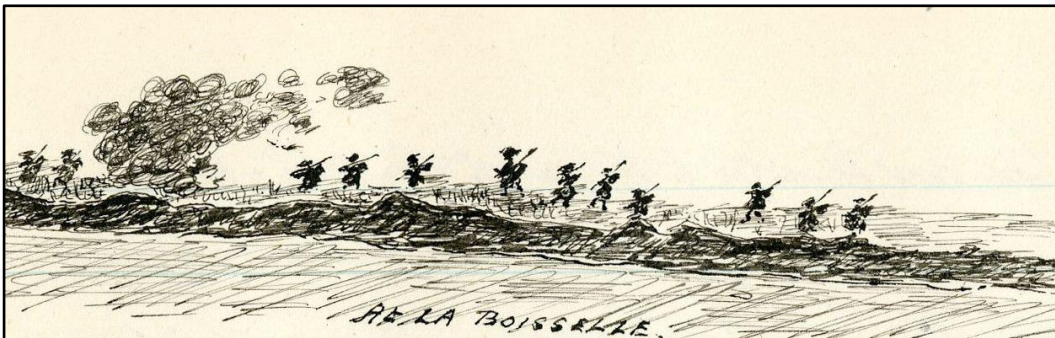


# The Durham Light Infantry and The Somme 1916

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## Part 3

### The Awards for Distinguished Conduct and Gallantry.



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### 3.1: Notes and analysis of Awards for gallantry on the Somme.

An attempt has been made to identify all those awards made for distinguished service and gallantry during the Somme offensive.

In the case of many award citations published in the London Gazette there was usually no information as to where and when the act of gallantry took place. Citations for Military Medals generally were rarely published. The London Gazette entries did not appear until two or three months after the event though there are a number of exceptions to this rule.

The details of Somme awards listed here have relied on reference to battalion histories and "The Durham Forces in the Field", but many others are simply a matter of logic and inspired guesswork.

The following lists must be taken in good faith as being the best that can be achieved under all the circumstances and that mistakes have probably occurred. However, in the majority of cases it is now possible to establish when and under what circumstances a soldier earned his recognition for distinguished service and gallant conduct.

#### Analysis of the awards

| Battalion | VC | DSO | MC | DCM | MM  | Total |
|-----------|----|-----|----|-----|-----|-------|
| 2         | -  | -   | 2  | -   | 29  | 31    |
| 5         | -  | 1   | 2  | -   | 18  | 21    |
| 6         | -  | -   | 2  | -   | 24  | 26    |
| 7         | -  | -   | 5  | 1   | 17  | 23*   |
| 8         | -  | 1   | 3  | 3   | 29  | 36    |
| 9         | 1  | -   | 2  | 5   | 45  | 53    |
| 10        | -  | 1   | 6  | 5   | 30  | 42    |
| 11        | -  | -   | 1  | -   | 3   | 4     |
| 12        | -  | 2   | 2  | 1   | 42  | 47*   |
| 13        | -  | 1   | 6  | 2   | 41  | 50*   |
| 14        | -  | -   | 3  | 2   | 25  | 30    |
| 15        | -  | -   | 7  | 5   | 21  | 33    |
| 18        | -  | -   | 2  | -   | 3   | 5     |
| 19        | -  | -   | -  | 2   | 5   | 7     |
| 20        | -  | 1   | 1  | -   | 6   | 8     |
| 22        | -  | -   | -  | -   | 1   | 1     |
|           | -  | -   |    | -   |     |       |
| Total     | 1  | 7   | 44 | 26  | 339 | 417   |

\*Notes to above table:

- It is believed that four of the Military Crosses credited to the 7th Battalion are for gallantry whilst attached to other DLI battalions.
- Second Lieutenant Grimwade's MC (included in 12 DLI's total) may have been awarded for service with 70th Brigade's Headquarters.
- The Military Medal for Lance Corporal Brown, 12 DLI has not been found in the *London Gazette*.

Three Bars to the MC were awarded. None of the first awards were for the Somme:

Captain D.H. Clarke 13 DLI

Lieutenant C.A.V. Newsome 14 DLI

Second Lieutenant R.M. Fulljames 20 DLI



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Eight Bars to the MM were awarded. All the first awards were also for the Somme:

Corporal F.M. Hansell 5 DLI  
Private J. Harper 5 DLI  
Private T. Thompson 8 DLI  
Private E. Crowther 9 DLI  
Private J. Richardson 9 DLI  
Sergeant H.E. Hitchen 12 DLI  
Lance Corporal M. Brough 13 DLI  
Lance Corporal Robinson 14 DLI

Notable multiple gallantry awards with at least one award for the Somme:

VC, MC to R.B. Bradford  
DSO and Bar to H.H.S. Morant  
DSO, MC and Bar to J.F.G. Aubin  
DSO, MC and Bar to D.H. Clarke  
DSO, MC, MM and Bar to H.E. Hitchen  
DSO, MC to A.N. Clarke  
MC, DCM and Bar, MM to J. Donnelly  
DCM, MM and Bar to M. Brough  
DCM, MM and Bar to F.M. Hansell  
DCM, MM and Bar to W. Simpson  
DCM, MM and Bar to J.A. Speed  
MM and two Bars to R. Gordon  
MM and two Bars to J.E. March  
MM and two Bars to G. Landreth  
MM and Bar, Médaille Militaire to J. Harness

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## 3.2: The Victoria Cross, the Distinguished Service Order and the Military Cross awarded to Officers of the DLI for gallantry on the Somme 1916.

### 3.2.1: The Victoria Cross.

*London Gazette* 25 November 1916.

Lieutenant Colonel **Roland Boys Bradford** MC, 9th Battalion DLI.<sup>1</sup>

Battle of Le Transloy, capture of Flers Line, 1 October 1916.

Citation: "Lieutenant (temporary Lieutenant Colonel) Roland Boys Bradford MC, Durham Light Infantry, for most conspicuous bravery and good leadership in attack, whereby he saved the situation on the right flank of his brigade and of the Division. Lieutenant Colonel Bradford's battalion was in support. A leading battalion having suffered very severe casualties, and the commander being wounded, its flank became dangerously exposed at close quarters to the enemy. Raked by machine gun fire, the situation of the battalion became critical. At the request of the wounded commander, Lieutenant-Colonel Bradford asked permission to command the exposed battalion in addition to his own. Permission granted, he at once proceeded to the foremost lines. By his fearless conduct under fire of all description and his skilful leadership of the two battalions, regardless of all danger, he succeeded in rallying the attack, captured and defended the objective and so secured the flank."

Brigadier General Roland Bradford was killed in action, 30 November 1917.<sup>2</sup>

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### 3.2.2: The Distinguished Service Order.

*London Gazette* 25 August 1916.

Captain **Herbert Ernest Pease**, 12th Battalion DLI.

Battle of Albert, attack on Bailiff Wood and Capture of Contalmaison, 8 to 10 July 1916.

Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry during four days of fighting. He set a fine example of dash and bravery when leading the battalion in the attack which led to the capture of the enemy's trench. Subsequently he did fine work in the consolidation of the positions won."

"Capt. Pease won the Distinguished Service Order for his handling of the operations, and Lieut. Price received the Military Cross."<sup>3</sup>

*London Gazette* 21 December 1916.

Captain **Alexander Neilson Clark**, 8th Battalion DLI.<sup>4</sup>

Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry in action. Although twice wounded he continued to lead his company, displaying the greatest courage and determination. He has on many previous occasions done fine work."

<sup>1</sup> As a Lieutenant, also awarded the MC. *London Gazette* 18 February 1915.

<sup>2</sup> For a detailed biography, see Moses, Harry, *Fighting Bradfords: Northern Heroes of World War One* (Durham 2003).

<sup>3</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.56.

<sup>4</sup> There is no mention of this award in the 8 DLI's history, except in the appendices. Also awarded the MC, *London Gazette* 24 September 1918.

*London Gazette* 1 January 1917, New Year's Honours.  
Major **Charles Edward Cummins**, 12th Battalion DLI.  
No citation, probably for the Capture of Le Sars.<sup>5</sup>

*London Gazette* 1 January 1917, New Year's Honours.  
Colonel **Michael Egan Lindsay**, 13th Battalion DLI.  
No citation, probably for the Capture of Le Sars.<sup>6</sup>

*London Gazette* 1 January 1917, New Year's Honours.  
Major **David Graham McNicoll**, 20th Battalion DLI.  
In support trenches west of Longueville, 10-13 September 1916.

Citation: "For courage and coolness in establishing strong points in the Delville Wood on the night of 11th-12th September 1916, and on leading his company on the 15th successfully to attack Fliers."

"Capt. McNicholl was given the Distinguished Service Order for his skilful handling of the operation."<sup>7</sup>

*London Gazette* 1 January 1917, New Year's Honours.  
Lieutenant Colonel **Hubert Horatio Shirley Morant**, 10th Battalion DLI.  
No citation.<sup>8</sup>

*London Gazette* 1 January 1917, New Year's Honours.  
Lieutenant Colonel **Gilbert Ormerod Spence**, 5th Battalion DLI.  
No citation.<sup>9</sup>

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### 3.2.3: Bar to The Military Cross.

*London Gazette* 25 November 1916.  
Captain **Denzil Harewood Clarke** MC, 13th Battalion DLI.<sup>10</sup>  
Battle of Le Transloy, Capture of Le Sars, 6-8 October 1916.

Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry in action. He led his company in the attack with great courage and determination. Later he assumed command in the front line and carried out his orders with great skill."

"In the Thirteenth, Capt. D.H. Clarke received a bar to his Military Cross for his capable handling of operations in Le Sars and beyond".<sup>11</sup>

*London Gazette* 25 November 1916.  
Second Lieutenant **Ronald Monkton Fulljames** MC, 20th Battalion DLI.<sup>12</sup>

<sup>5</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.111.

<sup>6</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.112.

<sup>7</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.86.

<sup>8</sup> Awarded Bar to his DSO, *London Gazette* 1 January 1918.

<sup>9</sup> Confirmed in battalion history. Raimes, *The Fifth Battalion*, p.76.

<sup>10</sup> Awarded MC, *London Gazette* 27 July 1916. Awarded DSO *London Gazette* 1 January 1918.

<sup>11</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.104.

<sup>12</sup> Awarded MC, *London Gazette* 26 September 1916. "For conspicuous gallantry in action. He repeatedly reorganised his party, and after evacuating the wounded led forward the remainder to force a way through the wire."

Battle of Le Transloy Ridges, north-west of Gueudecourt, 1 October 1916.

Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry in action. He led three small parties and established them under very heavy fire 200 yards from the enemy's trenches, holding his ground for seven hours until relieved. He has previously done very fine work."

"Posts were to be dug not nearer than 200 yards from the enemy. Three parties went forward behind a barrage and dug in as ordered, despite heavy shell and machine-gun fire. They were relieved some hours later and 2nd. Lieut. F.M. Fulljames MC, who had directed the operation with great judgement, received a bar to his decoration."<sup>13</sup>

*London Gazette* 11 December 1916.

Lieutenant **Cecil Arnold Vessey Newsome** MC, 14th Battalion DLI.<sup>14</sup>

Battle of Le Transloy, in the trenches east of Gueudecourt, 12 October 1916.

Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry in action. He led his company with great courage and determination. Later, he assumed command of and led the front line company, capturing the enemy 2nd line trench, afterwards consolidating a defensive flank."

"Moving up in artillery formation A and C companies occupied Rainbow Trench with little loss... Leaving A Company to his sergeant-major [24905 J Robinson DCM, *London Gazette* 11 December 1916], Lieut. C.A.V. Newsome MC, hurried forward and assumed command of B Company. Shine Trench was soon won and here Lieut. Batty was wounded. Bombing up a communication trench he had captured a German Officer, and for his prowess on this day was awarded the Military Cross. D company on the right were in touch with the Yorkshiremen, but further progress was impossible, for the Germans were in great strength with many machine-guns and the troops on the left had not come forward. A defensive flank was formed under the direction of Lieut. Newsome, who was afterwards awarded a bar to his Military Cross."<sup>15</sup>

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### 3.2.4: The Military Cross.

*London Gazette* 25 August 1916 (amended 2 September 1916).

Lieutenant **Arnold Thimbleby Price**, 12th Battalion DLI.<sup>16</sup>

"For conspicuous gallantry in action. With ten men he barricaded a road subject to heavy machine-gun fire. He then with a platoon dug himself in under fire near the capture enemy guns, and thus secured their retention."

*London Gazette* 25 August 1916.

Lieutenant **George Sinton Kaye Butterworth**, 13th Battalion DLI.

Battle of Albert, attack on Bailiff Wood and Capture of Contalmaison, 8-10 July 1916.

Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry in action. He commanded his company after his Captain had been wounded with great ability and coolness. By his energy and utter disregard of danger he set a fine example in organising the defences of the front line. His name has previously been brought to notice for good and gallant work."

<sup>13</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.98.

<sup>14</sup> Awarded MC, *London Gazette* 3 June 1916.

<sup>15</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, pp.94-95.

<sup>16</sup> See award of DSO to Captain Pease. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.56.



"Lieut. G.S. Kaye-Butterworth had replaced Capt. Long in command of A company, and for his good work was awarded the Military Cross."<sup>17</sup>  
Killed in action 5 August 1916.<sup>18</sup>

*London Gazette* 25 August 1916.

Lieutenant **Cyril Leath Bleaden**, 15th Battalion DLI.

Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry in action. He led the advance of his battalion in face of heavy fire. Later he displayed great courage and energy when reorganising the battalion and consolidating the position won. He set a fine example throughout the day."

No mention of award in *Durham Forces in the Field* but likely for the same action as Cartman and Morley. Wounded.<sup>19</sup>

*London Gazette* 25 August 1916.

Lieutenant **Frank James Cartman**, 15th Battalion DLI.

Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry in action. When his company commander had become a casualty he led the advance, reorganised his men, and then with a small party went forward to within 35 yards of the enemy. Here he held his own in a shell hole against repeated attacks for eight hours, when he extricated his party and rejoined his company."

*London Gazette* 25 August 1916.

Second Lieutenant **Arthur Selwyn Morley**, 15th Battalion DLI.

Battle of Albert, advance to Crucifix Trench and Shelter Wood, 1 July 1916.

Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry in action. He took command of his company when the senior officers became casualties, led several attacks on an enemy position, and behaved with great coolness and courage till the battalion was relieved."

"2nd. Lieuts. F.J. Cartman and A.S. Morley, who had each replaced a fallen company commander... thrust forward with their men until shell holes only 40 yards from the wood were reached. In these positions the Durhams sniped at such of the enemy as could be seen and, despite repeated attempts to dislodge them, held on until relieved eight hours later. Both officers eventually received the Military Cross."<sup>20</sup>

Killed in action 15 September 1916.<sup>21</sup>

*London Gazette* 26 September 1916.

Second Lieutenant **Frederick Llewellyn Forsaith Rees**, 13th Battalion DLI.

Battle of Pozieres Ridge, Munster Alley, 4 August 1916.

Citation: With 'B' Company 13th Battalion on 4 August, 1916, Munster Alley, Somme. "For conspicuous gallantry during operations. He led two bomb attacks, capturing the enemy's forward block and taking five prisoners. A further block, defended by barbed wire and two machine-guns, resisted all his efforts to capture it, but he established a block only eighteen yards away from it, and held on all night in spite of desperate efforts by the enemy to turn him out."

<sup>17</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.58.

<sup>18</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.66.

<sup>19</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.84.

<sup>20</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.47.

<sup>21</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.84.



“About 18 yards from the enemy a block was made and held against repeated counter-attacks. 2nd. Lieut. F.L.F. Rees won his Military Cross here, and Corpl. H. Craddock his Distinguished Conduct Medal.”<sup>22</sup> [16194 Craddock *London Gazette* 26 September 1916.]

*London Gazette* 20 October 1916.

Second Lieutenant **Cyril Tracey O'Callaghan**, 13th Battalion DLI.

Battle of Pozieres Ridge, Munster Alley, 27-30 July 1916.

Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry in action. He gained 70 yards of trench with his bombers and made a block. When this was rushed by the enemy he rallied his men and led them with great dash till severely wounded, preventing any further ground being lost."

“Meanwhile Lieut. C.T.W. Sauerbeck with his bombers had pushed up Munster Alley for 70 yards and was erecting a barricade. Before 8 o'clock in the morning he was heavily attacked and had to give ground, though the fight continued. Lieut. Sauerbeck was wounded and 2nd. Lieut. C.T. O'Callaghan, who afterwards received the Military Cross, carried on the struggle till he too fell, badly hit in both legs.”<sup>23</sup>

*London Gazette* 20 October 1916.

Second Lieutenant **Ernest Everett Canney**, 10th Battalion DLI.

Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry in action. He led two sections of bombers by day over the open into the enemy's trench in which the sentries were plainly visible. After a successful bomb attack he built a barrier 50 yards beyond the objective."

“Captain. Parr, who had ably directed the whole attack and subsequent consolidation, was awarded the Military Cross. Lieut. Paris and 2nd. Lieut. Canney received the same decoration, which was also conferred upon Lieut. A. Todd, the bombing officer of the battalion, who had not spared himself.”<sup>24</sup>

*London Gazette* 20 October 1916.

Second Lieutenant **John Rupert Paris**, 10th Battalion DLI.

Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry in action. He led a party of bombers and machine-gunners through a wood up to the enemy's wire, and by throwing bombs diverted the enemy's attention from the main attack. He and his party lay in the open for four hours suffering severely, and only withdrew when the trench had been captured."

“Capt. Parr, who had ably directed the whole attack and subsequent consolidation, was awarded the Military Cross. Lieut. Paris and 2nd. Lieut. Canney received the same decoration, which was also conferred upon Lieut. A. Todd, the bombing officer of the battalion, who had not spared himself.”<sup>25</sup>

*London Gazette* 20 October 1916.

Captain **Julian George Parr**, 10th Battalion DLI.

Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry during operations. With the bombing officer he organised and carried out an attack which cleared the enemy out of a wood. He then

<sup>22</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.66.

<sup>23</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.64.

<sup>24</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.69.

<sup>25</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.69.

constructed a new line of defence under heavy shell fire. He was several times hit and his helmet dented by fragments of shell."

"Capt. Parr, who had ably directed the whole attack and subsequent consolidation, was awarded the Military Cross. Lieut. Paris and 2nd. Lieut. Canney received the same decoration, which was also conferred upon Lieut. A. Todd, the bombing officer of the battalion, who had not spared himself."<sup>26</sup>

*London Gazette* 20 October 1916.

Lieutenant **Alick Todd**, 10th Battalion DLI.

Battle of Delville Wood, Capture of Edge Trench, New Trench and Ale Alley, 27 August 1916.

Citation: Delville Wood, 26 August 1916. "For conspicuous gallantry during operations. He went over our barrier in broad daylight to reconnoitre the enemy's barrier 50 yards away. On the two following days he organised and carried out two successful bombing attacks, He had to go a long way under heavy shell fire while making the arrangements with another unit, and was without food for 24 hours and without sleep 28 hours."

"Capt. Parr, who had ably directed the whole attack and subsequent consolidation, was awarded the Military Cross. Lieut. Paris and 2nd. Lieut. Canney received the same decoration, which was also conferred upon Lieut. A. Todd, the bombing officer of the battalion, who had not spared himself."<sup>27</sup>

Killed in action 12 April 1917.

*London Gazette* 14 November 1916.

Captain **Mervyn Alexander Mackinnon**, 7th Battalion DLI.

Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry during operations. He has reconnoitred ground and sited trenches under difficult and dangerous conditions. On one occasion he led his company through a barrage, and linked up two positions under very heavy shell fire. He has set a fine example."

*London Gazette* 14 November 1916.

Second Lieutenant **Alfred Edward Turner**, 10th Battalion DLI.

Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry in action. He led his platoon with great courage and initiative. Later, although severely wounded, he sent messages to ascertain the situation, and himself accounted for two of the enemy."

"2nd. Lieut. A.E. Turner, who had led his platoon with conspicuous skill and courage, was awarded the Military Cross"<sup>28</sup>.

*London Gazette* 14 November 1916.

24258 Company Sergeant Major **Charles Wakeham**, 10th Battalion DLI.

Battle of Flers-Courcelette, attack on Gueudecourt, 5-17 September 1916.

Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry in action. He assumed command of, and handled his company, with great courage and initiative. He remained out all day with his company in shell holes in front of our lines. He set a splendid example to his men."

<sup>26</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.69.

<sup>27</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.69.

<sup>28</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.82.

"2nd. Lieut. A.E. Turner, who had led his platoon with conspicuous skill and courage, was awarded the Military Cross. C.S.M. Wakeham and Sergt. Donnelly received the Distinguished Conduct Medal."<sup>29</sup>

*London Gazette* 25 November 1916.

Second Lieutenant **Reginald Claude Moline Gee**, 15th Battalion DLI.

Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry in action. He showed marked courage and determination during the consolidation of the position, and set a fine example to his men. Later, he led his platoon in the attack, directing fire on a suspected position, and locating snipers and machine-guns."

Killed in action 7 November 1918.<sup>30</sup>

*London Gazette* 25 November 1916.

Captain **Walter Robert Goodrick**, 7th Battalion DLI.

Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry in action. When in command of two companies of Pioneers under intense fire, he carried out his work with great courage and determination. He set a splendid example to his men."

*London Gazette* 25 November 1916.

Second Lieutenant **Benjamin James Harvey**, 6th Battalion DLI.

Battle of Flers-Courcelette, attack on High Wood Ridge.

Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry in action. Although wounded, he assumed command of and led his company with great courage and initiative. He set a fine example to his men."

"Early in the advance, Second Lieutenant Arnett, commanding 'Y' Company was killed. Second Lieutenant B.J. Harvey, though wounded, took over command of this company."<sup>31</sup>

*London Gazette* 25 November 1916.

Second Lieutenant **Mark Bellerby Jopling**, 15th Battalion DLI.

Attack on Gird Trench between Flers and Gueudecourt, 15-17 September 1916.

Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry in action. He carried out the consolidation of the position under intense fire, displaying great courage and setting a splendid example to his men."

"2nd. Lieut. M.B. Jopling was awarded the Military Cross for his cool courage and fine leadership during the attack."

Jopling was wounded in this attack.<sup>32</sup>

*London Gazette* 25 November 1916.

Captain **Robert Mauchlen**, 9th Battalion DLI.

Attack on Eaucourt l'Abbaye, 1-3 October 1916.

<sup>29</sup> CSM Wakeham was actually awarded MC in 1916 and DCM in 1917. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.82.

<sup>30</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.330.

<sup>31</sup> Moses, *Faithful Sixth*, p.70.

<sup>32</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.84.

Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry in action. He rallied and led his men in the attack with great courage and initiative. Later, he organised and led a successful bombing attack."

"Capt. Robert Mauchlen won the Military Cross in the Eaucourt l'Abbaye action. He designed the Memorial Cross, which was erected on the Butte de Warlencourt to those who had fought and died in that action in November 1916. This very same cross can now be seen in the regimental chapel in Durham Cathedral."<sup>33</sup>

*London Gazette* 25 November 1916.

Captain **Stanley Readhead**, 7th Battalion DLI.

Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry in action. He sited a trench, placed his men in position, and kept them working under intense fire, displaying great courage and determination throughout."

Captain Readhead's MC was originally gazetted as 'Redhead', and corrected to 'Readhead' by *London Gazette* amendment of 11 December 1916.

*London Gazette* 25 November 1916.

Second Lieutenant **Gordon Rivolta Russell**, 8th Battalion DLI.

Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry in action. He led a bombing raid with great courage and determination, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. Although severely wounded he continued to direct the operations."

The battalion history describes Russell's gallantry in the attack on the Flers Line on 29 September 1916.<sup>34</sup>

*London Gazette* 11 December 1916.

Second Lieutenant **Ernest William Atkinson**, 13th Battalion DLI.

Battle of Le Transloy Ridges, Capture of Le Sars, 7 October 1916.

Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry in action. He led his men with great courage and initiative. Later he took out patrols and carried out most valuable work. He was wounded, but remained at his post until the position was consolidated."

"Led his platoon well and gallantly and although wounded, remained with his men until consolidation was complete [and] was awarded the Military Cross."<sup>35</sup>

*London Gazette* 11 December 1916.

Lieutenant **William Arnold Batty**, 14th Battalion DLI.

Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry in action. On attaining the first enemy trench he brought his rifle grenade men into action with good effect, and materially assisted the advance. He then led the bombers with great gallantry, taking an officer and several men prisoners. He was wounded."

*London Gazette* 11 December 1916.

22504 Company Sergeant Major **Joseph Summerville**, 15th Battalion DLI.<sup>36</sup>

<sup>33</sup> Moses, *Gateshead Gurkhas*, p.61.

<sup>34</sup> Veitch, *8th Battalion*, p.95.

<sup>35</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.104.

<sup>36</sup> Later commissioned as Second Lieutenant. Bar to MC with 8th Yorks. *London Gazette*, 25 April 1918.

Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry in action. He showed great courage and skill in assisting in the consolidation of the position. Although wounded he continued at duty until the work was well advanced."

*London Gazette* 21 December 1916.

Second Lieutenant **Robert Henry Wharrier**, 8th, attached 6th Battalion DLI.

Attacks on Gird Line and Butte de Warlencourt, 25 October to 5 November 1916.

Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry in action. He handled his company during the attack with great courage and determination. Later, although badly shaken up by a shell, he remained at his post."

"All the remaining company officers, except 2nd. Lieut. Wharrier, [were] wounded. Amongst the honours were the MC to 2nd. Lieut. Wharrier and the Military Medal to L.Corporal H. Cruddace, who was also promoted to Sergeant."<sup>37</sup>

*London Gazette* 1 January 1917. New Year's Honours.

Second Lieutenant **John Fosbrooke Gerard Aubin**, 6th Battalion DLI .

No citation.<sup>38</sup>

*London Gazette* 1 January 1917. New Year's Honours.

Lieutenant **Charles William Tone Barker**, 15th Battalion DLI.

No citation. Killed in action, 24 March 1918.<sup>39</sup>

*London Gazette* 1 January 1917. New Year's Honours.

Second Lieutenant **Hugh Noel Grimwade**, 12th Battalion DLI.

No citation.

*London Gazette* 1 January 1917. New Year's Honours.

Second Lieutenant **Eric Greville Jones**, 5th Battalion DLI.

No citation.<sup>40</sup>

*London Gazette* 1 January 1917. New Year's Honours.

Captain **Joshua Bowen Hughes-Games**, 18th Battalion DLI.

No citation.<sup>41</sup>

*London Gazette* 1 January 1917. New Year's Honours.

Captain **James Andrew Jones**, 2nd Battalion DLI.

No citation.

*London Gazette* 1 January 1917. New Year's Honours.

Captain **William Frederick Laing**, 7th Battalion DLI.

No citation.

<sup>37</sup> Ainsworth, *The Story of the 6th*, p.31.

<sup>38</sup> Awarded Bar to MC, *London Gazette* 18 January 1918. Also awarded DSO, *London Gazette* 16 September 1918.

<sup>39</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.264.

<sup>40</sup> Confirmed in battalion history. Raimes, *The Fifth Battalion*, p.76.

<sup>41</sup> Probably for Ancre Heights. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.119.

*London Gazette* 1 January 1917. New Year's Honours.  
Major **William Douglas Lowe**, 18th Battalion DLI.  
No citation.<sup>42</sup>

*London Gazette* 1 January 1917. New Year's Honours.  
Captain **William Noel Jobson Moscrop**, 5th Battalion DLI.  
No citation.<sup>43</sup>

*London Gazette* 1 January 1917. New Year's Honours.  
Captain **Alexander Oswell**, 8th Battalion DLI.  
No citation.

*London Gazette* 1 January 1917. New Year's Honours.  
21600 Company Sergeant Major **Ralph Richardson**, 13th Battalion DLI  
No citation.<sup>44</sup>

*London Gazette* 1 January 1917. New Year's Honours.  
Major **John Brenchley Rosher**, 14th Battalion DLI.  
No citation.<sup>45</sup>

*London Gazette* 1 January 1917. New Year's Honours.  
Captain **Richard Boys Stones**, 9th Battalion DLI.  
No citation.<sup>46</sup>

*London Gazette* 1 January 1917. New Year's Honours.  
Second Lieutenant **John George Taylor**, 11th Battalion DLI.  
No citation.<sup>47</sup>

*London Gazette* 1 January 1917. New Year's Honours.  
Captain **Arthur Reginald Williamson**, 7th Battalion DLI.  
No citation.

*London Gazette* 1 January 1917. New Year's Honours.  
Captain **Victor Alexander Campbell Yate**, 2nd Battalion DLI.  
No citation.

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<sup>42</sup> Probably for Ancre Heights. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.119. Awarded DSO, *London Gazette* 26 July 1918.

<sup>43</sup> Confirmed in battalion history. Raimes, *The Fifth Battalion*, p.76.

<sup>44</sup> *London Gazette* has his name as 'Richard'. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.112.

<sup>45</sup> Awarded Bar to MC, *London Gazette*, 16 September 1918.

<sup>46</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.114.

<sup>47</sup> Also served in 13th Battalion DLI. His MC may not be for the Battle of the Somme.



### 3.3: The Distinguished Conduct Medal and Military Medal awarded to Other Ranks of the DLI for the Battle of the Somme 1916.<sup>48</sup>

#### 2nd Battalion DLI.

Barry, James 27232 Corporal MM  
Bayles, John 4/9508 Private MM  
Burn, George William 27280 Private MM  
Clark, James 10535 Sergeant MM<sup>49</sup>  
Cohen, Moss 9666 Sergeant MM  
Corkin, Thomas 30740 Lance Corporal MM  
Cumberland F. 10767 Sergeant MM  
Daley, James 6411 Private MM  
Darrell J.M. 4/9081 Private MM<sup>50</sup>  
Fairbairn, Thomas 8317 Corporal MM  
Fitter, Henry 10998 Sergeant MM  
Gordon, William 3/10694 Private MM  
Hart, Edward 7566 Corporal MM  
Hawthorn, John Walter 3/10181 Private MM  
Hudson, Harold 4/7991 Private MM  
Jopling [Joplin], William 10502 Lance Corporal MM  
Mason, William Cecil 11007 Sergeant MM<sup>51</sup>  
McGurk, James 12635 Private MM  
McKinnon, Joseph 9020 Private MM  
O'Brien, John 4/9052 Private MM<sup>52</sup>  
O'Rourke, Charles 4/8720 Private MM  
Parker, John William 3/12021 Sergeant MM<sup>53</sup>  
Pratt N. 11429 Corporal MM<sup>54</sup>  
Pickering, Harold 11532 Sergeant MM  
Ray, William 10053 Sergeant MM  
Riley, Edward 9713 [3/9713] Private MM<sup>55</sup>  
Ryder, Frederick 9596 Lance Corporal MM  
Turton, Joseph 8915 Sergeant MM<sup>56</sup>  
Wood, John Alfred 6871 Sergeant MM

#### 5th Battalion DLI.

Beesley, William 2205 Corporal MM<sup>57</sup>

<sup>48</sup> Arranged alphabetically in battalion order.

<sup>49</sup> Awarded Bar to MM, *London Gazette* 6 August 1918.

<sup>50</sup> Awarded Bar to MM, *London Gazette* 9 November 1917.

<sup>51</sup> Awarded DCM, *London Gazette* 1 January 1919: "This W.O. [Warrant Officer] has, from August, 1917, served continuously with this battalion, and has rendered yeoman service, especially in the line. On many occasions he has displayed great gallantry under fire, and his skill, initiative, and gallant bearing have been a splendid example to all ranks. He has served continuously with the BEF in France since August 1914."

<sup>52</sup> Attached 1/6th Battalion West Yorks.

<sup>53</sup> Died of wounds 20 September 1916. Listed as 3/1202 not 3/12021 in *Soldiers Died*.

