

S/511 Private A. S. V. Bench, 10th Battalion, Rifle Brigade.

For conspicuous good work near Cordonerie on the night of 15th/16th December, 1915. Corporal Hunt and Privates Bench and Higgins remained out over two hours and successfully cut through the enemy's wire, although a German sentry was in view all the time.

2634 Private A. Benson, 1st/8th Battalion (Leeds Rifles), West Yorkshire Regiment, Territorial Force.

For conspicuous gallantry near Turco Farm on 6th November, 1915. When four men had been buried through shell fire, Serjeant Pearson, Lance-Corporal Green, and Private Benson successfully rescued all four, although they were in full view of the enemy's fire trench and were being shelled by a high velocity quick-firing gun.

10718 Company-Serjeant-Major B. Benton, 4th Canadian Infantry Battalion.

For conspicuous gallantry at Wulverghem on 20th October, 1915, when he volunteered to go with Private J. Donaghue to the rescue of a comrade who had been shot down near the enemy's lines. He crawled 300 yards, found the wounded man in a shell hole near the German wire, dressed his wounds, and guided Private Donaghue, who carried him back to our trenches.

77848 Private J. Berry, 7th Canadian Infantry Battalion.

For conspicuous gallantry and resource near Messines on the night of the 16th/17th November, 1915.

Corporals Babcock, Odlum and Weir and Private Berry worked for four hours on a bright moonlight night cutting wire close to a heavily manned German trench. They also assisted in placing a bridge over the Bouve River about 16 yards from the German parapet, and guided bombing parties through the lanes they had cut. It was largely due to their coolness and resource that the attack was a success.

15763 Acting Lance-Serjeant J. Black, 8th Battalion, Somerset Light Infantry.

For conspicuous gallantry in an attack near Armentieres when in charge of a bombing party on the night of 15th/16th December, 1915. Again on 19th December he displayed great promptness and courage in repelling a German attack. Again on the night of 20th/21st December, when the enemy made a bombing attack, he set a splendid example of pluck and fortitude. When his leg was blown off he continued to give orders to his men till he was carried away.

25055 Private S. Bland, Depot, Cheshire Regiment (formerly 1st Battalion).

For conspicuous gallantry on the night of 6th/7th December, 1915, during a bombing attack on the Germans, near Carnoy. As bayonet man he led the assault with great dash. He bayoneted one German, shot two more, and took one prisoner. He was then wounded.

13256 Serjeant R. C. Bolingbroke, 9th Battalion, Suffolk Regiment.

For conspicuous gallantry at Loos on 26th September, 1915, when he went, under a heavy fire a distance of 200 yards to assist Captain Steward, who was bringing back a wounded serjeant.

14396 Acting Serjeant J. Broderick, 15th Battalion, Durham Light Infantry.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Armentieres on the night of 9th December, 1915. When on patrol with an Officer, and beyond our wire, the enemy opened fire and severely wounded the Officer. Serjeant Broderick stood by his Officer and finally carried him in on his back, although the enemy threw up flares and fired heavily the whole time. Serjeant Broderick had previously been brought to notice for good patrolling work.

5767 Private A. Brown, 11th Battalion, Middlesex Regiment.

For conspicuous gallantry on the night of 20th-21st October, 1915, near the Quarries. When the Germans in superior numbers had driven back a party of bombers of another regiment, Second Lieutenant Leach and Privates Brown, Smart and Havers, with great dash, bombed them back and saved a critical situation.

7285 Private T. Buchanan, 1/5th Battalion, Royal Scots Fusiliers, Territorial Force.

For conspicuous gallantry on 7th October, 1915, in the Gallipoli Peninsula. With five comrades of his battalion he occupied a bomb sap, whence they were bombing some Turks opposite. One of the party, who was in the act of throwing a bomb with a lighted fuse, was struck in the face by a splinter from a Turkish bomb, and fell to the ground stunned. Private Buchanan at once sprang forward, seized the bomb from his comrade's hand, and flung it among the Turks, where it instantly exploded.

28772 Bombardier G. Butterfield, 104th (Heavy) Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery.

For conspicuous gallantry at Kut-al-Amara (Mesopotamia), on 28th September, 1915, when he repaired telephone wires on several occasions under heavy shell and rifle fire.