

Lance-Corporal Brooks crawled out through the mine craters, a distance of 100 yards from our front line, and laid a charge of gun-cotton under the German wire. The charge was successfully exploded, making a broad breach in the wire and destroying about 30 yards of the enemy's trench and a machine-gun. The night was very bright, and the wire close up to the enemy's trench.

5778 Private A. Brooks, 2nd Battalion, Royal Welsh Fusiliers.

For conspicuous gallantry on the 26th September, 1915, at Cambrin, when he went over the parapet, in broad daylight, to look for a wounded man, whom he found 130 yards in front of our fire trenches and 130 yards from the German line. As the man was too badly wounded to bring in, Private Brooks dug him in with his entrenching tool, and then returned for food and water, which he took out to him, being the whole time under heavy rifle fire from the enemy's trenches. The wounded man was brought in safely after dark.

8336 Serjeant J. Brown, 1st Battalion, York and Lancaster Regiment.

For conspicuous gallantry on the 29th September, 1915, near Vermelles, in holding an advanced trench against repeated bomb attacks of the enemy, when no Officer or other Non-Commissioned Officer was left in his platoon. He continued to discharge his duties with the utmost courage and devotion, until he himself was wounded.

8461 Corporal W. J. Brown, 2nd Battalion, Royal West Surrey Regiment.

For conspicuous gallantry on the 26th September, 1915, at Vermelles. Corporal Brown was in command of a party of bombers, who, with great courage, bombed down a German communication trench, driving the enemy back, and thereby considerably assisting an attack made by another regiment. His leadership and devotion to duty were most marked.

8615 Acting Company Serjeant-Major A. Bryant, 8th Battalion, Devonshire Regiment.

For conspicuous gallantry on the 25th September, 1915, near Hulluch. When all the Officers had been killed or wounded in the assault and subsequent operations, Company Serjeant-Major Bryant assumed command, and while so acting, by his coolness, bravery and personal example, was instrumental in rallying the men, when the enemy got round the flank of the position after dark, and succeeded in leading them back to a trench 200 yards away, and there driving back the enemy. Finally, he was stunned by a German bomb while attempting to save one of his serjeants, who was in danger of being cut off by the enemy. He gave a fine example of devotion to duty.

2368 Private T. Bucknall, 7th Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment, Territorial Force (attached 174th Tunnelling Company, Royal Engineers).

For conspicuous gallantry at Tambour Du Clos, near Fricourt, on 21st August, 1915, when assisting in rescue work in a mine gallery. The gallery was foul with gas and in total darkness, and the work of rescue was carried out under most difficult and dangerous conditions.

16006 Private A. Callf, 9th Battalion, Cheshire Regiment.

For conspicuous gallantry on the 25th September, 1915, near Festubert. A shell having set fire to a large bomb store in the trenches, which were very crowded at the time, Private Callf pulled a box of small arms ammunition, which was burning, from the back of the bomb store, and carried it to a pool of water, a piece of the shell being still in the box, and too hot to remove.

9262 Private J. W. Campbell, 7th Battalion, Seaforth Highlanders.

For conspicuous bravery on the 26th of September, 1915, at Hohenzollern redoubt. By his perfect example of coolness, bravery and devotion to duty under very heavy fire, he was instrumental in rallying the line when several units were mixed up with his own regiment. Later, under very heavy fire, he got on to the parapet and called to the men to stand firm. His gallantry and example contributed to the steadiness of all ranks.

9388 Company Quartermaster-Serjeant (Acting Company Serjeant-Major) E. Canning, 6th Battalion, King's Own Scottish Borderers.

For conspicuous gallantry and ability on the 25th of September, 1915. During an attack on the enemy trenches, and when all the Officers had been killed or wounded, Company Quartermaster-Serjeant Canning organised and took command of the remnants of the battalion and assisted another battalion in holding our line of trenches. Upon the arrival of an Officer on the 26th September, who took command, he continued to give very valuable assistance, although suffering from illness. On the morning of the 30th September, accompanied by an Officer, he attempted to recover the body of another Officer. Throughout the operations his bravery and example gave great encouragement to all ranks.

S/8152 Private H. A. Carey, 1st Battalion, Rifle Brigade.

For conspicuous gallantry and determination near Hamel on the night of 26th and 27th September, 1915. He went out and reconnoitred the enemy's wire by himself, after which he returned and piloted the bombing party to their appointed place,