<sup>54</sup> Mention in Despatches.

<sup>55</sup> Killed in action 16 September 1916.

<sup>56</sup> Killed in action 21 March 1918.

<sup>57</sup> Name mis-spelled. Raimes, *The Fifth Battalion*, p.76.



Brown, Norman Ernest 1312 Sergeant MM <sup>58</sup>  
 Close, John W. 695 Sergeant MM <sup>59</sup>  
 Demney, James Edward 2611 Private MM <sup>60</sup>  
 Dobson, William 1359 Sergeant MM <sup>61</sup>  
 Graham, Thomas Wilfred 1608 Private MM <sup>62</sup>  
 Hansell, Fred Milburn 1766 Corporal MM and Bar <sup>63</sup>  
 Harper, John 2329 Private MM and Bar <sup>64</sup>  
 Kidd, Frank 2247 Private MM <sup>65</sup>  
 Luke, John 3003 Sergeant MM, DCM <sup>66</sup>  
 McCartney, James 2193 Corporal MM <sup>67</sup>  
 Martin, Thomas 1277 Lance Corporal MM <sup>68</sup>  
 O'Dell, William Henry 1907 Acting Sergeant MM <sup>69</sup>  
 Purvis, James 2171 Private MM <sup>70</sup>  
 Smith, Christopher 2325 Private MM <sup>71</sup>  
 Wright, Lancelot Hadden 2513 Private MM <sup>72</sup>

## 6th Battalion DLI.

Alderson Alfred E. 3174 Private MM  
 Armstrong, James 2636 Lance Corporal MM <sup>73</sup>  
 Bainbridge, Oliver 2357 Private MM <sup>74</sup>  
 Bonner C.C. 1451 Lance Corporal MM <sup>75</sup>  
 Britton, Frederick Maxwell 2677 Sergeant MM <sup>76</sup>  
 Cruddace, Harry 250391 [3408] Sergeant MM <sup>77</sup>  
 Dixon, John 1659 Corporal MM <sup>78</sup>  
 Fairless, Thomas Charles 2464 Sergeant MM  
 Gibson, William 665 Acting Sergeant MM <sup>79</sup>

<sup>58</sup> Raimes, *The Fifth Battalion*, pp.32, 76, 225.

<sup>59</sup> Raimes, *The Fifth Battalion*, pp.19, 27, 46, 76, 225.

<sup>60</sup> Raimes, *The Fifth Battalion*, p.76.

<sup>61</sup> Awarded Bar to MM, 21 October 1918. Raimes, *The Fifth Battalion*, pp.76, 86, 106, 171.

<sup>62</sup> Raimes, *The Fifth Battalion*, p.76.

<sup>63</sup> Awarded DCM 25 August 1917. Raimes, *The Fifth Battalion*, pp.76, 115.

<sup>64</sup> Raimes, *The Fifth Battalion*, p.76.

<sup>65</sup> Attached 150 Company Machine Gun Corps. Raimes, *The Fifth Battalion*, p.76.

<sup>66</sup> Awarded DCM, *London Gazette* 3 October 1918: "For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the situation was very obscure, and touch had been lost with the troops on both flanks, he went out under heavy fire and made a daring reconnaissance, with the result that connection was re-established with the troops on the right and left. He set a splendid example throughout the battle." Raimes, *The Fifth Battalion*, pp.59, 76, 175.

<sup>67</sup> Raimes, *The Fifth Battalion*, p.76.

<sup>68</sup> Raimes, *The Fifth Battalion*, pp.76, 101.

<sup>69</sup> Commissioned as officer 29 May 1917. Raimes, *The Fifth Battalion*, p.76.

<sup>70</sup> Also Mention in Despatches. Raimes, *The Fifth Battalion*, pp.49, 76.

<sup>71</sup> Died of wounds 4 November 1918. Raimes, *The Fifth Battalion*, p.76.

<sup>72</sup> Raimes, *The Fifth Battalion*, p.76.

<sup>73</sup> Killed in action 1 October 1916.

<sup>74</sup> Mention in Despatches.

<sup>75</sup> Killed in action 1 October 1916.

<sup>76</sup> Awarded Bar to MM, *London Gazette* 23 February 1918. Ainsworth, *The Story of the 6th*, p.42; Moses, *Faithful Sixth*, p.94.

<sup>77</sup> Awarded Bar to MM, *London Gazette* 23 February 1918. Ainsworth, *The Story of the 6th*, pp.31, 42; Moses, *Faithful Sixth*, pp.78, 79, 94.

<sup>78</sup> Ainsworth, *The Story of the 6th*, p.30; Moses, *Faithful Sixth*, pp.65, 74.

<sup>79</sup> Attached 151 Brigade Machine Gun Corps.

Hall, Richard 2358 Sergeant MM  
Huggins, Edgar 2005 Sergeant MM  
Jardine, George Brian 2564 Private MM  
McLindon, Bernard 2483 Private MM <sup>80</sup>  
Malpass, Charles 203820 [1838] Sergeant MM  
Murphy, John 2058 Private MM  
Neasham, Charles 1540 Private MM  
Parker, Robert 2208 Private MM <sup>81</sup>  
Rushford, Oliver 3803 [250440] Private MM <sup>82</sup>  
Sayers, Norman 850 Sergeant MM  
Scrafton, Christopher 1430 Bugler MM <sup>83</sup>  
Smith, William Roy 1467 Sergeant MM  
Tindle, Thomas 3131 Private MM <sup>84</sup>  
Turnbull, William 2963 Private MM <sup>85</sup>  
Vickers, Thomas 1835 Private MM

### **7th Battalion DLI.**

Bittlestone, Lewis Alfred 2543 [275483] Lance Sergeant MM <sup>86</sup>  
Boutflower, Ralph 1510 Sergeant MM  
Brown, James T. 80125 Corporal MM  
Campbell, John Wilkinson 1798 [275169] Sergeant MM  
Coleman, Thomas 2416 [275428] Sergeant MM <sup>87</sup>  
Davey, Albert 2566 Sergeant MM <sup>88</sup>  
French, Thomas Christopher 4225 [276219] Private MM <sup>89</sup>  
Grant, Job Alexander 1702 Private DCM

Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He tended and rescued the wounded under intense fire, displaying great courage and determination. He set a splendid example throughout." *London Gazette* 14 November 1916.

Green, Francis 3911 Private MM  
Hampton, Charles 3185 Lance Corporal MM  
Hodgson, Joseph 1119 Lance Corporal MM  
Langford, Henry 1375 CSM MM  
Maguire, Richard 2284 Private MM  
Mottram, Samuel 2365 Sergeant MM  
Nixon, George 2119 Sergeant MM  
Robinson, Alexander 1467 Sergeant MM  
Russell, Alfred S. 1813 Private MM  
Tweddle, John 2612 Corporal MM

<sup>80</sup> Ainsworth, *The Story of the 6th*, p.27; Moses, *Faithful Sixth*, p.71.

<sup>81</sup> Moses, *Faithful Sixth*, pp.63, 79.

<sup>82</sup> Killed in action 30 May 1918.

<sup>83</sup> Moses, *Faithful Sixth*, p.54.

<sup>84</sup> Moses, *Faithful Sixth*, p.79.

<sup>85</sup> Ainsworth, *The Story of the 6th*, p.30; Moses, *Faithful Sixth*, p.74.

<sup>86</sup> Died of wounds 5 October 1918.

<sup>87</sup> Killed in action 11 April 1918. Awarded DCM *London Gazette* 3 September 1918.

<sup>88</sup> Killed in action 14 November 1916.

<sup>89</sup> Killed in action 10 April 1918.



## 8th Battalion DLI.

Armstrong, James 2580 Private MM <sup>90</sup>

Atkinson, John Joseph 5280 Acting Regimental Sergeant Major DCM <sup>91</sup>

Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has performed consistent good work throughout, and has at all times set a splendid example." *London Gazette* 1 January 1917.

Atkinson, Richard 2679 Private MM <sup>92</sup>

Black, Benjamin William 2983 Sergeant MM <sup>93</sup>

Brown, Thomas 2682 Private DCM

Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry in action. He observed the enemy carrying up bombs, and shot them with his gun and continued firing until the enemy retired, displaying great courage and determination." *London Gazette*, 14 November 1916.

Burns, John 2893 Private MM <sup>94</sup>

Chrisp, Thomas 1946 [300137] Sergeant MM <sup>95</sup>

Clewes, Robert 2648 Private MM <sup>96</sup>

Cooper, George 2385 Private MM <sup>97</sup>

Dickinson, Albert 3849 Private MM

Dodds, J R. 3031 Private MM <sup>98</sup>

Elliott, William 3188 Private MM

Evans, Thomas 3999 Private MM

Fairlamb, Nicholas 1900 Corporal MM <sup>99</sup>

Featonby, Peter 3122 Private MM

Hall, Isaac 344 Sergeant Acting Company Sergeant Major MM

Hanley, Matthew 3244 Private MM

Jackson, Eric Standish 2906 Acting Sergeant MM <sup>100</sup>

Kealey, Harry 1699 Corporal MM

Liddle, William 817 Sergeant MM

Meek, George Edward 6617 Private MM <sup>101</sup>

Megoran, John Edward 3064 Acting Lance Corporal MM

Morgan, Robert 3324 Private MM <sup>102</sup>

Mullett, Frederick Walter 4/8780 Sergeant MM <sup>103</sup>

Murray, Samuel 2937 Corporal MM <sup>104</sup>

Robinson, William Alfred 2780 Sergeant MM <sup>105</sup>

Robson, John William 1925 Sergeant MM <sup>106</sup>

<sup>90</sup> Veitch, *8th Battalion*, p.101.

<sup>91</sup> Veitch, *8th Battalion*, p.42.

<sup>92</sup> Veitch, *8th Battalion*, pp.101, 121, 216.

<sup>93</sup> Killed in action 18 September 1916. Veitch, *8th Battalion*, p.93.

<sup>94</sup> Veitch, *8th Battalion*, p.101.

<sup>95</sup> Killed in action 22 June 1917. Veitch, *8th Battalion*, pp.21, 101, 123.

<sup>96</sup> Veitch, *8th Battalion*, p.101.

<sup>97</sup> Veitch, *8th Battalion*, p.101.

<sup>98</sup> Veitch, *8th Battalion*, p.101.

<sup>99</sup> Veitch, *8th Battalion*, p.121.

<sup>100</sup> Veitch, *8th Battalion*, p.173.

<sup>101</sup> Veitch, *8th Battalion*, p.101.

<sup>102</sup> Killed in action 25 March 1918.

<sup>103</sup> Veitch, *8th Battalion*, p.101.

<sup>104</sup> Veitch, *8th Battalion*, p.101.

<sup>105</sup> Veitch, *8th Battalion*, p.101.

<sup>106</sup> Veitch, *8th Battalion*, p.201.

Thompson, Thomas 6692 Private MM <sup>107</sup>

Traynor, John T. 2565 Private MM

Tucker, George William 264 Company Sergeant Major DCM <sup>108</sup>

Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry in action. He showed great courage and determination in assisting to lead his company in a bombing attack under intense fire. He repeatedly went back for fresh supplies of bombs." *London Gazette* 25 November 1916.

Walker, William 2849 Corporal MM <sup>109</sup>

Whittle, James 300101 Lance Corporal MM <sup>110</sup>

## 9th Battalion DLI.

Arkless, John 1806 Lance Corporal MM

Beautyman, John William 1063 Sergeant MM

Bell, Joseph 1279 Private MM <sup>111</sup>

Bousfield, John 3453 Lance Corporal MM

Brown, Sydney 1287 Corporal MM

Caldwell, Alex 2501 [325266] Sergeant MM <sup>112</sup>

Cameron, Alexander 1912 Private MM

Campbell, Charles Thomas 3037 Acting Corporal DCM

Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry in action. He established and held a block alone for one hour against several enemy bombing attacks. Later, he greatly assisted in repelling an enemy counter-attack." *London Gazette* 25 November 1916.

Carter, John 2229 Lance Sergeant MM <sup>113</sup>

Colgan, John 1987 [325155] Private MM <sup>114</sup>

Counsellor, Thomas 1137 Sergeant MM

Craig, John William 2042 Sergeant MM <sup>115</sup>

Crawley, Joseph 3142 Private MM <sup>116</sup>

Crowther, Edward 3466 Private MM <sup>117</sup>

Cunningham, John 12050 Private MM

Dick, James 82 Sergeant MM

Dodds, Thomas 1608 Sergeant MM

Farrage, William 2507 Corporal MM

Forbes, Thomas 3183 Private MM <sup>118</sup>

Fox, Andrew John 947 Private MM

<sup>107</sup> Awarded Bar to MM. Veitch, *8th Battalion*, p.101.

<sup>108</sup> Veitch, *8th Battalion*, p.121.

<sup>109</sup> Awarded Bar to MM, *London Gazette* 30 January 1920. Veitch, *8th Battalion*, pp.121,162.

<sup>110</sup> Awarded Bar to MM, *London Gazette* 13 September 1918.

<sup>111</sup> Killed in action 6 November 1916.

<sup>112</sup> Awarded DCM, *London Gazette* 18 July 1917: "For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon with great courage and skill. He went forward and captured an enemy machine gun and eleven prisoners. His prompt action removed a very serious obstacle." Died 14 June 1917.

<sup>113</sup> Killed in action 15 September 1916.

<sup>114</sup> Killed in action 15 September 1916.

<sup>115</sup> Awarded DCM, *London Gazette* 3 March 1917: "For conspicuous gallantry in action. He displayed great courage and devotion to duty in rescuing several men who had been buried by heavy enemy shell fire. He has on many previous occasions done fine work."

<sup>116</sup> Died 4 February 1917.

<sup>117</sup> Awarded Bar to MM.

<sup>118</sup> Also 9/2533 and 327171.



Gill, Ernest 3/25637 Lance Corporal MM <sup>119</sup>

Goffin, William 2248 Sergeant DCM <sup>120</sup>

Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry in action. He displayed great courage and devotion to duty in rescuing several men who had been buried by heavy enemy shell-fire. He has on many previous occasions done fine work." *London Gazette* 3 March 1917.

Guy, William Eltringham 1729 [325103] Lance Corporal MM <sup>121</sup>

Hamilton, Thomas H. 1438 Corporal MM

Hann, Michael 2686 [325323] Private MM <sup>122</sup>

Herdman, William 2152 Sergeant MM

Hunter, George 1430 Sergeant MM

Hutton, Charles Frederick 1202 [325036] Acting Sergeant MM <sup>123</sup>

Ilderton, John Robert 3330 Private MM

Landreth, Gilbert 4148 [325479] Private MM <sup>124</sup>

Lee, Michael 1911 Lance Corporal DCM

Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry in action. He showed great courage and skill in resisting several strong enemy counter-attacks. On one occasion when his team was surrounded, he led it through the enemy." *London Gazette* 21 December 1916.

Lees, Tom 2372 Corporal MM

Long, John 2134 Sergeant MM

McDonald, J. 2174 Private DCM

Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry in action. He carried messages under very heavy fire. Later he led a party of 20 men through heavy fire to an advanced post. He set a fine example of courage and determination throughout." *London Gazette* 14 November 1916.

McKenna J. Thomas 1429 Private MM <sup>125</sup>

Maddison, Edward 3031 Sergeant MM

March, John Edward 3223 Private MM <sup>126</sup>

Morris, John 327 Sergeant MM

Morris, James 2209 Private MM

Padgett, Dennis Turnbull 2129 Sergeant MM

Pentland, Joseph G. 3213 Private MM

Richardson, James 3192 Private MM and Bar

Riches, James William 2295 Lance Corporal MM

Sheppard, David 1434 [325063] Sergeant MM <sup>127</sup>

<sup>119</sup> Awarded DCM, *London Gazette* 30 October 1918: "For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the officer commanding his platoon and the senior NCOs had become casualties he took command and led his men in an attack and reached the objective. He subsequently carried out the duties of a company serjeant-major as well as commanding a platoon owing to heavy casualties among the NCOs. During eight days' hard fighting he displayed qualities of leadership of a high order, and his personal gallantry under heavy fire and devotion to duty were a conspicuous example to his men".

