

86421 Serjeant J. Currie, 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.

2825 Private H. W. Elkins, 1/4th Battalion, Hampshire Regiment, T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry on the 5th July, 1915, at Gurmah Safhah (Mesopotamia), in returning to the steamer for ammunition, and carrying it, under a heavy shell and rifle fire, to the firing line.

5619 Company Serjeant-Major A. G. Elliott, 2nd Battalion, Royal West Kent Regiment.

For conspicuous gallantry and ability on the 24th July, 1915, near Nasiriyah (Mesopotamia), when he was one of the first to reach the enemy's trenches, and later on led several bayonet charges in the close fighting which ensued. Company Serjeant-Major Elliott showed great bravery in assisting a wounded comrade under a heavy fire.

79432 Sapper J. W. Fox, 176th Company, Royal Engineers (formerly No. 6129, 2nd Battalion, Wiltshire Regiment).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Givenchy on 25th August, 1915. He twice entered a mine gallery, the first time to assist in the rescue of an Officer and a Corporal who had been gassed, the second time to try and rescue the men at the face. He was finally overcome by gas and had to be dragged out, but as soon as he had partly recovered he insisted in going on with his work till ordered to stop by an Officer.

2315 Private W. Francis, 1st/6th Battalion, West Yorkshire Regiment, T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry on the night of the 30th-31st August, 1915, near Ypres. A Non-Commissioned Officer had been wounded while on listening patrol. His companion returned for help, and Private Francis, accompanied by a Non-Commissioned Officer, went out to bring him in. Whilst binding up the wound both were wounded by a bomb, but they proceeded to carry the wounded man in, and, although he also was again wounded, they stuck to him and only handed him over to the stretcher-bearers on the order of an Officer. Private Francis attempted to walk in, but ultimately he had to give in and be carried.

79707 Sapper A. Gitty, 176th Tunnelling Company, Royal Engineers (formerly No. 6238, 2nd Battalion, Royal Scots Fusiliers).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Givenchy on 25th August, 1915. After his Officer and relief Commander had both been gassed by fumes, he organised their rescue and endeavoured to rescue the men at the face of the mine. He also assisted in the rescue of a Non-commissioned Officer who was gassed when working with him, and assisted a Serjeant in arranging air-pipe lines to clear the gases after making certain that there was no hope of rescuing the men at the face.

79941 Sapper T. Gillespie, 173rd Tunnelling Company, Royal Engineers.

For conspicuous gallantry on the 6th September, 1915, at Cambrin. In company with another man he assisted to lay and fire a charge in an underground mine gallery. It was merely a question of seconds whether the British or German mine could be laid and fired first. Success to either side meant the destruction of their opponents.

34355 Corporal H. Gold, 131st Battery, Royal Field Artillery.

For conspicuous bravery and consistent good work from the 22nd April to the 5th May, 1915, when in charge of the wagon lines. On one occasion he took command of the wagon line of the 62nd Battery in addition to his own, and he invariably displayed great courage and marked ability under the heaviest fire.

2 Staff Serjeant C. V. Heath, Australian Flying Corps.

For conspicuous pluck and determination in Mesopotamia on 1st August, 1915. He assisted to pole a "bellum" (long flat-bottomed boat) 28 miles in 12 hours in most intense heat in order to rescue aviators who had been forced to descend in the enemy's country.

2665 Private J. Hill, 1/4th Battalion, Hampshire Regiment, T.F.

For conspicuous bravery on the 24th July, 1915, near Nasiriyah (Mesopotamia). Private Hill was one of the two first to enter the enemy's trenches in advance of his Regiment, and his courage and devotion to duty set a fine example to all ranks.

8739 Private G. Howe, 2nd Battalion, Royal West Kent Regiment.

For conspicuous gallantry on the 24th July, 1915, near Nasiriyah (Mesopotamia). Private Howe went to the assistance of Lieut. A. L. Hill, who was wounded and engaging the enemy with his sword. He bayoneted four of them and shot one, thereby saving the Officer's life.