up a portion of one of our galleries, near which three men were working. Second Lieutenant Webster and a Non-Commissioned Officer immediately went into the galleries to try and save one man who was missing. After they had been repeatedly driven back by gas, Private Attenborough went down with air-piping, but found the missing man dead. All three were severely gassed.

17538 Serjeant M. Bain, 12th Battalion, Highland Light Infantry.

For conspicuous gallantry on the 26th September, 1915, near Loos, when, although under a very heavy shell fire, he refused to leave a wounded officer, whom he finally brought into safety. He performed this action in the face of a rapid counter-attack by the enemy, and without his assistance the officer must have been captured.

8781 Serjeant F. Baker, 1st Battalion, East Kent Regiment.

For conspicuous gallantry on the night of 21st September, 1915, near Forward Cottage. He volunteered to go out and bring in the body of Captain Colville, who was lying within fifteen yards of a German sap. With Second Lieutenant Clouting he crept to where Captain Colville was lying, and, crawling on their stomachs, these two dragged the body for nearly 150 yards and lifted it over the parapet. There was bright moonlight at the time, and they were subjected to continuous fire from the Germans.

5016 Company-Quartermaster-Serjeant W. Bale, 2nd Battalion, Leicestershire Regiment.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the 25th September, 1915, near Pietre. During the assault, when all the officers except one had been killed or wounded, Company-Quartermaster Serjeant Bale rallied the men, reorganised unwounded ones, and led them to the attack again. Later, when held up by uncut wire, he collected, under a heavy fire, the few remaining unwounded men, and got them under what cover was available. He exposed himself with the utmost contempt for danger.

527 Acting Lance-Corporal R. Barker, 1/1st Cheshire Field Company, Royal Engineers, T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative on the 25th September, 1915, in the salient of Sanctuary Wood. In the rush of the assault, Lance-Corporal Barker got separated from his party. He, however, at once assisted and superintended a party of the Royal Scots Fusiliers who were digging themselves in. On completion of this work, he went, on his own initiative, and, collecting a party of infantry, started opening out a communication trench from our line to the captured position, and persisted, under heavy machine-gun and shell fire until it became impossible to continue. He was the last man to leave the work.

11866 Private J. H. Barton, 6th Battalion, Royal Scots Fusiliers.

For conspicuous bravery on the morning of the 27th September, 1915, near Cambrin,