<sup>120</sup> Awarded MM and Bar, *London Gazette* 18 July and 12 December 1917.

<sup>121</sup> Died 14 June 1917.

<sup>122</sup> Killed in action 21 July 1918.

<sup>123</sup> Awarded Bar to MM, *London Gazette* 11 December 1916.

<sup>124</sup> Awarded Bars to MM, *London Gazette* 11 December 1918 and 11 February 1919.

<sup>125</sup> Also 203574 and 300065..

<sup>126</sup> Awarded Bars to MM, *London Gazette* 2 November and 12 December 1917.

<sup>127</sup> Awarded DCM, *London Gazette* 26 April 1917: "For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on the enemy's trenches. He set a splendid example to his men, and rendered invaluable assistance to his officer throughout the operations."



Silcock J.M. 2647 Private DCM

Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry in action. He crawled forward under heavy fire and dressed several wounded men of a bombing party. He has previously done fine work." *London Gazette* 25 November 1916.

Swalwell, Archibald Joseph 2645 Private MM

Varty, David 7763 Private MM

Walker, Robert Purvis 3066 Lance Corporal MM

Wildish, John 912 Lance Corporal MM <sup>128</sup>

## 10th Battalion DLI.

Anderson, Robert 12863 Private MM <sup>129</sup>

Beale, William Ernest 23082 Lance Corporal MM and Bar

Brown, Thomas 9071 Private MM

Burns B. 21351 Private MM

Carr, James 4/9440 Private MM

Chicken, Ernest William 12707 Sergeant DCM, MM <sup>130</sup>

DCM citation: "For conspicuous gallantry. Lance-Corporal Chicken, on two occasions, went out within 70 yards of the enemy trenches, and carried in wounded men, exhibiting great bravery and devotion to duty." *London Gazette* 11 March 1916.

Clayton, Ellis 12897 Private MM

Cooper, Wilson 7335 Acting Company Sergeant Major DCM <sup>131</sup>

Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry [at Gueudecourt in September 1916] in volunteering with two others to look for a man reported buried. The place was found, and after working for two hours under heavy shelling, the buried man was rescued, though again wounded by shell fire during the rescue operations." *London Gazette* 20 October 1916.

Dawson, Thomas 21358 Lance Corporal MM

Donnelly, James 13769 Acting Lance Sergeant DCM, MM <sup>132</sup>

DCM citation: "For conspicuous gallantry in action [at Gueudecourt in September 1916]. Although wounded, he led his platoon with great gallantry and initiative. Later, he led a daring patrol and was again severely wounded." *London Gazette* 25 November 1916.

Drummond, Henry 11968 Private MM

Frizzell, Frederick J. 26018 Lance Corporal MM

Gordon, Robert 13053 Corporal MM <sup>133</sup>

Grier, Henry 4/8516 Private MM

Hepworth, John William 11872 Lance Corporal MM <sup>134</sup>

Hoole, William 16364 Lance Corporal DCM <sup>135</sup>

Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry [at Gueudecourt in September 1916], in carrying messages under heavy fire. He also carried in a dangerously wounded man through a heavily shelled area." *London Gazette* 20 October 1916.

<sup>128</sup> Attached 151 Trench Mortar Battery.

<sup>129</sup> Killed in action 12 August 1916.

<sup>130</sup> Commissioned 29 January 1918.

<sup>131</sup> Killed in action 15 September 1916. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.83.

<sup>132</sup> Awarded Bar to DCM, *London Gazette* 22 October 1917. Awarded MC, *London Gazette* 3 June 1919 with 20th Battalion DLI. *Durham Forces in the Field*, pp.83, 181, 355.

<sup>133</sup> Awarded Bars to MM, *London Gazette* 12 March and 18 June 1917.

<sup>134</sup> Killed in action 24 August 1917.

<sup>135</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.83.

Hutton, Arthur 15347 Private MM <sup>136</sup>  
 Jordan, William 25306 Private MM <sup>137</sup>  
 Keating, Timothy 11906 Company Quartermaster Sergeant MM <sup>138</sup>  
 Killeen, Patrick 20840 Private MM  
 Laverick, William 12398 Lance Corporal MM <sup>139</sup>  
 Lumsdale, Joshua 12275 Private MM  
 Moody, William 15995 Company Quartermaster Sergeant MM <sup>140</sup>  
 Pratt, Joseph 12773 Sergeant MM  
 Scott, Robert 20984 Private MM  
 Swales, Percy Victor 4/8542 Private MM  
 Taylor, John 12136 Private MM <sup>141</sup>  
 Thompson, William S. 9721 Private MM  
 Topping, Septimus 11928 Company Quartermaster Sergeant MM <sup>142</sup>  
 Wakeham, Charles 24258 Company Sergeant Major DCM, MM <sup>143</sup>  
     DCM citation: "For conspicuous gallantry in action. He assumed command of, and handled his company, with great courage and initiative. He remained out all day with his company in shell holes in front of our lines. He set a splendid example to his men."  
     *London Gazette* 14 November 1916.  
 Wetherell, Bryan 18082 Private MM

### 11th Battalion DLI.

Henry, Robert 20185 Lance Corporal MM  
 Pyke, James Thomas 17955 Sergeant MM  
 Reed, Alexander 17103 Sergeant MM <sup>144</sup>

### 12th Battalion DLI.

Agar, Nicholas Raine 31875 Private MM <sup>145</sup>  
 Bamborough, John George 21549 Private MM  
 Bamborough Thomas 18077 Private MM <sup>146</sup>  
 Boulger, John Bradley 16947 Private MM <sup>147</sup>  
 Brennan, Thomas 25489 Lance Corporal MM  
 ?Brown C. Lance Corporal MM <sup>148</sup>  
 Dyson, James Beverley 18221 Private MM <sup>149</sup>

<sup>136</sup> Awarded DCM, *London Gazette* 30 October 1918: "For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in rushing and capturing a post containing six of the enemy, thus allowing the company to continue its advance. Later, with his company commander, two machine-guns in action were located. They worked round and rushed them, the gunners surrendering."

<sup>137</sup> Killed in action 16 September 1916.

<sup>138</sup> Killed in action 9 April 1917.

<sup>139</sup> Killed in action 16 September 1916.

<sup>140</sup> Died of wounds 29 August 1916.

<sup>141</sup> Killed in action 16 September 1916.

<sup>142</sup> Killed in action 9 April 1917.

<sup>143</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.82.

<sup>144</sup> Or 'Reid'.

<sup>145</sup> For action at Le Sars. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.104.

<sup>146</sup> Killed in action 17 July 1916. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.67.

<sup>147</sup> For action at Le Sars. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.104.

<sup>148</sup> Not listed in *London Gazette*. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.104.

<sup>149</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.110.

Fisher, John 10794 CSM DCM <sup>150</sup>

Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry and resource in successfully bringing up a platoon, under heavy fire and at a critical moment, to protect an exposed flank. On two occasions he led bombing parties against superior numbers, and assisted to remove wounded and dead under heavy shell and rifle fire, completely disregarding his own safety." *London Gazette* 22 September 1916.

Garvey, Charles Gilbert 15946 Corporal MM <sup>151</sup>

Gill, William 18219 Private MM <sup>152</sup>

Gormley, James 22156 Private MM <sup>153</sup>

Halford, Enoch 33496 Private MM <sup>154</sup>

Harness, John 17379 Private MM <sup>155</sup>

Harrington, Jeremiah 7715 Private MM <sup>156</sup>

Hitchen, Harold Everett 19625 Sergeant MM and Bar <sup>157</sup>

Horspole, John William 21792 Private MM

Hughes, John 19062 Sergeant MM <sup>158</sup>

Johnson, Fred 25480 Private MM <sup>159</sup>

Jones, Edward 17038 Private MM <sup>160</sup>

Kilburn, George William 22166 Private DCM <sup>161</sup>

Citation; "For conspicuous gallantry in action [at Le Sars in October 1916]. He carried out a daring reconnaissance in daylight. Later, although himself wounded, he carried messages and tended the wounded under intense fire." *London Gazette* 25 November 1916.

Lockey, Thomas G. 19134 Corporal MM <sup>162</sup>

Long, Alfred 20618 Sergeant MM <sup>163</sup>

McCarthy, John 15085 Private MM <sup>164</sup>

Mayes, Fred 42833 Private MM

Milburn, James 19751 Corporal MM <sup>165</sup>

Mitchell, Peter 19752 Corporal MM <sup>166</sup>

Monk, William 18795 Sergeant MM <sup>167</sup>

Moore, James 18968 Private MM <sup>168</sup>

<sup>150</sup> Died of wounds 9 August 1916.

<sup>151</sup> For action at Le Sars. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.104.

<sup>152</sup> Died 12 October 1918. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.110.

<sup>153</sup> Died 18 July 1916.

<sup>154</sup> For action at Le Sars. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.104.

<sup>155</sup> For action at Le Sars. *Durham Forces in the Field*, pp.104, 111,164. Awarded Bar to MM, *London Gazette* 28 July 1917. Awarded French Médaille Militaire.

<sup>156</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.110.

<sup>157</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, pp.144-146, 310. Also awarded DSO, *London Gazette*, 26 April 1917 and MC *London Gazette* 18 July 1917.

<sup>158</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, pp.62, 63.

<sup>159</sup> Killed in action 14 May 1917. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.104.

<sup>160</sup> For action at Albert-Pozières. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.67.

<sup>161</sup> Died 13 September 1918. For action at Le Sars. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.104.

<sup>162</sup> For action at Le Sars. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.103.

<sup>163</sup> Killed in action 18 May 1917. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.110.

<sup>164</sup> Killed in action 7 October 1916. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.110.

<sup>165</sup> For action at Le Sars. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.104.

<sup>166</sup> Killed in action 1 January 1917. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.67.

<sup>167</sup> For action at Le Sars. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.104. Also awarded Bar to MM, *London Gazette* 29 March 1919.

<sup>168</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.63.

Nessworthy, William Robert 14246 Private MM <sup>169</sup>

Parrett, William 8777 Private MM <sup>170</sup>

Peat, William 16757 Private MM <sup>171</sup>

Pike, E. 16746 Company Sergeant Major DCM

Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry in action. He rescued several men who were buried. Later, he went forward under heavy fire to ascertain the situation; and obtained most valuable information. He displayed great courage and determination throughout the operations." *London Gazette* 25 November 1916.

Pye J. 16774 Private MM <sup>172</sup>

Richer, Walter Trowel 28527 Private MM

Rutherford, Alfred 18377 Private MM

Shanks, Samuel 16188 Private MM <sup>173</sup>

Silversides, William Henry 18397 Sergeant MM <sup>174</sup>

Slasor, G. 15874 Lance Corporal DCM <sup>175</sup>

Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry in action [at Le Sars in October 1917]. On three occasions he led patrols, obtaining most valuable information. Later, he lay for four hours in 'No Man's Land', keeping touch with the attackers." *London Gazette* 25 November 1916.

Smith, William 14450 Private MM <sup>176</sup>

Speed, James Arthur 18662 Corporal MM <sup>177</sup>

Waistell, Thomas 14823 Private MM <sup>178</sup>

Watson, Walter Ballantyne 18627 Lance Corporal MM <sup>179</sup>

Watson, William Kipling 25559 Private MM <sup>180</sup>

Wilson, Henry 17149 Private MM <sup>181</sup>

Woodhead, William 15421 Lance Corporal MM

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Anderson, John 21160 Lance Corporal MM <sup>182</sup>

Barker, Charles 16946 Private MM <sup>183</sup>

Bellerby, Thomas 15384 Corporal MM <sup>184</sup>

Bowman, Thomas Young 21046 Private MM <sup>185</sup>

<sup>169</sup> For action at Le Sars. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.104.

<sup>170</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.110.

<sup>171</sup> Killed in action 24 September 1916. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.110.

<sup>172</sup> Killed in action 7 June 1917. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.110.

<sup>173</sup> For action at Albert-Pozières. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.67.

<sup>174</sup> Killed in action 31 August 1916.

<sup>175</sup> For action at Le Sars. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.103.

<sup>176</sup> For action at Le Sars. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.104.

<sup>177</sup> Awarded Bar to MM, *London Gazette* 28 July 1917. Awarded DCM, *London Gazette* 30 October 1918: "For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty [June 1918] as signalling sergeant of the battalion during an enemy attack. He repaired the wires under very heavy shell fire. Although recently sick, he worked continuously for 20 hours. He set a very fine example to his signallers."

<sup>178</sup> Awarded Bar to MM, *London Gazette* 6 July 1918. *Durham Forces in the Field*, pp.110, 288.

<sup>179</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.67.

<sup>180</sup> For action at Le Sars. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.104.

<sup>181</sup> For action at Le Sars. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.104.

<sup>182</sup> For action at Munster Alley. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.66.

<sup>183</sup> Killed in action 7 October 1916.

<sup>184</sup> For action at Munster Alley. *Durham Forces in the Field*, pp.66, 188. Awarded Bar to MM, *London Gazette* 17 December 1917.

<sup>185</sup> Killed in action 5 October 1918. For action at Le Sars. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.104.

Brough, Michael 17750 Lance Corporal MM and Bar <sup>186</sup>

Brown, Nicholas 18150 Private MM <sup>187</sup>

Claire, William 18192 L/Corporal MM <sup>188</sup>

Constantine, Albert 15952 Private MM <sup>189</sup>

Craddock, Harry 16194 Corporal DCM and MM <sup>190</sup>

DCM citation: "For conspicuous gallantry during operations [at Munster Alley in August 1916]. He asked for leave to take up reinforcements to a block 18 yards from the enemy. On his way he rallied some men who had been bombed out of our block and led them back to the block, where he fought with the greatest courage." *London Gazette* 26 September 1916.

MM citation, dated 3 October 1916, joint with Sergeant Fitters: "Near Martinpuich on 17 September 1916, these two NCOs showed great courage, enterprise and devotion to duty in carrying up grenades through a heavy barrage to the 8th London Regiment in the front line trenches. Their officers had been killed and the guides lost. They proceeded to reconnoitre the country, found the 8th London Regiment, returned to their party and led the men through to their destination under a heavy shell fire."

Dickinson, Henry 17303 Lance Corporal MM <sup>191</sup>

Farrell, J. 4844 [24814] Acting Regimental Sergeant Major MM <sup>192</sup>

Fitters, A. 17711 Sergeant MM <sup>193</sup>

MM citation, dated 3 October 1916, joint with Corporal Craddock: "Near Martinpuich on 17 September 1916, these two NCOs showed great courage, enterprise and devotion to duty in carrying up grenades through a heavy barrage to the 8th London Regiment in the front line trenches. Their officers had been killed and the guides lost. They proceeded to reconnoitre the country, found the 8th London Regiment, returned to their party and led the men through to their destination under a heavy shell fire."

Fitzpatrick, Thomas 18170 Sergeant MM <sup>194</sup>

Galley, William 19041 Sergeant MM <sup>195</sup>

Gowland, Charlie 16491 Lance Corporal MM <sup>196</sup>

Gowland, Thomas Fenwick 15336 Private MM

Graham, David 21614 Private MM <sup>197</sup>

Green, John George 16431 Private MM <sup>198</sup>

Harle, Thomas 17032 Private MM <sup>199</sup>

Hickson, Robert 19644 Private MM <sup>200</sup>

Hutchinson, William 24775 Private MM <sup>201</sup>

<sup>186</sup> For action at Munster Alley and Le Sars. *Durham Forces in the Field*, pp.66, 104, 153. Also awarded DCM, *London Gazette* 26 July 1917: "For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty [Hill 60 Sector, May 1917]. He rendered invaluable assistance to his platoon officer, and throughout set a fine example to those around him."

<sup>187</sup> For action at Le Sars. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.104.

<sup>188</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, pp.31, 61, 257. Awarded Bar to MM, *London Gazette* 21 October 1918.

<sup>189</sup> Killed in action 10 October 1916. For action at Le Sars. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.104.

<sup>190</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, pp.66, 89. Died of wounds 20 September 1917.

