

96961 Acting Second Corporal T. Howell, 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.

14113 Corporal E. H. King, 1st Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment (attached 175th Company, Royal Engineers).

For conspicuous gallantry on the night of the 4th-5th September, 1915, at Hooge. Corporal King, with another Non-Commissioned Officer, was at the mine shaft with the outgoing and incoming relief. When the front trenches were destroyed by minenwerfer, there were several casualties in killed, wounded and missing. The shaft was cut off by the destruction of the trenches, and the enemy opened a heavy fire and bombardment. Although his companion was wounded, this Non-Commissioned Officer brought in the wounded to cover under the trying conditions existing, and displayed the greatest bravery and devotion to duty.

10187 Serjeant J. King, 7th Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment.

For conspicuous gallantry during the months of July and August, 1915, in patrol work, usually alone. On the 9th September at Hobbs Farm, Serjeant King ambuscaded three Germans going to their listening post, and on their refusal to surrender he shot them. He has invariably shown great courage, zeal and resource in the performance of dangerous and difficult duties.

8135 Corporal F. Leach, 1st Battalion, Wiltshire Regiment.

For conspicuous gallantry on the 31st August, 1915, at Hooge. During the bombardment of the trenches, a part of the parapet was blown in, burying a man. Corporal Leach went round the débris across the open under a heavy fire, and dug the man out just in time to save his life. He had previously been brought to notice for gallant conduct at St. Eloi, when he rallied his men and opened a rapid fire on the Germans immediately after they had exploded a mine close to our parapet.

1892 Lance-Corporal H. Martin, 1st/4th (Hallamshire) Battalion, Royal Lancaster Regiment, T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry and resource on the night of 8th-9th September, 1915, near "Point 432." He was on duty at a listening post about 12.30 a.m., when he saw a German Officer and two men approaching

him. He remained silent till they were quite close, when he sprang suddenly into view shouting "Hands up!" They dropped their arms and put their hands up. He then saw a fourth German, and ordered the Officer to make him lay down his arms and join the party, which he did. He then stood guard over his prisoners and shouted for an escort, which marched them in.

Lance-Corporal Martin then returned to his post, after collecting one revolver and three rifles belonging to the prisoners.

86428 Lance-Corporal S. Mayer, 173rd Tunnelling Company, Royal Engineers.

For conspicuous bravery on the 6th September, 1915, at Cambrin, when, under a heavy fire, he succeeded in placing, in an underground gallery occupied by Germans, a bag of blastine in such a position that a charge could be fired, thereby rendering possible the success of the operations in progress.

10777 Private H. McCabe, 2nd Battalion, Scottish Rifles.

For conspicuous gallantry at Neuve-Chapelle from 10th to 14th March, 1915. On one occasion, although wounded in two places, he continued to hold back wire in order to let his Section pass through.

1397 Acting Company Serjeant-Major A. M. McKay, 1st/4th Battalion, Yorkshire Regiment, T.F.

For conspicuous and consistent gallantry and devotion to duty throughout his period of service with the Battalion.

On the night of 5th-6th July, 1915, near Wulverghem, he assisted an Officer to place eight "knife rests" (entanglements) in position only 40 yards from the German trench, while exposed to heavy rifle fire.

On the night of 6th-7th August he assisted the same Officer to complete the work of wiring in front of his fire trench, after the remainder of the wiring party had been withdrawn owing to heavy machine-gun fire.

79942 Sapper J. McKay, 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.

5706 Company Serjeant-Major E. J. Newbrook, 2nd Battalion, Royal West Kent Regiment.

For conspicuous gallantry and resource on the 24th July, 1915, throughout the action