

10464 Private (Acting Corporal) H. A. Duester, 5th Battalion, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry.

For conspicuous bravery and resource on the 25th of September, 1915, during the attack on Bellewaarde. Private Duester was one of a party of ten, the survivors of the left column which had been destroyed by shell fire. With great bravery he led this party into the German lines, and successfully bombed his way to the second line, showing great determination and power of leadership. When the line fell back his party was nearly cut off, but by judicious bombing, and the use of German bombs, he successfully extricated them. He was recommended for reward by his surviving comrades.

9593 Private F. Duff, 1st (Royal) Dragoons.

For conspicuous gallantry on the 29th September, 1915, when he accompanied an Officer on his patrol, clearing up the situation between Hill 70 and Chalk Pit Wood. Private Duff exhibited great courage and resource and a fine devotion to duty.

393 Serjeant T. Dundas, 7th Battalion, Seaforth Highlanders.

For conspicuous gallantry and ability on the 25th of September, 1915, near the Three Cabarets. After the first advance, he displayed great bravery and powers of leadership in reorganising a further attack. Later, when his men were being relieved, he saw a party of another regiment in difficulties, and, taking some men back, he bombed the Germans out of the trench under heavy fire. On the 27th of September, during an attack on the Redoubt, he went back and brought up bombs under very heavy fire. Throughout the operations his splendid example and devotion to duty were most marked.

2086 Private E. J. Edwards, 1st Battalion, Manchester Regiment.

For conspicuous gallantry on 25th September, 1915, near Neuve Chapelle. Believing the trench opposite to be occupied by our own troops, his platoon, under Second Lieutenant Findlater, advanced to the barbed wire, cut it, and had passed through, when Germans opened heavy fire on them from the trench. Second Lieutenant Findlater ordered the platoon to retire, while he and Private Edwards stayed behind and threw bombs into the German trench, with such effect that the retirement was carried out in good order and with little loss.

9600 Private H. Edwards, 1st Battalion, South Staffordshire Regiment.

For conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty on the 25th September, 1915, near Hulluch. Private Edwards, acting as a stretcher bearer, while dressing a wounded man under very heavy fire during the attack

on the German trenches, was severely wounded, and although several men offered to help him in his work, he refused to allow this, or to be attended to himself. Having finished his work, he walked over, in full view of the enemy, to attend to another wounded man, when he was struck by another bullet, and fell, wounded; a second time. He gave a fine exhibition of the highest courage and disregard of personal danger.

441 Bombardier S. Edwards, 8th (London) Howitzer Brigade, Royal Field Artillery, Territorial Force.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the 25th September, 1915, at Grenay, when, on duty as a signaller, he went out to find a break in the telephone wire, and although wounded, he found and repaired the break, and arranged for his work to be carried on before going to the Aid Post.

719 Sapper W. Etches, 47th London Divisional Engineers, Territorial Force.

For conspicuous bravery on the 25th September, 1915, at Loos, when, acting as stretcher bearer, he with great bravery and determination continued his work, although wounded in six places by shell fragments, and when other men performing similar duties had been forced to retire.

7018 Lance-Corporal C. Evans, 1st Battalion, Welsh Regiment.

For great bravery and devotion to duty on the 2nd October, 1915, near Vermelles. In the early morning Lance-Corporal Evans went out in front of our parapet to within 50 yards of the German parapet, and brought in with great difficulty a man who was severely wounded, passing over 200 yards under heavy shell and rifle fire. Later he went out again on his own initiative, and carefully searched the ground between the trenches for wounded.

2170 Corporal R. Evans, 1st Battalion, Hertfordshire Regiment, Territorial Force.

For conspicuous gallantry and ability at Cuinchy on 22nd September, 1915, when he went out in bright moonlight 150 yards to see how far the wire had been cut by artillery fire. He made an exhaustive examination of it, remained out an hour and a half, and returned with a report which was most valuable. He knew that our machine-guns were ordered to open fire at 10 p.m., but in order to complete his reconnaissance thoroughly he did not return till 10.30 p.m.

He has frequently volunteered for and carried out useful patrol work of this nature.