

Durrant with two other Officers succeeded in placing and firing a second charge which demolished the enemy's gallery. There was imminent danger throughout of the Germans exploding a mine.

For several months Second Lieutenant Durrant has been carrying out dangerous work in almost constant contact with the enemy and has set a fine example of coolness and determination.

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Temporary Second Lieutenant George Fraser Fitzgerald Eagar, 171st Tunnelling Company, Royal Engineers.

For conspicuous gallantry near Frelinghem on 23rd December, 1915.

When a charge placed by our miners in a German gallery in order to destroy it had only partially exploded and warned the enemy, Second Lieutenant Eagar guarded the entrance to the German gallery and shot a German while a second charge was being prepared.

He had displayed great devotion to duty on 2nd December when extricating two men from a gallery which had been wrecked by the explosion of a German mine.

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Second Lieutenant Geoffrey Parker Harding, 1st Battalion, Cheshire Regiment.

For conspicuous gallantry on the night of 6th/7th December, 1915, in France.

He led a bombing attack on the German trenches with great coolness and determination, although the mud rendered the advance almost impossible. He showed great personal bravery and himself threw bombs when the bombers were in difficulties. Several Germans were accounted for and one prisoner taken.

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Temporary Second Lieutenant Charles Stanley King, "A" Battery, 96th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery.

For conspicuous good work during the operations of 15th December, 1915, in France. As Forward Observing Officer of his battery he directed its fire from the front trenches, and it was largely due to his coolness and skill that the wire was so effectively cut, thus rendering the task of the infantry less difficult.

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Second Lieutenant Robert Springett Mac-killigin, 3rd Battalion, The Duke of Edinburgh's (Wiltshire Regiment) (attached 178th Tunnelling Company, Royal Engineers).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in mining operations in Tambour du Clos, notably from 26th to 28th November, 1915.

When the enemy were believed to have laid a charge within 20 feet of one of our advanced shafts he drove a gallery towards them at high pressure and under circumstances of great mental tension, charged it and fired it successfully. His personal example and resolution enabled this dangerous work to be carried through.

Temporary Second Lieutenant Ronald Fullarton Mackinnon, 11th Battalion, Lancashire Fusiliers.

For conspicuous gallantry and ability N. of Warneton railway on the night of 28th/29th December, 1915.

While leading an R.E. wire-cutting party and an assaulting party he was discovered when only a few yards from the enemy's wire and subjected to a 65 minutes' heavy bombardment. It was largely due to his personal bravery and resource that no casualties were suffered. Previously, on the night of 9th/10th December he also led out a wire-cutting party and continued at work for 3 hours and 20 minutes.

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Second Lieutenant Bernard James Macklin, 3rd Battalion (attached 1st Battalion), The Duke of Edinburgh's (Wiltshire Regiment).

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative at Ploegsteert Wood on the night of 6th/7th December, 1915.

Previous to a surprise attack he took three men out to cut wire, and, finding six yards of water in front of the wire he crawled through it alone and cut a lane through four rows of wire although a German listening post came within four yards of him. After watching this post for about an hour he crawled back to our lines, made his report and then returned to bring in the men he had left on watch.

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Second Lieutenant Robert William McGonigal, 32nd Trench Mortar Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery.

For conspicuous gallantry on 20th August, 1915, at St. Eloi.

When, owing to a faulty charge, a bomb fired from a trench mortar fell in our own trench a yard or two from the gun, he dashed in, picked up the bomb and flung it over the parapet. The fuze was burning and timed for about five seconds. His pluck and presence of mind probably saved the lives of many men.

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Temporary Second Lieutenant Hector Andrew Kenneth Morgan, 33rd Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery.

For conspicuous gallantry at Festubert on 12th December, 1915.

During a heavy bombardment of his Observation Station, he, with others, took refuge in a "splinter-proof." A shell entering by a window mortally wounded a corporal. Second Lieutenant Morgan, seeing that from the nature of the wounds the Corporal could not be moved, went under heavy fire to the nearest dressing station, and, returning with stretcher bearers, brought him in. About fifty high explosive shells fell round the Observation Station.