

11209 Private T. Bytheway, 2nd Battalion, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry (attached 178th Tunnelling Company, Royal Engineers).

For conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty on the 20th October, 1915. After the Germans had exploded a mine in front of our trenches, damaging our galleries, Private Bytheway, without hesitating and with great courage, went down one gallery and rescued three men who had been gassed. He then carried out two underground explorations at great personal risk, and ascertained that there was no one in the galleries. On the second occasion he was severely burnt by a tongue of blue flame, which shot along the gallery from the enemy's side, and he was also gassed. Nevertheless, he continued his hazardous duties till overcome, when he had to be hauled unconscious to the surface. On the 10th October, on a similar occasion, he rescued two men, who were gassed in a gallery, saving their lives.

4/353 Sapper A. L. Caselberg, Signal Troop, New Zealand Mounted Rifle Brigade.

For conspicuous gallantry on the night of 22nd August, 1915, at Kaiajik Aghala (Hill 60, Dardanelles). At the close of the day a number of detached parties were scattered in advance of the fire trenches. The firing was very heavy, and in the darkness these parties did not know how to get back. Sapper Caselberg, on his own initiative, went out several times, searched for them, and guided them back on each occasion. His total disregard of personal danger and devotion to duty were most marked.

1124 Private R. R. Chapman, 13th Battalion, Australian Imperial Force.

For conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty on 6th August, 1915, at Aghyl Dere (Dardanelles). He was the bearer of an important message from one Commanding Officer to another, having to pass over ground swept by heavy fire. On his way he was badly wounded, but went on until he fell exhausted. After a time he pulled himself together, and, struggling on, eventually succeeded in reaching and attracting the attention of an Officer, to whom he safely passed on the message. It was a most gallant service, and showed a fine spirit of self-sacrifice.

2/8 B. Driver N. Clark, New Zealand Field Artillery.

For conspicuous bravery on 27th and 28th August, 1915, at Hill 60 (Dardanelles). A fire having been started, as the result of the enemy's firing, round a pit containing over 50 high explosive shells; Driver Clark volunteered to carry water to put out the fire, and was successful in doing so, although the section was being heavily and accurately shelled the whole time.

2040 Lance-Corporal T. H. Clarke, 1/4th Battalion, West Riding Regiment, T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the 16th October, 1915, on the Yser Canal. He was in charge of a party of bombers holding a sap head within a few yards of the enemy's line. The end of the sap head was blown in by a trench mortar, and he was buried. He was dug out, found to be wounded in the leg, and was ordered off to the dressing station much against his will. About fifteen minutes later he was found barricading the end of the sap, and assisted to drive off three enemy bombing parties, who, in turn, attempted to break through into our lines.

73741 Private H. B. Compton, 28th Canadian Infantry Battalion.

For conspicuous bravery on the 8th October, 1915, in front of Wytschaete. The enemy exploded mines, and Private Compton was buried under the debris. On being dug out, he immediately volunteered to go forward as a member of a party of bombers, and assisted in bombing the enemy from the crater in which they were advancing. He also assisted, under heavy shell and machine-gun fire, to dig out four men who had been buried by the explosion, thus helping to save their lives. Throughout the action his courage, resource and devotion to duty were most marked.

1 Corporal R. Connor, 1/2nd North Midland Brigade, Royal Field Artillery, T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry on the 30th September, 1915, at Ypres. While employed as linesman during a very heavy bombardment Corporal Connor spent several hours repairing the telephone wires over ground which was under heavy and continuous shell fire. His display of bravery and devotion to duty were very marked.

9 Corporal (Motor Cyclist) H. G. Cooper, Southern Provinces Mounted Rifles (Madras).

For conspicuous gallantry on the 14th July, 1915, at Mbuyuni (East Africa), when he carried messages on foot under a very heavy fire to and from the firing line, and, though severely wounded, with great coolness and bravery continued his work, and delivered all his messages safely. His devotion to duty was most marked.

10347 Private J. W. Cooper, 13th Battalion, Middlesex Regiment.

For conspicuous gallantry on the 27th September, 1915, West of Fosse 8. On three separate occasions he went out under a very heavy fire, and brought in wounded men of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. On the last occasion he was himself seriously wounded. He gave a fine example of bravery and devotion to duty.