

L/5940 Serjeant A. Ashton, 8th Battalion, East Surrey Regiment.

For conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty on the 20th October, 1915, in the Tambour du Clos, close to Fricourt. The Germans having exploded a mine, Serjeant Ashton followed Company Serjeant-Major Sterry over the parapet in full view of the enemy under a heavy machine-gun fire, and assisted in opening the entrance to a mine sap, which was blocked, and from which smoke was issuing. He then, with the greatest gallantry, crawled into the sap twice, bringing out two men. Finally he was himself overcome by the gas.

6/884 Serjeant A. A. Atkins, Canterbury Battalion, New Zealand Forces.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the 7th August, 1915, during the attack on Chunuk Bair (Dardanelles). While advancing up a narrow gully with precipitous sides, his battalion suddenly came on a strongly defended post, which barred the way, and from which a heavy rifle fire was directed on the head of the column. Serjeant Atkins, getting his section in hand, without hesitation rushed the position, captured and held it. He displayed great bravery and coolness, and set a splendid example to all with him.

2440 Serjeant W. H. Barclay, 4th Battalion, East Yorkshire Regiment, T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty between the 25th September and the 15th October, 1915, near Armentieres, when he carried out successfully valuable patrol work at great personal risk. On the morning of the 19th October, near the same place, Serjeant Barclay crawled more than a hundred yards, under accurate machine-gun fire and in broad daylight, carrying on his back a man of his patrol, who had been severely wounded, and who was hit again while being brought in.

10/1731 Private C. R. Barker, Wellington Battalion, New Zealand Forces.

For conspicuous gallantry on 8th August, 1915, at Chunuk Bair (Dardanelles). The difficulty of supplying the firing line on the mountain top with ammunition and water was very great, yet the necessity was vital. Private Barker rendered most valuable service in carrying both over ground exposed to heavy fire, and the conformation of which made the task very arduous. He also acted as guide to a regiment going up to reinforce, and on his return carried in a wounded man.

47860 Serjeant A. J. Barraclough, 107th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery.

For conspicuous gallantry on the 25th September, 1915, and following days, near Vermelles, when he repeatedly mended telephone wires in the open under heavy shell fire, and succeeded in keeping up the communication with three brigades of artillery.

1410A Corporal R. Barrett, 15th Battalion, Australian Imperial Force.

For conspicuous gallantry on the 6/7th August and 10th August, 1915, at Chunuk Bair (Dardanelles). During the advance, and later, when the trenches were congested with dead and wounded, he made continual journeys across open ground under very heavy shell and rifle fire to bring up ammunition. His courage and devotion to duty throughout a critical period exercised the greatest influence over the troops holding that section of the trenches, and assisted to restore confidence.

5 Bombardier C. W. Baxter, Headquarters Staff, 1st Australian Field Artillery Brigade.

For conspicuous gallantry and resource on 12th and 13th July, 1915, on the Gallipoli Peninsula, when, under a heavy shell and rifle fire, he continually repaired telephone lines, thereby assisting to maintain communications at a time when any interruption would have entailed serious consequences. Bombardier Baxter has previously been brought to notice for coolness and bravery in performing similar work during the period from the 6th to the 15th May.

639 Lance-Serjeant J. J. Bell, 13th Battalion, Cheshire Regiment.

For conspicuous gallantry on the 4th October, 1915, near Le Touquet. While in charge of a wiring party an officer was wounded. Serjeant Bell, though under a heavy rifle fire the whole time, went to his assistance, and, with the help of another man, carried him back into the trench. On the 7th October an enemy shell demolished the parapet of our trench and buried a Corporal. Serjeant Bell at once went to his assistance, and, with the aid of another man, dug the Corporal out, being under a heavy rifle fire all the time.

10237 Private H. Bristow, 2nd Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regiment.

For gallant conduct on 3rd September, 1915, in attending to the wounded during the action to the south of Maktou (East Africa), and subsequently for rescuing an Officer under very heavy fire.

41929 Sapper W. Burrows, 70th Field Company, Royal Engineers.

For conspicuous gallantry on the night of 18th/19th October, 1915, near the quarries, when, in company with Sapper Whitelaw, he was engaged in consolidating the gains of a bombing party. These two sappers behaved with the greatest courage and resource. They broke down a barrier and erected a new one, and, when nearly all the infantry bombers had been killed or wounded, they threw bombs themselves and assisted to hold the trench which had been gained.