

15066 Lance-Corporal G. Schofield, 6th Battalion, Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry.

For conspicuous gallantry on 9th December, 1915, near Wieltje. When his trench was blown in by the enemy's artillery fire and several men were buried, he organised a working party to dig them out, and himself fetched stretcher-bearers and tools across the open. Five of his party were killed while digging, and only he and another Lance-Corporal were left, but he stuck to his work till he had ascertained that the buried men were killed.

1776 Private H. L. Sheard, 1st/5th Battalion, West Riding Regiment, Territorial Force.

For consistent good work throughout the campaign, notably on Yser Canal on 17th November, 1915, when he attended a wounded man in the open under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire, and, though wounded himself, refused to leave his wounded comrade until satisfied that no more could be done for him.

5915 Private G. Singleton, 11th Battalion, Lancashire Fusiliers.

For conspicuous gallantry south of Warnton railway on the night of 28th/29th December, 1915, when, with an assaulting party, he penetrated the enemy's trenches under heavy fire and pursued the fleeing Germans. Though severely wounded he refused assistance.

R/1225 Private H. Skeels, 11th Battalion, King's Royal Rifle Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry during a raid near Cordonnerie on the night of 15th/16th December, 1915. He showed great coolness and daring and inflicted heavy loss on the enemy, in spite of the difficulty of bombing owing to mud and wet. He killed one officer and many other Germans.

11098 Lance-Corporal C. Smart, 11th Battalion, Middlesex Regiment.

For conspicuous gallantry on the night of 20th/21st October, 1915, near the Quarries. When the Germans in superior numbers had driven back a party of bombers of another regiment, Second Lieutenant Leach and Privates Brown, Smart and Havers with great dash bombed them back, and saved a critical situation.

2229 Private W. Stead, 1/8th Battalion (Leeds Rifles), West Yorkshire Regiment, Territorial Force.

For conspicuous gallantry at Hale Farm on 11th November, 1915. He assisted Second Lieutenant Alexander to dig out two men who had been buried by debris. This was done at great personal risk while the enemy were heavily shelling the farm with their howitzers.

17544 Private J. Stephenson, 10th Battalion, Yorkshire Regiment.

For conspicuous gallantry near Armentieres on 19th December, 1915. During a bombardment a shell struck some brickwork and buried two men. Lance-Corporal Hall, with Privates Clark and Stephenson, at once volunteered, and, though fully exposed to the enemy's fire, continued to work till the two men were rescued.

2167 Corporal A. J. Stirk, Royal Army Medical Corps (attached 2nd Battalion, York and Lancaster Regiment).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near La Brique on 16th November, 1915, when, with Private Caffery, of the 2nd York and Lancaster Regiment, he rescued a wounded man who was lying far out and in full view of the German trenches. The first time they were driven back by shrapnel fire, but succeeded at the second attempt, though heavily fired on by snipers and machine-guns. Corporal Stirk was wounded in the head. He has done consistent good work throughout the campaign.

1149 Serjeant R. G. Stone, 22nd Battalion, Australian Imperial Force.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during rescue operations near Anzac, Gallipoli peninsula, on 29th October, 1915, when he was one of the first party to enter the tunnel and bring out two men who were gassed at the mouth of the shaft, and rope two other men at the foot of the shaft.

19678 Private W. N. Sweetman, 4th Battalion, Grenadier Guards.

For conspicuous gallantry at Neuve Chapelle on the night of 11th/12th December, 1915, when he took a leading part in a successful attack on the German trenches. When retirement was ordered he remained within 50 yards of the enemy's trench with Lieutenant Ponsonby, who was wounded, and finally succeeded, under a heavy fire, in getting him to within 100 yards of our trenches, when, with assistance, the wounded officer was brought in. It was a fine display of cool bravery.