

Major Geoffrey Wallace Grainger Hughes, 6th Cavalry Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps.

For conspicuous ability and good work in arranging for the care and evacuation of the wounded at Loos on 26th and 27th September, 1915. A large number of wounded infantry were tended and evacuated by the two cavalry field ambulances in addition to wounded cavalrymen. During the greater part of the time Loos was under heavy bombardment.

Major Frederick Lewis, 2nd Battalion, The Leicestershire Regiment.

For conspicuous gallantry and ability during the action near Pietre Farm on 25th September, 1915, when, as second in command, he directed the assault with the utmost coolness. At an early stage he was wounded by shrapnel in the neck, but refused to leave his post for three hours, and then returned immediately after his wound was dressed. He set a fine example to those around him. About 3.30 p.m. he took command of his battalion, his senior Officer being wounded. He has previously been brought to notice for gallant conduct.

Major Sidney Joseph Lowe, The Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment).

For conspicuous gallantry and coolness at Maroc and Loos on 25th and 26th September, 1915, when he visited captured German lines under heavy fire and reported on the situation. On 26th September, again under heavy fire, he collected and reorganised men who were retiring, and directed them back to their positions.

Major Charles Wesley Weldon McLean, 52nd Brigade, Royal Field Artillery.

For conspicuous gallantry and ability on many occasions between May and September, 1915, notably the following:—

On 21st September, 1915, when, although stunned when his Observation Station was hit, he remained at his post and continued to observe the fire of his guns.

On 25th September, when he brought forward his battery with great dash over the open in close support of the infantry near Hohenzollern redoubt, and ran a wire at once, under heavy fire, to the Battalion Headquarters. He observed fire from a very exposed position till after dark, when he was wounded after rejoining his battery. He refused to leave his battery, and brought it out of action himself from a most critical situation.

Major Gilbert Leyborne Popham, 26th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery.

For conspicuous gallantry on 10th September, 1915, at Vermelles. While giving instruction to a battery, a shell set fire to the covering of a gun emplacement, in which were some high explosive shells. Major Popham removed these shells himself, thereby probably saving a very serious explosion.

He also did excellent work during the operations from 21st September till he was severely wounded on 25th September.

Captain (temporary Major) Hugh Alexander Ross, 2nd Battalion, The Gordon Highlanders.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 25th September, 1915, near Hulluch. When his Commanding Officer was wounded early in the morning he took command and led the battalion with great judgment. He held on to an advanced and exposed position all day after his battalion had suffered heavy casualties and he himself had been badly gassed. Captain Ross remained with the battalion till it came back into support, and then only left it on being ordered to go to hospital.

Temporary Captain James Edgar Adamson, 8th Battalion, The Gordon Highlanders.

For conspicuous gallantry at Haisnes on the 25th September, 1915. After leading his company across the open under heavy shell and rifle fire, and across three lines of wire, where he was exposed to heavy machine gun fire, he pressed on with great determination into the village of Haisnes, far in advance of any other detachment, and held on there from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., causing heavy losses to the attacking Germans. Finally, when completely isolated and exposed to bombs and artillery and rifle fire on three sides, he brought back what remained of his company in good order. He exhibited throughout the greatest coolness and courage.

Captain Whiteford John Edward Bell, M.B., No. 2 Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on all occasions, notably near Loos between 28th September and 1st October, 1915, when he visited the advanced bearer post day and night under continuous shell fire and personally supervised the arrangements for collecting and evacuating the wounded in that area. Captain Bell has commanded a bearer division since August, 1914.

Captain (temporary Major) John Wilfred Bird, 6th London Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps, Territorial Force.

For conspicuous devotion to duty during operations at Maroc and Loos, between September 25th and 30th, 1915, in dealing with casualties. On one occasion he worked for 23 hours without any cessation in dressing and tending the wounded. He set a fine example, which had far-reaching results.

Captain (temporary Major) Edward Basil Blogg, 4th London Field Company, Royal Engineers, Territorial Force.

For conspicuous gallantry and ability from 27th August to 25th September, 1915, near Loos and "Hill 70," when he pushed forward the construction of front line trenches with great energy. His area came under heavy fire, but he carried on his work, displaying great bravery and coolness.

After the assault he personally directed the consolidation of the captured positions. In Loos he himself unloaded the mines under the Church Tower, carrying out this dangerous work under heavy shell fire.