

sequently for making an attempt to bring another wounded man into cover, whilst exposed to a severe fire: In this attempt he was at once wounded, but persevered in his efforts until rendered helpless by being shot a second time.

8185 Private James Mackenzie, late 2nd Battalion, Scots Guards.

For conspicuous bravery at Rouges Bancs on the 19th December, in rescuing a severely wounded man from in front of the German trenches, under a very heavy fire and after a stretcher-bearer party had been compelled to abandon the attempt.

Private Mackenzie was subsequently killed on that day whilst in the performance of a similar act of gallant conduct.

Lieutenant Philip Neame, Royal Engineers.

For conspicuous bravery on the 19th December, near Neuve Chapelle, when, notwithstanding the very heavy rifle fire and bomb-throwing by the enemy, he succeeded in holding them back and rescuing all the wounded men whom it was possible to move.

10694 Private Abraham Acton, 2nd Battalion, The Border Regiment.

6423 Private James Smith, 3rd Battalion, The Border Regiment (attached 2nd Battalion).

For conspicuous bravery on 21st December, at Rouges Bancs, in voluntarily going from their trench and rescuing a wounded man who had been lying exposed against the enemy's trenches for 75 hours, and on the same day again leaving their trench voluntarily, under heavy fire, to bring into cover another wounded man.

They were under fire for 60 minutes whilst conveying the wounded men into safety.

No. 3556 Lance-Corporal Michael O'Leary, 1st Battalion, Irish Guards.

For conspicuous bravery at Cuinchy on the 1st February 1915. When forming one of the storming party which advanced against the enemy's barricades he rushed to the front and himself killed five Germans who were holding the first barricade, after which he attacked a second barricade, about 60 yards further on, which he captured, after killing three of the enemy and making prisoners of two more.

Lance-Corporal O'Leary thus practically captured the enemy's position by himself, and prevented the rest of the attacking party from being fired upon.

#### CLASP TO VICTORIA CROSS.

Lieutenant Arthur Martin Leake, Royal Army Medical Corps, who was awarded the Victoria Cross on 13th May 1902, is granted a Clasp for conspicuous bravery in the present campaign:—

For most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty throughout the campaign, especially during the period 29th October to 8th November 1914, near Zonnebeke, in rescuing, whilst exposed to constant fire, a large number of the wounded who were lying close to the enemy's trenches.

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the appointment of the undermentioned Officers to be Companions of the Distinguished Service Order, in recognition of their gallantry and devotion to duty whilst serving with the Expeditionary Force:—

Lieutenant Richard Lawrence Bond, 23rd Field Company, Royal Engineers.

For gallantry on the 10th January 1915, when leading the first party of Royal Engineers in the successful attack on the Railway Embankment at Cuinchy.

Captain The Honourable John Beresford Campbell, Reserve of Officers, 1st Battalion, Coldstream Guards.

For gallantry in the operations at Givenchy, 21st to 23rd December 1914, when he handled his Company with great efficiency.

Second Lieutenant The Honourable Richard Coke, 1st Battalion, Scots Guards (formerly Captain, Reserve of Officers, Scots Guards).

For gallantry and resource in the action at Cuinchy on the 1st January 1915, when he led his Company with great promptitude into the fight on the embankment at a critical moment.

Lieutenant Douglas Stewart Davidson, 1st Battalion, The Royal Scots Fusiliers.

For conspicuous gallantry and ability on the 11th November 1914, on the Ypres-Menin Road, in commanding his Company with great success after his senior Officer had been killed.

Second Lieutenant Charles Henry Dowden, 2nd Battalion, King's Royal Rifle Corps.

For conspicuous courage and marked ability on 9th January 1915, in reconnoitring near Cuinchy quite close to the enemy's position, and obtaining valuable information.

During the attack next day he was wounded in the head, but continued at his post until all his men were killed or wounded.

Lieutenant Frederick John Harington, 2nd Battalion, The Prince of Wales's Own (West Yorkshire Regiment).

For conspicuous gallantry on the 18th December 1914, when, accompanied by four men (all of whom were shot) he carried out a very successful attack on the enemy with bombs, under very heavy fire.

Captain Claude Alexander Lafone, 2nd Battalion, The Devonshire Regiment.

For conspicuous gallantry on the night of 18th December 1914, near Neuve Chapelle, in capturing a trench from the enemy.

Lieutenant Geoffrey Claude Langdale Ottley, late 2nd Battalion, Scots Guards.

For conspicuous gallantry in endeavouring to take a portion of the enemy's trenches after a previous effort had failed.

In this attempt he was severely wounded, and has since died.