<sup>191</sup> For action at Munster Alley. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.66.

<sup>192</sup> *London Gazette* 11 October 1916. Royal Marine Light Infantry attached 13 DLI.

<sup>193</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.89.

<sup>194</sup> For action at Contalmaison. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.63.

<sup>195</sup> *London Gazette* 14 September 1916. For action at Munster Alley. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.66.

<sup>196</sup> *London Gazette* 6 January 1917. For action at Le Sars. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.104.

<sup>197</sup> For action at Le Sars. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.104.

<sup>198</sup> For action at Le Sars. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.104.

<sup>199</sup> For action at Le Sars. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.104.

<sup>200</sup> *London Gazette* 14 September 1916. For action at Munster Alley. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.66.

<sup>201</sup> Killed in action 20 September 1917. For action at Contalmaison. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.63.



Jackson, Thomas 18315 Private MM <sup>202</sup>  
 Jeffers, James William 17712 Private MM  
 Kerr, Thomas Outerson 16542 Corporal MM <sup>203</sup>  
 Lamb, Francis 15894 Sergeant MM  
 Lattimer, Thomas Henry 23626 Private MM  
 Little, William Dixon 19192 Company Sergeant Major DCM  
 Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry in action. He organised bombing parties and worked unceasingly in continuing the work of clearing the village. He showed marked courage and set a splendid example to his men." *London Gazette* 25 November 1916.  
 Luke, William 17054 Private MM <sup>204</sup>  
 Maughan, William 24796 Private MM <sup>205</sup>  
 Newby, George E. 17075 Private MM <sup>206</sup>  
 Nichol, Charles 46042 Private MM <sup>207</sup>  
 O'Rourke, Constantine 19782 Private MM <sup>208</sup>  
 Purvis, Robert 18777 Private MM <sup>209</sup>  
 Simms, William 23767 Private MM <sup>210</sup>  
 Smith, James 12957 Lance Sergeant MM  
 Smith, William H. 22611 Sergeant MM  
 Stirling Charles Albert 21618 Sergeant MM <sup>211</sup>  
 Suddes, Thomas 17108 Private MM <sup>212</sup>  
 Tonkin, James 13304 Private MM <sup>213</sup>  
 Vipond, John Elliot 16429 Private MM <sup>214</sup>  
 Wilkinson, John James 17809 Private MM <sup>215</sup>

## 14th Battalion DLI.

Addison, Thomas 4/8161 Sergeant MM  
 Anderson, David 19392 Sergeant MM  
 Bartram, Samuel 19445 Private MM  
 Batey, Thomas 18/1515 Private MM  
 Britton, Edward 15582 Private MM  
 Brown, John George 23246 Sergeant MM  
 Coates, William 18/1706 Private MM  
 Davidson, Adam 15744 Sergeant MM  
 Halpin, James 4/9725 Sergeant MM  
 Herries, Thomas 19167 Private MM  
 Hope, John Richardson 18612 Private MM  
 Jeffreys, George 3/9492 Sergeant MM

<sup>202</sup> For action at Le Sars. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.104.

<sup>203</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.60.

<sup>204</sup> For action at Munster Alley. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.66.

<sup>205</sup> For action at Munster Alley. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.66.

<sup>206</sup> For action at Le Sars. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.104.

<sup>207</sup> Died of wounds 7 October 1918. For action at Le Sars. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.104.

<sup>208</sup> Died 2 February 1917. For action at Le Sars. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.104.

<sup>209</sup> For action at Le Sars. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.104.

<sup>210</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.67.

<sup>211</sup> For action at Le Sars. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.104.

<sup>212</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.60.

<sup>213</sup> For action at Le Sars. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.104.

<sup>214</sup> Died of wounds 14 October 1916. For action at Le Sars. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.104.

<sup>215</sup> Killed in action 20 September 1917. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.67.





Killingworth, Harry 27378 Private MM  
Lowe, John 14691 Private MM  
Nicholson, John Gregg 4/87772 Acting Company Sergeant Major MM, DCM <sup>216</sup>  
Parker, Albert E. 16759 Lance Corporal MM  
Pearce, Robert 27238 Private MM  
Reynolds, Henry 3/10354 Lance Corporal MM  
Robinson, Jonathan 24640 Private MM  
Robinson, John 24905 Sergeant, MM and DCM

DCM citation: "For conspicuous gallantry in action. He led his company forward under heavy fire, displaying great courage and determination. Later, he led a patrol and obtained most valuable information. He set a splendid example throughout." *London Gazette* 11 December 1916.

Robinson, John Makepeace 13986 Lance Corporal MM and Bar <sup>217</sup>  
Scott, Thomas 11081 Acting Sergeant MM  
Simpson, William 15667 Sergeant MM <sup>218</sup>  
Webb, William 24011 Private MM

## 15th Battalion DLI.

Broderick, John 14396 Acting Sergeant DCM

DCM citation: "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." *London Gazette* 22 January 1916.

Catnach, John James 15865 Sergeant MM <sup>219</sup>

Coghlan, Richard George 3/10569 Sergeant Major DCM

Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has performed consistent good work throughout, and has at all times set a splendid example of courage and cheerfulness." *London Gazette* 13 February 1917.

Conner, Frederick 20087 Corporal MM <sup>220</sup>

Dennis, Stephen Spirit 19527 Private MM <sup>221</sup>

Gray, James 23391 Lance Corporal MM <sup>222</sup>

Groom, Charles 21714 Acting Company Sergeant Major MM <sup>223</sup>

Hunton [Hutton], Thomas 9235 Acting Corporal MM <sup>224</sup>

Jefferson, John 22848 Private MM <sup>225</sup>

<sup>216</sup> Awarded DCM, *London Gazette* 4 March 1918: "For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty [Cambrai on 13 December 1917] during enemy attacks in helping to bring in a wounded man who was lying fifty yards from our parapet. During counter-attacks he personally manned a Lewis gun whose team had been killed or wounded and the gun left in no-man's-land."

<sup>217</sup> Died of wounds 3 December 1917.

<sup>218</sup> Awarded Bar to MM 18 June 1917. Awarded DCM 25 August 1917.

<sup>219</sup> For action at Gueudecourt. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.85.

<sup>220</sup> For action on 1 July and Shelter Wood. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.48.

<sup>221</sup> For action on 1 July and Shelter Wood. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.48.

<sup>222</sup> For action on 1 July and Shelter Wood. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.48. Awarded Bar to MM, *London Gazette* 17 June 1919. Killed in action 24 October 1918.

<sup>223</sup> For action at Gueudecourt. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.85.

<sup>224</sup> For action at Gueudecourt. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.85.

<sup>225</sup> Awarded Bar to MM, *London Gazette* 28 September 1917. Killed in action 29 May 1918.

Jolley, John Henry 25096 Private MM <sup>226</sup>

Jones, Thomas 20204 Sgt MM <sup>227</sup>

Kent, Charles 5558 Company Sergeant Major DCM and Bar

DCM citation: "For gallant conduct on 20th September, 1914, at Troyon, valley of the Aisne, when he voluntarily assisted in the rescue of a wounded officer under a heavy fire." *London Gazette* 1 April 1915.

Bar to DCM citation: "For conspicuous gallantry on the 9th August, 1915, at Hooge, during the attack. Later, about 3 p.m., some men started to withdraw from the vicinity of the "Stables" Company Serjeant Major Kent, with three others, succeeded in rallying them and leading them back to the vacated trench under persistent shell fire. In rallying these men considerable open space had to be crossed. He remained in his position until about 9.30 a.m. on the 10th August, no orders to withdraw having been received." *London Gazette* 15 September 1915.

Lauder, Joseph Beaumont 15769 Corporal MM <sup>228</sup>

Lloyd, E.J. 45903 Acting Sergeant MM <sup>229</sup>

Moyle, William 23149 Corporal MM

Nattrass, Ralph 19778 Private MM <sup>230</sup>

Needham, Thomas Arthur 21431 Corporal MM <sup>231</sup>

Nicol, James 23287 Lance Corporal MM

Pharoah, Alfred 25110 Lance Sergeant MM

Robinson, John 22865 Private MM <sup>232</sup>

Robson, John William 22147 Private MM <sup>233</sup>

Tait, George 20284 Private MM <sup>234</sup>

Trewhitt, Frederick 21385 Acting Sergeant DCM <sup>235</sup>

Citation: "For conspicuous and consistent gallantry. On one occasion, during a heavy bombardment, when exposed to the view and fire of the enemy, he assisted to dig out a N.C.O., who had been wounded and buried. His coolness under fire has frequently given great confidence to his men." *London Gazette* 27 July 1916.

Willison, Ernest 3/11605 Acting Sergeant MM <sup>236</sup>

Wishart, Emmerson 22737 Private MM

## 18th Battalion DLI.

Anderson, Christopher 18/422 Private MM

Dickenson, William 18/729 Acting Lance Corporal MM <sup>237</sup>

Stokes, Alfred E. 18/167 Acting Lance Corporal MM

<sup>226</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.47.

<sup>227</sup> For action on 1 July and Shelter Wood. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.48.

<sup>228</sup> For action on 1 July and Shelter Wood. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.48. Killed in action 16 September 1916.

<sup>229</sup> For action at Gueudecourt. *Durham Forces in the Field*, pp.85, 192. Awarded Bar to MM, *London Gazette* 14 January 1918.

<sup>230</sup> For action at Gueudecourt. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.85.

<sup>231</sup> For action at Gueudecourt. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.85.

<sup>232</sup> For action on 1 July and Shelter Wood. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.48. Killed in action 10 April 1917.

<sup>233</sup> For action on 1 July and Shelter Wood. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.48. Died of wounds 21 September 1916.

<sup>234</sup> For action on 1 July and Shelter Wood. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.48.

<sup>235</sup> Killed in action 1 July 1916.

<sup>236</sup> For action on 1 July and Shelter Wood. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.48.

<sup>237</sup> Awarded Bar to MM, *London Gazette* 6 August 1918.

## 19th Battalion DLI.

Cranmer, Charles 825 Private MM  
Forrest, John William 951 Private MM  
Imeson, Charles 19/798 Private DCM <sup>238</sup>

Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations. As stretcher-bearer he tended the wounded and carried them to the aid post along a road heavily shelled and swept by machine gun fire. When his battalion was relieved he stayed behind with another brigade to assist with their wounded." *London Gazette* 20 October 1916.

Lambert, Robert Pye 803 Private MM  
Russell, Arthur 1130 Private MM  
Scurr, F. 886 Lance Corporal DCM

Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as medical orderly. He not only attended the wounded at the aid post, but went out and brought in wounded men under heavy fire." *London Gazette* 20 October 1916.

Wilby, Ernest 594 Private MM

## 20th Battalion DLI.

Abernethy, Frederick 20/163 Corporal MM <sup>239</sup>  
Anderson, Edmund 20/247 Private MM <sup>240</sup>  
Dazley, George 20/407 Acting Corporal MM <sup>241</sup>  
Hardy, John Thomas 20/139 Private MM <sup>242</sup>  
McClumpha, Thomas 20/175 Corporal MM <sup>243</sup>  
Winter, Edward 20/502 Lance Sergeant MM <sup>244</sup>

## 22nd Battalion DLI.

Tarn, George B. 22/379 Private MM <sup>245</sup>

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<sup>238</sup> Awarded Bar to MM, *London Gazette* 13 November 1918. Awarded Italian Bronze Medal for Valour.

<sup>239</sup> Leather, *20th (Service) Battalion*, p.14. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.100.

<sup>240</sup> Leather, *20th (Service) Battalion*, p.14. Killed in action 1 October 1916.

<sup>241</sup> Leather, *20th (Service) Battalion*, p.14. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.100.

<sup>242</sup> Leather, *20th (Service) Battalion*, p.14. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.100. Killed in action 1 October 1916.

<sup>243</sup> Leather, *20th (Service) Battalion*, p.14. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.100.

<sup>244</sup> Leather, *20th (Service) Battalion*, pp.14, 15. *Durham Forces in the Field*, pp.100, 126. Killed in action 24 February 1917.

<sup>245</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.97.





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### 3.4: The Distinguished Conduct Medal and Military Medal awarded to Other Ranks of the DLI for gallantry on the Somme 1916.<sup>246</sup>

#### 2nd Battalion DLI.<sup>247</sup>

##### Battle of Flers-Courcelette: Straight Trench, east of Ginchy, 15-18 September 1916. **Military Medal, *London Gazette* 27 October 1916.**

Clark, 10535 Sergeant James<sup>248</sup>  
Cohen, 9666 Sergeant Moss  
Cumberland, 10767 Sergeant F.  
Daley, 6411 Private James  
Darrell, 4/9081 Private John Mark<sup>249</sup>  
Fairbairn, 8317 Corporal Thomas  
Fitter, 10998 Sergeant Henry  
Gordon, 3/10694 Private William  
Hart, 7566 Corporal Edward<sup>250</sup>  
Hawthorn, 3/10181 Private John Walter  
Hudson, 4/7991 Private Harold  
Jopling [Joplin], 10502 L/Corporal William<sup>251</sup>  
McGurk, 12635 Pte James  
McKinnon, 9020 Private Joseph  
Mason, 11007 Sergeant William Cecil<sup>252</sup>  
O'Brien, 4/9052 Private John<sup>253</sup>  
O'Rourke, 4/8720 Private Charles  
Parker, 3/12021 Sergeant John William<sup>254</sup>  
Pickering, 11532 Sergeant Harold<sup>255</sup>  
Pratt, 11429 Corporal N.  
Ray, 10053 Sergeant William  
Riley, 9713 [3/9713] Private Edward<sup>256</sup>  
Ryder, 9596 Lance Corporal Frederick  
Turton, 8915 Sergeant Joseph<sup>257</sup>  
Wood, 6874 Sergeant John Alfred

##### Battle of Morval: Capture of Lesbœufs, 25-29 September 1916. **Military Medal, *London Gazette* 9 December 1916.**

Barry, 27232 Corporal James

<sup>246</sup> Arranged by battalion in date order.

<sup>247</sup> John Bilcliffe did not have access to 2 DLI's War Diary and so was unable to search for Somme references.

<sup>248</sup> Awarded Bar to MM, *London Gazette* 6 August 1918.

<sup>249</sup> Awarded Bar to MM, *London Gazette* 9 November 1917.

<sup>250</sup> From 3rd Battalion DLI, served with 2 DLI from 8 September 1914.

<sup>251</sup> From 3rd Battalion DLI, served with 2 DLI from 8 September 1914.

<sup>252</sup> Awarded DCM, *London Gazette* 1 January 1919.

<sup>253</sup> Attached 1/6th Battalion West Yorks.

<sup>254</sup> Died of wounds 20 September 1916. Listed as 3/1202 not 3/12021 in *Soldiers Died*.

<sup>255</sup> From 3rd Battalion DLI, served with 2 DLI from 8 September 1914. Commissioned in 2 DLI March 1917.

<sup>256</sup> Killed in action 16 September 1916.

<sup>257</sup> Killed in action 21 March 1918.



Burn, 27280 Private George William

**Battle of Le Transloy Ridges: Rainbow and Shine Trenches, north-east of Gueudecourt, 13-16 October 1916.**

**Military Medal, *London Gazette* 19 and 21 December 1916.**

Bayles, 4/9508 Private John <sup>258</sup>

Corkin, 30740 Lance Corporal Thomas <sup>259</sup>

## **5th Battalion DLI.**

**Battle of Courcellette: Capture of High Wood Ridge, 15-24 September 1916.**

**Military Medal, *London Gazette* 27 October 1916.**

Beesley, 2205 Corporal William <sup>260</sup>

Brown, 1312 Sergeant Norman Ernest <sup>261</sup>

Close, 695 Sergeant John W. <sup>262</sup>

Dobson, 1359 Sergeant William <sup>263</sup>

Graham, 1608 Private Thomas Wilfred <sup>264</sup>

Hansell, 1766 Corporal Fred Milburn <sup>265</sup>

Harper, 2329 Private John <sup>266</sup>

McCartney, 2193 Corporal James <sup>267</sup>

Martin, 1277 Lance Corporal Thomas <sup>268</sup>

Purvis, 2171 Private James <sup>269</sup>

Wright, 2513 Private Lancelot Hadden <sup>270</sup>

**Battle of Morval: Capture of Flers Switch and attack on Flers Line, 26-28 September 1916.**

**Battle of Le Transloy Ridges: Capture of Flers Line, 1-4 October 1916.**

**Military Medal, *London Gazette* 9 December 1916.**

Kidd, 2247 Private Frank <sup>271</sup>

Smith, 2325 Private Christopher <sup>272</sup>

**Fourth Army Operations: Attack on Gird Line and Butte de Warlencourt, 26 October - 11 November 1916.**

**Bar to Military Medal, *London Gazette* 21 December 1916.**

Harper, 2329 Corporal John <sup>273</sup>

<sup>258</sup> *London Gazette*, 19 December 1916.

