

2314 Private J. Bullivant, 1/7th (Robin Hood) Battalion, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment, T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry near Ypres on the night of 30th-31st July, 1915, when he advanced some 60 yards in front of a trench and helped to bring in wounded men under fire. He further distinguished himself by bringing in men who had been killed and buried in a trench by the enemy's heavy trench mortars.

9511 Private E. T. Bye, 2nd Battalion, Royal West Kent Regiment.

For conspicuous gallantry on the 24th July, 1915, near Nasiriyah (Mesopotamia) when, although wounded while applying first aid, he finished his task, and went to dress a second wounded man. While doing so he was again wounded. His devotion to duty was most marked.

2101 Private G. W. Cartwright, 1st/4th Battalion, Cheshire Regiment, T.F. (attached 1/5th Battalion).

For conspicuous gallantry in "Section D.1" on 1st September, 1915. When the enemy had exploded a mine and blown up or buried an Officer and several men, Private Cartwright volunteered to go down and investigate the crater. He was under heavy and very close fire till he got right down into the crater.

He found some wounded men, and returned twice under the same close fire for food and water for them. He brought back a wounded Serjeant, and wished to return for a Private, but was ordered to wait till dusk. At dusk, though no longer on duty, he went out to help in further rescue.

His conduct throughout was very gallant.

79708 Sapper E. Cassidy, 176th Tunnelling Company, Royal Engineers (formerly No. A/5671, 2nd Battalion, Royal Scots Fusiliers).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Givenchy on 25th August, 1915. He was blown 15 feet down a mine gallery by a German mine explosion, but, though stunned for a moment, as soon as he recovered he tried to get down to the face to rescue the men there. He insisted in following his Officer down the gallery till ordered back; but, on hearing a cry for help he at once went down again and assisted in rescuing the Officer and a Corporal who had been gassed.

96947 Sapper J. Chadwick, 175th Tunnelling Company, Royal Engineers.

For conspicuous gallantry on the night of the 24th-25th August, 1915, in the trenches in front of Ypres. After verifying the existence of German mines under the trench, he bored down and placed a charge, which failed to explode. He then volunteered, at great risk, to reopen the bore hole, and a charge subsequently fired successfully exploded the German mine.

79731 Lance-Corporal R. Clapson, 172nd Tunnelling Company, Royal Engineers (formerly No. 8592, 4th Battalion, Middlesex Regiment).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the 4th September, 1915, at St. Eloi. During tunnelling operations an old working was struck and two Officers and two Sappers were slightly gassed. One of the Officers then sent for an oxygen apparatus, which he put on in order to explore, stationing Lance-Corporal Clapson at the bottom of the shaft with a rope round him, as he had no apparatus. The Officer reached the face, and then, finding something wrong with the apparatus, turned to come out, but collapsed. Lance-Corporal Clapson took off his rope, ran in and tied it round the Officer, and dragged him out, thus undoubtedly saving his life.

82622 Sapper C. M. Collette, 173rd Tunnelling Company, Royal Engineers.

For conspicuous bravery and decision when engaged, with another man, in pushing forward advanced galleries through those of the enemy, thereby determining the success of the mining operations. Any loss of coolness and presence of mind would have led to the discovery and loss of the advanced workings, and possibly also to the destruction of the whole of the galleries.

208 Serjeant C. W. Crawley, 1/7th (Robin Hood) Battalion, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment, T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry near Ypres on the night of 30th-31st July, 1915, when, with the assistance of four others, he brought in over 20 wounded men of another Regiment and several of his own under artillery and rifle fire. These wounded men were lying out in front of a new trench which had been dug during the night.

1206 Lance-Corporal J. Cronise, 1/6th Battalion, North Staffordshire Regiment, T.F. (attached 137th Brigade Mining Section).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion on the 10th September, 1915, near Ypres. The enemy blew in a mine, burying two men. Another Non-Commissioned Officer who was in the mine sent all the uninjured men to the shaft, and then attempted to reach the buried men, with no protection save his smoke helmet, which was useless against the gas caused by the explosion. Driven back by the gas, he repeated his attempt, accompanied by Lance-Corporal Cronise. Both were badly affected by the gas, but managed to reach the shaft.

Later in the day it was decided to camouflet the enemy, and, although the gas overcame most of the men working in shifts, Lance-Corporal Cronise continued working until he had to be carried to the shaft. Both Non-Commissioned Officers showed the greatest bravery and devotion.