

27395 Serjeant J. Welsby, "D" Battery, 79th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery.

For conspicuous gallantry. Serjeants Green and Welsby, with an officer, worked a gun under heavy concentrated fire within 200 yards of the enemy trenches. When mud and earth thrown up by enemy shells caused the breech to jam, they continued firing as long as their united efforts could close the breech. Finally, when all three were wounded and the gun had received a direct hit and could no longer be used, they withdrew.

9337 Corporal (Acting Lance-Serjeant) G. E. White, 9th Battalion, Suffolk Regiment.

For conspicuous gallantry. When warned that some 30 of the enemy were cutting the barbed wire, he went out alone and threw bombs at them, drawing their fire. He lay down when fire started from our own trench, and later went back to his post, took out a patrol, and examined the damage done to the wire.

2822 Private A. S. Widlake, 1/6th (Glamorgan) Battalion, Welsh Regiment, T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry when in charge of a bombing party, which remained on the lip of a crater for six hours and threw nearly 1,000 bombs. During the whole time the enemy bombers were attacking.

3523 Private F. J. Wilkinson, 50th Company, Machine Gun Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry during operations in carrying messages under heavy shell fire on two successive days.

15671 Serjeant T. D. Withers, 8th Battalion, Royal Lancaster Regiment.

For conspicuous gallantry during operations. He brought up supplies to the firing line under very heavy shell fire.

17246 Private I. Wood, 9th Battalion, York and Lancaster Regiment.

For conspicuous gallantry on patrol. When a Corporal of the patrol was wounded near the enemy's wire, Privates Richmond and Wood, under close and aimed fire, succeeded in bringing him in.

1226 Serjeant W. Wood, 1/17th (County of London) Battalion, The London Regiment (Poplar and Stepney Rifles), T.F.

For conspicuous gallantry. With another N.C.O. he searched 2½ hours for a wounded officer near the enemy wire, and, after finding him, went back for a stretcher-party and brought him in.

112942 Lance-Corporal L. H. Woodward, 185th Tunnelling Company, Royal Engineers.

For conspicuous gallantry. When the enemy had blown in a large camouffét, he escaped through heavy fire, put on rescue apparatus, and, although not in a fit state to do so, worked 1½ hours in a mine till completely exhausted. He was largely instrumental in saving the life of an officer.

8995 Serjeant T. Wray, 2nd Battalion, Durham Light Infantry.

For conspicuous good work as Chief Scout of his Brigade. One night on patrol, having found an enemy working party, he sent back for a machine-gun and, firing himself, killed several of the enemy, subsequently carrying back a wounded man of his patrol.

15350 Serjeant F. Wright, 10th Battalion, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment.

For conspicuous gallantry during a heavy bombardment by the enemy. He attended to the wounded, carrying them from one to another dug-out as they were blown in. He personally bombed off a party of the enemy who were trying to enter his trench, and during the whole day did fine work.

The undermentioned have been awarded a Clasp to their Distinguished Conduct Medal for subsequent acts of gallantry:—

1993 Serjeant G. Mitchell, 2nd Battalion, Royal Highlanders.

For conspicuous gallantry in leading bombers. He drove the enemy back 250 yards, using the enemy's bombs when his own were expended. He held up strong enemy parties for three hours until relieved. (The Distinguished Conduct Medal was awarded in Gazette dated 1st April, 1915, page 3212.)

7/16557 Private (Acting Corporal) C. Perry, 7th Battalion, Border Regiment.

For conspicuous gallantry when leading a bombing party which retook a portion of a lost trench. He himself threw bombs for two hours. Next day he volunteered and succeeded in retaking another post. He rebuilt the barricade, and re-established the post.

(The Distinguished Conduct Medal was awarded in the Honours Gazette dated 14th January, 1916, page 608.)

551 Gunner W. Shields, 12th Heavy Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery.

For conspicuous gallantry. He four times traversed the centre of the fire zone during an intense bombardment, and crossed a narrow plank bridge first to rescue a wounded British soldier and afterwards to rescue a wounded French despatch rider.

(The Distinguished Conduct Medal was awarded for service in the South African War—*vide* London Gazette dated 19th April, 1901, page 2707.)