<sup>259</sup> *London Gazette*, 21 December 1916.

<sup>260</sup> Raimes, *The Fifth Battalion*, p.76.

<sup>261</sup> Raimes, *The Fifth Battalion*, pp.32, 76.

<sup>262</sup> Raimes, *The Fifth Battalion*, pp.27, 76.

<sup>263</sup> As Transport Sergeant. Raimes, *The Fifth Battalion*, pp.76, 86, 106, 171. Awarded Bar to MM, *London Gazette* 21 October 1918.

<sup>264</sup> Raimes, *The Fifth Battalion*, p.76.

<sup>265</sup> Raimes, *The Fifth Battalion*, pp.76, 115. Awarded Bar to MM, *London Gazette* 21 December 1916.

Awarded DCM *London Gazette* 25 August 1917.

<sup>266</sup> Raimes, *The Fifth Battalion*, p.76. Awarded Bar to MM, *London Gazette* 21 December 1916.

<sup>267</sup> Raimes, *The Fifth Battalion*, p.76.

<sup>268</sup> Raimes, *The Fifth Battalion*, pp.76, 101.

<sup>269</sup> Raimes, *The Fifth Battalion*, pp.49, 76.

<sup>270</sup> Raimes, *The Fifth Battalion*, p.76.

<sup>271</sup> Raimes, *The Fifth Battalion*, p.76. Attached 150 Company Machine Gun Corps.

<sup>272</sup> Raimes, *The Fifth Battalion*, p.76.

<sup>273</sup> Raimes, *The Fifth Battalion*, p.76. Awarded MM, *London Gazette* 27 October 1916.



**Military Medal, *London Gazette* 21 December 1916.**

Demney [Denney], 2611 Lance Corporal James Edward <sup>274</sup>

Luke, 3003 Sergeant John <sup>275</sup>

O'Dell, 1907 Acting Sergeant William Henry <sup>276</sup>

**Bar to Military Medal, *London Gazette* 26 March 1917.**

Hansell, 1766 Corporal Fred Milburn <sup>277</sup>

**6th Battalion DLI.**

**Battle of Flers-Courcelette: Attack on High Wood Ridge and Prue Trench, 15-21 September 1916.**

**Military Medal, *London Gazette* 27 October 1916.**

Armstrong, 2636 Lance Corporal James

Bonner, 1451 Lance Corporal C. C.

Fairless, 2464 Sergeant Thomas Charles

Gibson, 665 Acting Sergeant William <sup>278</sup>

Hall, 2358 Sergeant Richard

Malpass, 1835 Sergeant Charles

Murphy, 2058 Private John <sup>279</sup>

Scrafton, 1430 Bugler Christopher <sup>280</sup>

Smith, 1467 Sergeant William Roy

Vickers, 1835 Private Thomas

**Battle of Morval: Attack on Flers Line, 26-28 September 1916.**

**Battle of Le Transloy Ridges: Capture of Flers Line, 1-4 October 1916.**

**Military Medal, *London Gazette* 9 December 1916.**

Alderson, 3174 Private Alfred E. <sup>281</sup>

Bainbridge, 2357 Private Oliver <sup>282</sup>

Britton, 2677 Sergeant Frederick Maxwell <sup>283</sup>

Huggins, 2005 Sergeant Edgar

Jardine, 2564 Private George Brian

McLindon [McLinden], 2483 Private Bernard <sup>284</sup>

Neasham, 1540 Private Charles

Rushford, 3803 [250440] Private Oliver <sup>285</sup>

Sayers, 856 Sergeant Norman

Turnbull, 2968 Private William <sup>286</sup>

<sup>274</sup> Raimes, *The Fifth Battalion*, p.76.

<sup>275</sup> Raimes, *The Fifth Battalion*, pp.59, 76, 175. Awarded DCM, *London Gazette* 3 October 1918.

<sup>276</sup> Raimes, *The Fifth Battalion*, p.76.

<sup>277</sup> "For work in November as Battalion Signalling Sergeant". Raimes, *The Fifth Battalion*, pp.76, 115.

Awarded MM, *London Gazette* 27 October 1916. Awarded DCM, *London Gazette* 25 August 1917.

<sup>278</sup> Attached 151 Company Machine Gun Corps.

<sup>279</sup> Awarded DCM, *London Gazette* 12 March 1919.

<sup>280</sup> Moses, *Faithful Sixth*, p.54.

<sup>281</sup> Named as Private Atkinson. Moses, *Faithful Sixth*, p.74.

<sup>282</sup> Killed in action 5 November 1916. Moses, *Faithful Sixth*, p.74.

<sup>283</sup> Awarded Bar to MM, *London Gazette* 23 February 1918. Moses, *Faithful Sixth*, p.94.

<sup>284</sup> Moses, *Faithful Sixth*, p.71.

<sup>285</sup> Killed in action 30 May 1918.

<sup>286</sup> Moses, *Faithful Sixth*, p.74.

**Fourth Army Operations: Attack on Gird Line and Butte de Warlencourt, 26 October - 11 November 1916.**

**Military Medal, *London Gazette* 22 January 1917.**

Cruddace, 3408 Lance Corporal Harry<sup>287</sup>

MM citation: "After the attack on the morning of the 5th November had been held up, he collected his two Lewis Guns (he was NCO in charge of the detachment) and established them in a strongpoint about 50 yards from the German trench and succeeded in keeping down the German snipers in the opposite trench to a very great extent. He showed a splendid example of coolness and courage to his men and rendered invaluable assistance to his officer in most trying circumstances. Later he succeeded in bringing both his guns out of action."

Parker, 2208 Private Robert<sup>288</sup>

Tindle, 3131 Private Thomas<sup>289</sup>

**7th Battalion DLI.<sup>290</sup>**

**Battle of Flers-Courcelette: Attack on High Wood Ridge and Prue Trench, 15-23 September 1916.**

**Military Medal, *London Gazette* 27 October 1916.**

Brown, 2756 Corporal James T.

Campbell, 1798 Sergeant John Wilkinson

Hampton, 3185 Lance Corporal Charles

Hodgson, 1119 Lance Corporal Joseph

Langford, 1375 Company Sergeant Major Henry

Mottram, 2365 Sergeant Samuel

Nixon, 2119 Sergeant George

Robinson, 1467 Sergeant Alexander

Russell, 1813 Private Alfred S.

Tweddle, 2612 Corporal John

**Distinguished Conduct Medal, *London Gazette* 14 November 1916.**

Grant, 1702 Private Job Alexander

Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He tended and rescued the wounded under intense fire, displaying great courage and determination. He set a splendid example throughout."

**Battle of Morval: Attack on Flers Line, 26-28 September 1916.**

**Battle of Le Transloy Ridges: Capture of Flers Line, 1-4 October 1916.**

**Military Medal, *London Gazette* 9 December 1916.**

Bittlestone, 2543 [275483] Sergeant Lewis Alfred<sup>291</sup>

French, 4225 [276219] Private Thomas Christopher<sup>292</sup>

Maguire, 2284 Private Richard

<sup>287</sup> Moses, *Faithful Sixth*, pp.78, 79, 94. Awarded Bar to MM, *London Gazette* 22 March 1918.

<sup>288</sup> Moses, *Faithful Sixth*, pp.63, 79.

<sup>289</sup> Moses, *Faithful Sixth*, p.79.

<sup>290</sup> John Bilcliffe did not have access to 7 DLI's War Diary and so was unable to search for Somme references.

<sup>291</sup> Died of wounds 5 October 1918.

<sup>292</sup> Killed in action 10 April 1918.

**Fourth Army Operations: Attack on Gird Line and Butte de Warlencourt, 26 October - 11 November 1916.**

**Military Medal, *London Gazettes* 21 December 1916, 6 January 1917, 22 January 1917.**

Coleman, 2416 [275428] Sergeant Thomas <sup>293</sup>

Davey, 2566 Sergeant Albert <sup>294</sup>

Boutflower 1510 Sergeant Ralph <sup>295</sup>

Green, 3911 Private Francis <sup>296</sup>

## **8th Battalion DLI.**

**Battle of Flers-Courcelette: Attack on High Wood Ridge and Prue Trench, 15-22 September 1916.**

**Distinguished Conduct Medal, *London Gazettes* 14 and 25 November 1916.**

Brown, 2682 Private Thomas <sup>297</sup>

Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry in action. He observed the enemy carrying up bombs, and shot them with his gun and continued firing until the enemy retired, displaying great courage and determination."

Tucker, 264 CSM George William <sup>298</sup>

Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry in action. He showed great courage and determination in assisting to lead his company in a bombing attack under intense fire. He repeatedly went back for fresh supplies of bombs."

**Military Medal, *London Gazette* 27 October 1916.**

Black, 12983 [2983] Sergeant Benjamin William <sup>299</sup>

Dodds, 3031 Private J.R. <sup>300</sup>

Evans, 3999 Private Thomas

Fairlamb, 1900 Corporal Nicholas

Featonby, 3122 Private Peter

Jackson, 2906 Acting Sergeant Eric Standish <sup>301</sup>

Kealey, 1699 Corporal Harry

Megoran, 3064 Private John Edward

Robson, 1925 Sergeant John William <sup>302</sup>

**Military Medal, *London Gazette* 11 November 1916.**

Mullett, 4/18780 [4/8780] Sergeant Frederick Walter

Traynor, 2565 Private John T.

<sup>293</sup> Awarded MM *London Gazette*, 21 December 1916. Awarded DCM, *London Gazette* 3 September 1918.

Killed in action 11 April 1918.

<sup>294</sup> Awarded MM, *London Gazette* 21 December 1916. Killed in action 14 November 1916.

<sup>295</sup> Awarded MM, *London Gazette* 6 January 1917.

<sup>296</sup> Awarded MM, *London Gazette* 22 January 1917.

<sup>297</sup> *London Gazette*, 14 November 1916.

<sup>298</sup> *London Gazette*, 25 November 1916.

<sup>299</sup> Killed in action 18 September 1916. Veitch, *8th Battalion*, p.93.

<sup>300</sup> Veitch, *8th Battalion*, p.101.

<sup>301</sup> Veitch, *8th Battalion*, p.173.

<sup>302</sup> Veitch, *8th Battalion*, pp.201, 210.

**Battle of Morval: Attack on Flers Line, 27-28 September 1916.**

**Battle of Le Transloy Ridges: Capture of Flers Line, 1-4 October 1916.**

**Military Medal, *London Gazette* 9 December 1916.**

Armstrong, 2580 Private James <sup>303</sup>  
Atkinson, 2679 Private Richard <sup>304</sup>  
Burns, 2893 Private John <sup>305</sup>  
Chrisp, 1946 [300137] Sergeant Thomas <sup>306</sup>  
Clewes, 2648 Private Robert <sup>307</sup>  
Cooper, 2385 Private George <sup>308</sup>  
Elliott, 3/88 Private William <sup>309</sup>  
Meek, 6617 Private George Edward <sup>310</sup>  
Morgan, 3324 Private Robert <sup>311</sup>  
Murray, 2937 Private Samuel <sup>312</sup>  
Robinson, 2780 Sergeant William Alfred <sup>313</sup>  
Thompson, 6692 Private Thomas <sup>314</sup>

**Fourth Army Operations: Attack on Gird Line and Butte de Warlencourt, 1-5 November 1916.**

**Bar to Military Medal, *London Gazette* 6 January 1917**

Thompson, 6692 Private Thomas

**Military Medal, *London Gazette* 6 January 1917.**

Hall, 344 Acting Company Sergeant Major Isaac

**Military Medal, *London Gazette* 22 January 1917.**

Dickinson, 3849 Private Albert

Hanley, 3244 Private Matthew

Liddle, 817 Sergeant William

Walker, 2849 Corporal William <sup>315</sup>

Whittle, 1815 L/Corporal James <sup>316</sup>

**Battle of the Somme: General award**

**Distinguished Conduct Medal, *London Gazette*, 1 January 1917.**

Atkinson, 5280 Acting Regimental Sergeant Major John Joseph <sup>317</sup>

Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has performed consistent good work throughout, and has at all times set a splendid example."

<sup>303</sup> Veitch, *8th Battalion*, p.101. Awarded DCM, *London Gazette* 30 October 1918. Killed in action 27 May 1918.

<sup>304</sup> Veitch, *8th Battalion*, pp.101, 121, 216.

<sup>305</sup> Veitch, *8th Battalion*, p.101.

<sup>306</sup> Veitch, *8th Battalion*, pp.101, 123. Killed in action 22 June 1917.

<sup>307</sup> Veitch, *8th Battalion*, p.101.

<sup>308</sup> Veitch, *8th Battalion*, p.101.

<sup>309</sup> Veitch, *8th Battalion*, p.101.

<sup>310</sup> Veitch, *8th Battalion*, p.101.

<sup>311</sup> Veitch, *8th Battalion*, p.101.

<sup>312</sup> Veitch, *8th Battalion*, p.101.

<sup>313</sup> Veitch, *8th Battalion*, p.101.

<sup>314</sup> Veitch, *8th Battalion*, p.101. Awarded Bar to MM, *London Gazette* 6 January 1917.

<sup>315</sup> Veitch, *8th Battalion*, p.162. Awarded Bar to MM, *London Gazette* 30 January 1920.

<sup>316</sup> Awarded Bar to MM, *London Gazette* 13 September 1918.

<sup>317</sup> Veitch, *8th Battalion*, p.42.

## 9th Battalion DLI.<sup>318</sup>

**Battle of Flers-Courcelette:** Attack on High Wood Ridge and Prue Trench, 15-20 September 1916.

**Distinguished Conduct Medal, *London Gazette* 25 November 1916.**

Campbell, 3037 Corporal Charles Thomas A.

Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry in action. He established and held a block alone for one hour against several enemy bombing attacks. Later he greatly assisted in repelling an enemy counter-attack."

Silcock, 2647 Private J.M.

Citation "For conspicuous gallantry in action. He crawled forward under heavy fire and dressed several wounded men of a bombing party. He has previously done fine work."

**Distinguished Conduct Medal, *London Gazette* 14 December 1916.**

McDonald, 2174 Private J.

Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry in action. He carried messages under very heavy fire. Later he led a party of 20 men through very heavy fire to an advanced post. He set a fine example of courage and determination throughout."

**Military Medal, *London Gazette* 27 October 1916.**

Brown, 1287 Corporal Sydney

Cameron, 1912 Private Alexander

Carter, 2229 Lance Sergeant John<sup>319</sup>

Counsellor, 1137 Sergeant Thomas

Dodds, 1608 Sergeant Thomas

Farrage, 2507 Corporal William

Fox, 947 Private Andrew John

Herdman, 2152 Private William

Hunter, 1430 Sergeant George

Hutton, 1202 Sergeant Charles Frederick<sup>320</sup>

March, 3223 Private John Edward<sup>321</sup>

Padgett, 2129 Sergeant Dennis Turnbull

Swalwell, 2645 Private Archibald Joseph

**Military Medal, *London Gazette* 11 November 1916.**

Cunningham, 12050 Private John

**Battle of Morval:** Attack on Flers Line, 26-28 September 1916.

**Battle of Le Transloy Ridges:** Capture of Flers Line, 1-4 October 1916

**Distinguished Conduct Medal, *London Gazette* 20 December 1916.**

Lee, 1911 Lance Corporal Michael

Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry in action. He showed great courage and skill in resisting several strong enemy counter-attacks. On one occasion when his team was surrounded he led it through the enemy."

