

near Nasiriyah (Mesopotamia). Although severely wounded Company Serjeant-Major Newbrook remained with his command until the end of the day's operations, giving a fine example of bravery and devotion to duty.

12058 Lance-Corporal F. J. J. Oke, 57th Field Company, Royal Engineers.

For conspicuous gallantry and ability on four nights between the 25th and 31st August, 1915, on the Yser Canal, near Boesinghe, when engaged in building a bridge. The work was carried out under extremely difficult and dangerous conditions, it having to be stopped every few minutes for flares, several times owing to searchlight, and twice from heavy shelling. On one night, although two men were killed and four wounded, and his party reduced to four, he finished twelve bays. His bravery and example under trying conditions enabled the work to be satisfactorily completed.

1176 Serjeant J. Paterson, 1st/7th (Fife) Battalion, Royal Highlanders, T.F. (attached 179th Company, Royal Engineers).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at La Boiselle on 26th August, 1915. A Non-Commissioned Officer and private descended a mine, but the Non-Commissioned Officer, overcome by gas, fell to the bottom of the shaft. The private went to his rescue, but himself collapsed. Serjeant Paterson at once descended to attempt their rescue, but he also collapsed, and, though he succeeded in regaining the surface, had to be taken to hospital badly gassed.

1942 Private N. W. Player, 1/4th Battalion, Hampshire Regiment, T.F.

For conspicuous bravery on the 24th July, 1915, near Nasiriyah (Mesopotamia). Private Player 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.

86980 Acting 2nd Corporal J. Pryor, 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.

7972 Lance Corporal G. R. Raymer, 1st Battalion, Wiltshire Regiment.

For conspicuous gallantry on the night of 25th-26th August, 1915, when in charge of

a listening post in front of the trenches at Hooge. One of the listening post was seriously wounded by rapid fire, but Lance-Corporal Raymer carried him back and over the parapet under heavy fire, being himself wounded in doing so. There was a bright moon at the time.

22944 Private J. H. Richardson, 2nd Battalion, Yorkshire Light Infantry (attached 179th Company, Royal Engineers).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at La Boiselle on 26th August, 1915. A corporal and a private had been overcome by gas at the bottom of a mine, and a Serjeant who had attempted a rescue had also been overcome. An Officer, who arrived shortly after, lowered a canary in a cage to test the air, and although the canary collapsed within two feet of the surface, he descended and rescued one of the men.

The Officer then called for a volunteer to rescue the other. Private Richardson, although no safety apparatus was available, at once went down the mine and succeeded in bringing up the other man.

1165 Lance-Corporal A. Smith, 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 Lance-Corporal Smith and another man 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. Their devotion to duty was most marked.

1492 Lance Corporal R. Snow, 1/4th Battalion, Hampshire Regiment, T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry on the 24th July, 1915, near Nasiriyah (Mesopotamia). Lance-Corporal Snow continued to fire his machine-gun with absolute steadiness for a period of three hours under heavy shell and rifle fire, his gun being apparently singled out as a target by the hostile artillery. Although wounded by shrapnel at the end of the second hour, he continued to work his gun until it was put out of action by a shell.

79634 Corporal A. Thomson, 176th Tunnelling Company, Royal Engineers (formerly No. 1424, 1st/8th Battalion, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, T.F.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Givenchy on 25th August, 1915, when as Non-Commissioned Officer in charge of the relief at work in a mine he went down the gallery immediately after the end had been blown in to try and rescue the men at