**Military Medal, *London Gazette* 9 December 1916.**

Beautyman, 1063 Sergeant John William

<sup>318</sup> John Bilcliffe did not have access to 9 DLI's War Diary and so was unable to search for Somme references.

<sup>319</sup> Killed in action 15 September 1916.

<sup>320</sup> Awarded Bar to MM, *London Gazette* 11 December 1918.

<sup>321</sup> Awarded Bar to MM, *London Gazette* 2 November 1917. Awarded second Bar to MM, *London Gazette*, 12 December 1917.



Bell, 1279 Private Joseph <sup>322</sup>  
Caldwell, 2501 [325266] Sergeant Alex <sup>323</sup>  
Colgan, 1987 [325155] Private John <sup>324</sup>  
Crowther, 3466 Private Edward <sup>325</sup>  
Forbes, 3183 Private Thomas  
Lees, 2372 Corporal Tom  
Maddison, 3031 Sergeant Edward  
Morris, 2209 Private James  
Pentland, 3213 Private Joseph G.  
Richardson, 3192 Private James <sup>326</sup>  
Riches, 2295 Lance Corporal James William  
Shephard, 1434 Sergeant David <sup>327</sup>  
Walker, 3066 Lance Corporal Robert Purvis  
Wildish, 912 Lance Corporal John <sup>328</sup>  
**Military Medal, *London Gazette* 12 December 1916.**  
Gill, 3/25637 Lance Corporal Ernest <sup>329</sup>

**Fourth Army Operations: Attack on Gird Line and Butte de Warlencourt, 5-6 November 1916.**

**Distinguished Conduct Medal, *London Gazette* 3 March 1917.** <sup>330</sup>

Craig, 2042 Sergeant John William <sup>331</sup>

Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry in action. He displayed great courage and devotion to duty in rescuing several men who had been buried by heavy enemy shell fire. He has on many previous occasions done fine work."

Goffin, 2248 Sergeant William <sup>332</sup>

Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry in action He displayed great courage and devotion to duty in rescuing several men who had been buried by heavy enemy shell-fire He has on many previous occasions done fine work."

**Distinguished Conduct Medal, *London Gazette* 26 April 1917.** <sup>333</sup>

Shephard, 1434 Sergeant David <sup>334</sup>

Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on the enemy's trenches. He set a splendid example to his men, and rendered invaluable assistance to his officer throughout the operations."

**Bar to Military Medal, *London Gazette* 22 January 1917.**

Crowther, 3466 Private Edward <sup>335</sup>

Richardson, 3192 Private James <sup>336</sup>

<sup>322</sup> Killed in action 6 November 1916.

<sup>323</sup> Died 14 June 1917. Awarded DCM, *London Gazette* 18 July 1917.

<sup>324</sup> Killed in action 15 September 1917.

<sup>325</sup> Awarded Bar to MM, *London Gazette* 22 January 1917.

<sup>326</sup> Awarded Bar to MM, *London Gazette* 22 January 1917.

<sup>327</sup> Awarded DCM, *London Gazette* 26 April 1917.

<sup>328</sup> Attached 151 Trench Mortar Battery.

<sup>329</sup> Awarded DCM, *London Gazette* 30 October 1918.

<sup>330</sup> Despite the late *London Gazette* date, these two awards were probably for the Somme.

<sup>331</sup> Awarded MM, *London Gazette* 22 January 1917.

<sup>332</sup> Awarded MM, *London Gazette* 18 July 1917. Awarded Bar to MM, *London Gazette* 12 December 1917.

<sup>333</sup> John Bilcliffe suspected that this award was not for the Somme.

<sup>334</sup> Awarded MM, *London Gazette* 9 September 1916.

<sup>335</sup> Awarded MM, *London Gazette* 9 December 1916.

<sup>336</sup> Awarded MM, *London Gazette* 9 December 1916.



**Military Medal, *London Gazette* 6 January 1917.**

McKenna, 1429 Private J. Thomas

**Military Medal, *London Gazette* 22 January 1917.**

Arklass, 1806 Lance Corporal John

Bousfield, 3453 Lance Corporal John

Craig, 2042 Sergeant John William <sup>337</sup>

Crawley, 3142 Private Joseph <sup>338</sup>

Dick, 82 Sergeant James

Hamilton, 1438 Corporal Thomas H. <sup>339</sup>

Hann, 2686 [325323] Private Michael

Ilderton, 3330 Private John Robert

Landreth, 4148 Private Gilbert <sup>340</sup>

Long, 2134 Sergeant John

Morris, 372 Sergeant John

**Military Medal, *London Gazette* 26 April 1917. <sup>341</sup>**

Guy, 1729 [325103] Lance Corporal William Eltringham <sup>342</sup>

Varty, 7763 Private David

**10th Battalion DLI.**

**Battle of Delville Wood: Attack along Ale Alley, 15-31 August 1916. <sup>343</sup>**

**Military Medal, *London Gazette* 11 October 1916.**

Killeen, 20840 Private Patrick

**Military Medal, *London Gazette* 17 February 1917.**

Anderson, 12863 Private Robert <sup>344</sup>

Moody, 15995 Company Quartermaster Sergeant William <sup>345</sup>

**Battle of Flers-Courcelette: Attack on Gueudecourt, 15-17 September 1916. <sup>346</sup>**

**Distinguished Conduct Medal, *London Gazette* 20 October 1916.**

Cooper, 7335 Acting Company Sergeant Major Wilson <sup>347</sup>

Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry in volunteering with two others to look for a man reported buried. The place was found, and after working for two hours under heavy shelling, the buried man was rescued, though again wounded by shell fire during rescue operations."

<sup>337</sup> Awarded DCM, *London Gazette* 3 March 1917.

<sup>338</sup> Died 4 February 1917.

<sup>339</sup> Killed in action 21 July 1918.

<sup>340</sup> Awarded Bar to MM, *London Gazette* 11 December 1918. Awarded second Bar to MM, *London Gazette* 11 February 1919.

<sup>341</sup> John Bilcliffe suspected that these awards were not for the Somme.

<sup>342</sup> Died 14 June 1917.

<sup>343</sup> John Bilcliffe; "There are no references in *Durham Forces in the Field*, but logic suggests these awards were for Ale Alley."

<sup>344</sup> Killed in action 12 August 1916 in front line at Longueval.

<sup>345</sup> Died of wounds 29 August 1916.

<sup>346</sup> John Bilcliffe wrote that after 10 DLI left the Somme on 18 September 1916, the battalion was not in action again until January 1917, "so the MMs must have been for the attack on Gueudecourt".

<sup>347</sup> Killed in action 15 September 1916. *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.83.

Hoole, 16364 Lance Corporal William <sup>348</sup>

Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry in carrying messages under heavy fire. He also carried a dangerously wounded man through a heavily shelled area."

**Distinguished Conduct Medal, *London Gazette* 25 November 1916.**

Donnelly, 13769 Acting Sergeant James <sup>349</sup>

Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry in action. Although wounded, he led his platoon with great gallantry and initiative. Later he led a daring patrol and was again severely wounded."

**Military Medal, *London Gazette* 11 November 1916.**

Brown, 9071 Private Thomas

Clayton, 12897 Private Ellis

Donnelly, 13769 A/L/Sergeant James <sup>350</sup>

Keating, 11906 CQMS Timothy <sup>351</sup>

Lumsdale, 12275 Private Joshua

Pratt, 12773 Sergeant Joseph

Thompson, 9721 Private Willam S.

Wakeham, 24258 CSM Charles <sup>352</sup>

**Military Medal, *London Gazette* 16 November 1916.**

Burns, 21351 Private B.

Carr, 4/9440 Private James

Chicken, 12707 Private Ernest William <sup>353</sup>

Dawson, 21358 Lance Corporal Thomas

Drummond, 11968 Private Henry

Grier, 4/8516 Private Henry

Hepworth, 11872 John William <sup>354</sup>

Jordan, 25306 Private William <sup>355</sup>

Laverick, 12398 L/Corporal William <sup>356</sup>

Swales, 4/8542 Private Percy Victor

Taylor, 12136 Private John <sup>357</sup>

**Military Medal, *London Gazette* 14 December 1916.**

Wetherell, 18082 Private Bryan

**Military Medal, *London Gazette* 21 December 1916.**

Beale, 23082 Lance Corporal William Ernest

Gordon, 13053 Corporal Robert <sup>358</sup>

<sup>348</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.83.

<sup>349</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, pp.82, 181, 355. Awarded MM, *London Gazette* 11 November 1916. Awarded Bar to DCM, *London Gazette* 22 October 1917. Awarded MC *London Gazette* 3 June 1919.

<sup>350</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, pp.82, 181, 355. Awarded DCM, *London Gazette* 25 November 1916.

Awarded Bar to DCM, *London Gazette* 22 October 1917. Awarded MC *London Gazette* 3 June 1919.

<sup>351</sup> Killed in action 9 April 1917.

<sup>352</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.82. Awarded DCM, *London Gazette* 13 February 1917.

<sup>353</sup> Awarded DCM, *London Gazette* 14 January 1916.

<sup>354</sup> Killed in action 24 August 1917.

<sup>355</sup> Killed in action 16 September 1916.

<sup>356</sup> Killed in action 16 September 1916.

<sup>357</sup> Killed in action 16 September 1916.

<sup>358</sup> Awarded Bar to MM, *London Gazette* 12 May 1917. Awarded second Bar to MM, *London Gazette* 18 June 1917.

### **Battle of the Somme: General award**

#### **Distinguished Conduct Medal, *London Gazette* 13 January 1917.**

Wakeham, 24258 CSM Charles <sup>359</sup>

Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has performed consistent good work throughout. On one occasion, he assumed command of, and led his company with great courage and determination."

### **11th Battalion DLI.**

#### **Battle of Guillemont: Digging assembly trenches and capture of Guillemont, 23 August to 5 September 1916.** <sup>360</sup>

Military Medal, *London Gazette* 22 October 1916.

Henry, 20185 Lance Corporal Robert

Pyke, 17955 Sergeant James Thomas

Reed, 17103 Sergeant Alexander

### **12th Battalion DLI.**

#### **Battle of Albert: Capture of Contalmaison, 3-11 July 1916.**

#### **Distinguished Conduct Medal, *London Gazette* 22 September 1916.**

Fisher, 10794 CSM John <sup>361</sup>

Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry and resource in successfully bringing up a platoon, under heavy fire at a critical moment, to protect an exposed flank. On two occasions he led bombing parties against superior numbers, and assisted to remove wounded and dead under heavy shell and rifle fire, completely disregarding his own safety."

#### **Military Medal, *London Gazette* 23 August 1916.**

Bamborough, 18077 Private Thomas <sup>362</sup>

Hitchen, 19625 Sergeant Harold Everett <sup>363</sup>

Silversides, 18397 Sergeant William Henry <sup>364</sup>

Speed, 18662 Corporal James Arthur <sup>365</sup>

Woodhead, 15421 Lance Corporal William <sup>366</sup>

#### **Battle of Bazentin Ridge: Attack on Pozieres Trench, 14-17 July 1916.**

#### **Military Medal, *London Gazette* 1 September 1916.**

Dyson, 18221 Private James Beverley <sup>367</sup>

Gill, 18219 Private William <sup>368</sup>

Harrington, 7715 Private Jeremiah <sup>369</sup>

<sup>359</sup> Awarded MM, *London Gazette* 11 November 1916.

<sup>360</sup> John Bilcliffe wrote that *London Gazette* date "strongly suggests that the awards were for the major role played [by 11 DLI] at Guillemont".

<sup>361</sup> Died of wounds 9 August 1916.

<sup>362</sup> For "gallantry during operations of July." *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.67.

<sup>363</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, pp.144-146. Awarded Bar to MM, *London Gazette* 14 December 1916.

Awarded DSO, *London Gazette* 26 April 1917. Awarded MC, *London Gazette* 18 July 1917.

<sup>364</sup> Killed in action 31 August 1916.

<sup>365</sup> Awarded Bar to MM, *London Gazette* 28 July 1917. Awarded DCM, *London Gazette* 30 October 1918.

<sup>366</sup> Awarded Italian Medal for Valour 1918.

<sup>367</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.110.

<sup>368</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.110. Died 12 October 1918.

<sup>369</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.110.

Hughes, 19062 Sergeant John <sup>370</sup>  
Long, 20618 Sergeant Alfred <sup>371</sup>  
McCarthy, 15085 Private John <sup>372</sup>  
Parrett, 8777 Private William <sup>373</sup>  
Peat, 16757 Private William <sup>374</sup>  
Pye, 16774 Private J <sup>375</sup>  
Waistell, 14823 Private Thomas <sup>376</sup>

**Battle of Pozieres Ridge: Munster Alley, 2-4 August 1916.**

**Military Medal, *London Gazette* 14 September 1916.**

Bamborough, 21459 Pte John George  
Jones, 17038 Private Edward <sup>377</sup>  
Mitchell, 19752 Corporal Peter <sup>378</sup>  
Moore, 18968 Private James <sup>379</sup>  
Shanks, 16188 Private Samuel <sup>380</sup>  
Watson, 18627 Lance Corporal Walter Ballantyne <sup>381</sup>

**Battle of Le Transloy: Capture of Le Sars, 3-8 October 1916.**

**Distinguished Conduct Medal, *London Gazette* 25 November 1916.**

Kilburn, 22166 Private George William <sup>382</sup>

Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry in action. He carried out a daring reconnaissance in daylight. Later, although himself wounded, he carried messages and tended the wounded under intense fire."

Pike, 16746 Company Sergeant Major E.

Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry in action. He rescued several men who were buried. Later, he went forward under heavy fire to ascertain the situation, and obtained most valuable information. He displayed great courage and determination throughout the operations."

Slasor, 15874 Lance Corporal G. <sup>383</sup>

Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry in action. On three occasions he led patrols, obtaining most valuable information. Later, he lay for four hours in "no-man's-land", keeping touch with the attackers."

**Bar to Military Medal, *London Gazette* 14 December 1916.**

Hitchen, 19625 Sergeant Harold Everett <sup>384</sup>

<sup>370</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, pp.62, 63.

<sup>371</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.110. Killed in action 18 May 1917.

<sup>372</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.110. Killed in action 7 October 1916.

<sup>373</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.110. Killed in action 24 September 1916.

<sup>374</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.110.

<sup>375</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.110. Killed in action 7 June 1917.

<sup>376</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.110. 288. Bar to MM, *London Gazette* 6 July 1918. Killed in action 6 June 1917.

<sup>377</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.67.

<sup>378</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.67. Killed in action 1 January 1917.

<sup>379</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.67.

<sup>380</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.67.

<sup>381</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.104.

<sup>382</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.103. Died September 1918.

<sup>383</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.103.

<sup>384</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, pp.144-146. Awarded MM, *London Gazette* 23 August 1916. Awarded DSO, *London Gazette* 26 April 1917. Awarded MC, *London Gazette* 18 July 1917.

**Military Medal, *London Gazette* 9 December 1916.**

Halford, 33496 Private Enoch <sup>385</sup>  
Harness, 17379 Private John <sup>386</sup>  
Johnson, 25480 Private Fred <sup>387</sup>  
Lockey, 19134 Corporal Thomas G. <sup>388</sup>  
Monk, 18795 Sergeant William <sup>389</sup>  
Nessworthy, 12426 Private William Robert <sup>390</sup>  
Wilson, 17149 Private Henry <sup>391</sup>

**Military Medal, *London Gazette* 11 December 1916.**

Agar, 31875 Private Nicholas Raine <sup>392</sup>

**Military Medal, *London Gazette* 21 December 1916.**

Boulger, 16947 Private John Bradley <sup>393</sup>  
Garvey, 15946 Sergeant Charles Gilbert <sup>394</sup>  
Milburn, 19751 Corporal James <sup>395</sup>  
Watson, 25559 Private William Kipling <sup>396</sup>

**Military Medal, *London Gazettes* 6 January 1917.**

Brennan, 25489 L/Corporal Thomas  
Smith, 14450 Private William <sup>397</sup>

**Military Medal, *London Gazette* 19 February 1917.**

Gormley [Gormlay], 22156 Private James <sup>398</sup>

**13th Battalion DLI.**

**Battle of Albert: Capture of Contalmaison, 3-11 July 1916.**

**Military Medal, *London Gazette* 23 August 1916.**

Fitzpatrick, 18170 Sergeant Thomas <sup>399</sup>  
Hutchinson, 24775 Private William <sup>400</sup>  
Lamb, 15894 Sergeant Francis  
Suddes, 17108 Private Thomas <sup>401</sup>

<sup>385</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.104.

<sup>386</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, pp.104, 111, 164. Awarded Bar to MM, *London Gazette* 28 July 1917.

Awarded French Médaille Militaire.

<sup>387</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.104. Killed in action 14 May 1917.

<sup>388</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.103.

<sup>389</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.103. Awarded Bar to MM, *London Gazette* 29 March 1917.

<sup>390</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.104.

<sup>391</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.104.

<sup>392</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.104.

<sup>393</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.104.

<sup>394</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.103.

<sup>395</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.104.

<sup>396</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.104.

<sup>397</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.104.

<sup>398</sup> Died of wounds 18 July 1916.

<sup>399</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.63.

<sup>400</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.63. Killed in action 20 September 1917.

<sup>401</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.60.



**Battle of Pozieres Ridge: Munster Alley, 28 July - 5 August 1916.**

**Distinguished Conduct Medal, *London Gazette* 26 September 1916.**

Craddock, 16194 Corporal Harry <sup>402</sup>

Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry during operations. He asked for leave to take up reinforcements to a block 18 yards from the enemy. On his way he rallied some men who had been bombed out of our block and led them back to the block, where he fought with the greatest courage."

**Military Medal, *London Gazette* 1 September 1916.**

Bellerby, 15384 Corporal Thomas <sup>403</sup>

Luke, 17054 Private William <sup>404</sup>

Maughan, 24796 Private William <sup>405</sup>

Simms, 23767 Private William <sup>406</sup>

Smith, 22611 Sergeant William H.

Wilkinson, 17809 Private John James <sup>407</sup>

**Military Medal, *London Gazette* 14 September 1916.**

Anderson, 21160 Lance Corporal John <sup>408</sup>

Brough 17750 Lance Corporal Michael <sup>409</sup>

Claire, 18192 Lance Corporal William <sup>410</sup>

Dickinson, 17303 Lance Corporal Henry <sup>411</sup>

Galley, 19041 Sergeant William <sup>412</sup>

Hickson, 19644 Private Robert <sup>413</sup>

Kerr, 16542 Corporal Thomas Outerson <sup>414</sup>

**Military Medal, *London Gazette* 21 September 1916.**

Smith, 12957 Lance Sergeant James

**Battle of Flers-Courcelette: 17 September 1916.**

**Military Medal, *London Gazette* 9 December 1916.**

Craddock, 16194 Corporal Harry <sup>415</sup>

Fitters, 17711 Sergeant A. <sup>416</sup>

<sup>402</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, pp.66, 89. Awarded MM, *London Gazette* 9 December 1916. Died of wounds 20 September 1917.

<sup>403</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, pp.66, 188. Awarded Bar to MM, *London Gazette* 17 December 1917.

<sup>404</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.66. Killed in action 7 October 1916.

<sup>405</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.66.

<sup>406</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.67.

<sup>407</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.67. Killed in action 20 September 1917.

<sup>408</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.66.

<sup>409</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, pp.66, 104, 153. Awarded Bar to MM, *London Gazette* 9 December 1916.

Awarded DCM *London Gazette* 26 July 1917.

<sup>410</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, pp.31, 67, 257. Awarded Bar to MM, *London Gazette* 21 October 1918.

<sup>411</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.66.

<sup>412</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.66.

<sup>413</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.66.

<sup>414</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.60.

<sup>415</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, pp.66, 89. Awarded DCM, *London Gazette* 26 September 1916.

<sup>416</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.89. Died of wounds 20 September 1917.



**Battle of Le Transloy: Capture of Le Sars, 6-8 October 1916.**

**Distinguished Conduct Medal, *London Gazette* 25 November 1916.**

Liddle, 19192 CSM William Dixon <sup>417</sup>

Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry in action. He organised bombing parties and worked unceasingly in continuing the work of clearing the village. He showed marked courage and set a splendid example to his men."

**Bar to Military Medal, *London Gazette* 9 December 1916.**

Brough, 17750 L/Corporal Michael <sup>418</sup>

**Military Medal, *London Gazette* 9 December 1916**

Bowman, 21046 Private Thomas Young <sup>419</sup>

Brown, 18150 Private Nicholas <sup>420</sup>

Constantine, 15952 Private Albert <sup>421</sup>

Graham, 21614 Private David <sup>422</sup>

Green, 16431 Private John George <sup>423</sup>

Harle, 17032 Private Thomas <sup>424</sup>

Jackson, 18315 Private Thomas <sup>425</sup>

Newby, 17075 Private George E. <sup>426</sup>

Nichol, 46042 Private Charles <sup>427</sup>

O'Rourke, 19782 Private Constantine <sup>428</sup>

Purvis, 18777 Private Robert <sup>429</sup>

Stirling, 21618 Sergeant Charles Albert <sup>430</sup>

Tonkin, 13304 Private James <sup>431</sup>

Vipond, 16429 Private John Elliot <sup>432</sup>

**Military Medal, *London Gazette* 6 January 1917.**

Gowland, 16491 Lance Corporal Charlie <sup>433</sup>

<sup>417</sup> Though there is no mention of this DCM in *Durham Forces in the Field*, John Bilcliffe wrote that "the wording of the citation makes it fairly certain that it was awarded for the capture of Le Sars".

<sup>418</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, pp.66, 104, 153. Awarded MM, *London Gazette* 14 September 1916. Awarded DCM *London Gazette* 26 July 1917.

<sup>419</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.104. Killed in action 5 October 1918.

<sup>420</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.104.

<sup>421</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, pp.104, 195. Awarded Bar to MM, *London Gazette* 12 December 1917. Killed in action 10 October 1918.

<sup>422</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.104.

<sup>423</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.104.

<sup>424</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.104.

<sup>425</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.104.

<sup>426</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.104.

<sup>427</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.104. Died of wounds 7 October 1918.

<sup>428</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.104. Died 2 February 1917.

<sup>429</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.104.

<sup>430</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.104.

<sup>431</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.104. Died of wounds 14 October 1916.

<sup>432</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.104.

<sup>433</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.104.

## 14th Battalion DLI.<sup>434</sup>

### **Battle of Flers-Courcelette: The Quadrilateral, east of Ginchy, 15-18 September 1916.** **Military Medal, *London Gazette* 27 October 1916.**

Addison, 4/8161 Sergeant Thomas<sup>435</sup>  
Anderson, 19392 Sergeant David  
Bartram, 19445 Private Samuel  
Britton, 15582 Private Edward<sup>436</sup>  
Davidson, 15744 Sergeant Adam  
Halpin, 4/9725 Sergeant James  
Herries, 19167 Private Thomas  
Hope, 18612 Private John Richardson<sup>437</sup>  
Jeffreys, 3/9492 Sergeant George  
Kirton, 15618 Sergeant Robert  
Parker, 16759 Lance Corporal Albert E.  
Robinson, 24905 Sergeant Jonathan<sup>438</sup>  
Robinson, 13986 Lance Corporal John Makepeace<sup>439</sup>  
Scott, 11081 Acting Sergeant Thomas  
Simpson, 15667 Sergeant William<sup>440</sup>

### **Battle of Morval: Capture of Lesboeufs, 23-28 September 1916.**

#### **Distinguished Conduct Medal, *London Gazette* 11 December 1916.**

Robinson, 24905 Acting Company Sergeant Major John<sup>441</sup>  
Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry in action. He led his company forward under heavy fire, displaying great courage and determination, later he led a patrol and obtained most valuable information. He set a splendid example throughout."

#### **Military Medal, *London Gazette* 9 December 1916.**

Brown, 23246 Sergeant John George  
Killingworth, 27378 Private Harry  
Pearce, 27238 Private Robert  
Robinson, 24640 Private Jonathan

### **Battle of Le Transloy: East of Gueudecourt, Rainbow and Shine Trenches, 10-17 October 1916.**

#### **Bar to Military Medal, *London Gazette* 6 January 1917.**

Robinson, 13986 Lance Corporal John Makepeace<sup>442</sup>

#### **Military Medal, *London Gazette* 6 January 1917.**

Coates, 18/1706 Private William  
Lowe, 14691 Private John<sup>443</sup>

<sup>434</sup> As there are no references in *Durham Forces in the Field*, John Bilcliffe allocated these awards based on the dates of the *London Gazette* entries.

<sup>435</sup> Killed in action 18 September 1916.

<sup>436</sup> Killed in action 18 September 1916.

<sup>437</sup> Killed in action 14 September 1916.

<sup>438</sup> Awarded DCM, *London Gazette* 11 December 1916.

<sup>439</sup> Awarded Bar to MM, *London Gazette* 6 January 1917.

<sup>440</sup> Awarded Bar to MM, *London Gazette* 18 June 1917. Awarded DCM, *London Gazette* 25 August 1917.

<sup>441</sup> See MC award to Lieutenant Newsome, *London Gazette* 11 December 1916. Awarded MM, *London Gazette* 27 October 1916.

<sup>442</sup> Awarded MM, *London Gazette* 27 October 1916.

<sup>443</sup> Killed in action 3 December 1917.



Reynolds, 3/10354 Lance Corporal Henry  
Webb, 24011 Private William

## 15th Battalion DLI.

**Battle of Albert: Advance to Crucifix Trench and Shelter Wood, 1 July 1916.**

**Military Medal, *London Gazette* 23 August 1916.**

Conner, 20087 Corporal Frederick <sup>444</sup>  
Dennis, 19527 Private Stephen Spirit <sup>445</sup>  
Gray, 23391 Lance Corporal James <sup>446</sup>  
Jolley, 25096 Private John Henry <sup>447</sup>  
Jones, 20204 Sergeant Thomas <sup>448</sup>  
Lauder, 15769 Corporal Joseph Beaumont <sup>449</sup>  
Robinson, 22865 Private John <sup>450</sup>  
Robson, 22147 Pte John William <sup>451</sup>  
Tait, 20284 Private George <sup>452</sup>  
Willison, 3/11605 Sergeant Ernest <sup>453</sup>

**Battle of Bazentin: Mametz Wood, 15 July 1916.**

**Military Medal, *London Gazette* 27 October 1916.**

Hunton, 9235 Acting Corporal Thomas

**Battle of Flers-Courcelette: Advance to Gird Trench, east of Flers, 16-17 September 1916.** <sup>454</sup>

**Military Medal, *London Gazette* 14 December 1916.**

Jefferson, 22848 Private John <sup>455</sup>  
Moyle, 23149 Corporal William  
Nicol, 23287 L/Corporal James  
Pharoah, 25110 L/Sergeant Alfred

**Battle of Morval: Capture of Gueudecourt, 23-28 September 1916.** <sup>456</sup>

**Military Medal, *London Gazette* 6 January 1917.**

Catnach, 15865 Sergeant John James  
Groom, 21714 Acting Company Sergeant Major Charles <sup>457</sup>

<sup>444</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.48.

<sup>445</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.48.

<sup>446</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.48. Awarded Bar to MM, *London Gazette* 17 June 1919. Killed in action 24 October 1918.

<sup>447</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.47.

<sup>448</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.48.

<sup>449</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.48. Killed in action 16 September 1916.

<sup>450</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.48. Killed in action 10 April 1917.

<sup>451</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.48. Died of wounds 21 September 1916.

<sup>452</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.48.

<sup>453</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.48.

<sup>454</sup> John Bilcliffe wrote that there were no references in *Durham Forces in the Field*, "but logic suggests they were the four MMs listed below".

<sup>455</sup> Awarded Bar to MM, *London Gazette* 28 September 1917. Killed in action 29 May 1918.

<sup>456</sup> John Bilcliffe noted that *Durham Forces in the Field*, page 85, has 17 recommendations for gallantry, "but it appears only 5 MMs were awarded".

<sup>457</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.85.

Lloyd, 45903 Acting Sergeant E.J. <sup>458</sup>  
Natrass 19778 Private Ralph <sup>459</sup>  
**Military Medal, *London Gazette* 22 January 1917.**  
Needham, 21431 Corporal Thomas Arthur <sup>460</sup>

### **Battle of the Somme: General award**

**Distinguished Conduct Medal, *London Gazette*, 1 January 1917.**

Coghlan, 3/10569 Sergeant Major Richard George

Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He has performed consistent good work throughout, and has at all times set a splendid example of courage and cheerfulness."

### **18th Battalion DLI.**

**Battle of Albert: Attack south of Serre, 1 July 1916.** <sup>461</sup>

**Military Medal, *London Gazette* 1 September 1916.**

Anderson, 18/422 Private Christopher

Dickenson, 18/729 L/Corporal William <sup>462</sup>

Stokes, 18/167 Lance Corporal Alfred E.

### **19th Battalion DLI.**

**Battle of Delville Wood: Longueval, 18-20 July 1916.** <sup>463</sup>

**Distinguished Conduct Medal, *London Gazette* 20 October 1916.**

Imeson, 19/798 Private Charles <sup>464</sup>

Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations. As stretcher bearer he tended the wounded and carried them to the aid post along a road swept with machine gun fire. When his battalion was relieved he stayed behind with another brigade to assist their wounded."

Scurr, 886 Lance Corporal F.

Citation: "For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as medical orderly. He not only attended the wounded at the aid post, but went out and brought in wounded men under heavy fire."

**Military Medal, *London Gazette* 21 October 1916.** <sup>465</sup>

Cranmer, 825 Private Charles

Forrest, 951 Private John William

Lambert, 803 Private Robert Pye

Russell, 1130 Private Arthur

Wilby, 594 Private Ernest

<sup>458</sup> Awarded Bar to MM, *London Gazette* 14 January 1918.

<sup>459</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.85.

<sup>460</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.85.

<sup>461</sup> John Bilcliffe wrote that "there is little doubt that the awards listed below were for this action".

<sup>462</sup> Awarded Bar to MM, *London Gazette* 6 August 1918.

<sup>463</sup> John Bilcliffe wrote that "this was the battalion's only major action on the Somme".

<sup>464</sup> Awarded MM, *London Gazette* 13 November 1918.

<sup>465</sup> John Bilcliffe wrote that "it is just possible that the Military Medal awards were given in August for action in the trenches, north of Hardecourt".

## 20th Battalion DLI.

**Battle of Flers-Courcelette: Box and Cox Trenches, and Sunken Road, east of Flers, 15-17 September 1916.**

**Military Medal, *London Gazette* 9 December 1916.**

Abernethy, 20/163 Corporal Frederick <sup>466</sup>

Anderson, 20/247 Private Edmund <sup>467</sup>

Dazley, 20/407 Acting Corporal George <sup>468</sup>

Hardy, 20/139 Private John Thomas <sup>469</sup>

McClumpha, 20/175 Corporal Thomas <sup>470</sup>

**Military Medal, *London Gazette* 6 January 1917.**

Winter, 20/502 Lance Sergeant Edward <sup>471</sup>

**Fourth Army Operations: Attack on Zenith Trench, 23-29 October 1916.**

**Military Medal, *London Gazette* 6 January 1917.**

Tarn, 22/379 Private George B. <sup>472</sup>

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<sup>466</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.100.

<sup>467</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.100. Killed in action 1 October 1916.

<sup>468</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.100.

<sup>469</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.100. Killed in action 1 October 1916

<sup>470</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.100.

<sup>471</sup> *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.100. Killed in action 24 February 1917.

<sup>472</sup> "Bandsman Tarn assisted to dig out 3 men who were buried by a shell, and then dressed their wounds under heavy fire". *Durham Forces in the Field*, p.97.