

No. 10073 Lance-Corporal Joseph Tombs, 1st Battalion, The King's (Liverpool Regiment).

For most conspicuous gallantry near Rue du Bois, on 16th June, 1915. On his own initiative he crawled out repeatedly under a very heavy shell and machine gun fire, to bring in wounded men who were lying about 100 yards in front of our trenches. He rescued four men, one of whom he dragged back by means of a rifle sling placed round his own neck and the man's body. This man was so severely wounded that unless he had been immediately attended to he must have died.

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the undermentioned rewards for gallantry and devotion to duty in the Field:—

*To be Companions of the Distinguished Service Order.*

Lieutenant-Colonel James Thomas Rankine Wilson, 1st/5th Battalion, The Royal Scots (Lothian Regiment) (Queen's Edinburgh Rifles), Territorial Force.

For conspicuous ability and resource on 19th June, 1915, during operations in the neighbourhood of Krithia, Dardanelles, where he reorganised and carried out the recapture of a Turkish trench from which the troops of another division had been forced back. The success gained was due to Lieutenant-Colonel Wilson's skilful and bold leading and his prompt assumption of responsibility.

Captain Charles Leathley Armitage, 6th Battalion, The Worcestershire Regiment (attached 2nd Battalion).

For conspicuous coolness and gallantry in an assault on the German lines at Richebourg on the night of 15th May, 1915. He led the assault in the face of a very heavy rifle and machine gun fire, and, after his assault had been forced back he skilfully withdrew and reorganised the attack behind our breastworks. He also showed conspicuous ability in organising the rescue of the wounded under heavy fire throughout the night.

Captain Alec Walter Saumarez Brock, 2nd Battalion, The Leicestershire Regiment.

For conspicuous gallantry, near Neuve Chapelle, on May 1st, 1915, when in command of a company containing 50 per cent. of reinforcements who had not previously been under fire. His trench was heavily bombarded and several casualties occurred, while he himself was knocked down and badly bruised by the explosion of a big shell. It was owing to his coolness and skill in getting his men under cover that the casualties were not much heavier and that his company was ready to receive and repulse an infantry attack made later by the enemy. Captain Brock displayed the highest qualities of a company commander under very trying circumstances.

Captain Harold Brown, 5th Battalion, Alexandra, Princess of Wales's Own (Yorkshire Regiment) Territorial Force.

For conspicuous gallantry and ability on several occasions, notably near Hooze, on the night of June 11th, 1915, when he made a very successful reconnaissance of the German trenches. He remained out close to the German barbed wire for 1½ hours, although fired at several times.

Both before and since this occasion Captain Brown has made similar daring and successful reconnaissances.

Captain William Malcolm Lingard Escombe, 20th (County of London) Battalion, The London Regiment (Blackheath and Woolwich) Territorial Force.

For conspicuous gallantry and skill in establishing himself on the crest of the Givenchy bluff on May 28th, 1915, under very heavy fire, and from there directing bomb-throwers with great success for an hour. His prompt action not only repelled a hostile attack, but secured fresh ground, which was consolidated.

Captain Lewis Pugh Evans, 1st Battalion, The Black Watch (Royal Highlanders).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on June 16th, 1915, at Hooze, when, after troops had become much mixed up, he continually moved up and down the firing line under heavy fire from 10 a.m. till midnight reorganising units and bringing back their reports.

Captain Harry Granville Lee-Warner, 9th Battery, Royal Field Artillery.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the operations near Rue du Bois, from 9th to 19th May, 1915. Although wounded on the 9th he remained in command of his battery till forced to give in on the 19th, and during this period he was indefatigable in reconnoitring and reporting on the situation. He was twice shelled out of his observation stations, and did excellent work under heavy shell fire.

Captain Maurice Clive Radford, 1st Battalion, Princess Charlotte of Wales's (Royal Berkshire Regiment).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Cuinchy on the night of 21st June, 1915, when the Germans pumped gas into a mine in which four of our men were on listening post. Under direction of Captain Radford, who displayed great gallantry and resource, the efforts of two N.C.O.'s and two men, who bravely went down the mine, were successful in getting the men out. At about 4.15 a.m. on 22nd June, following their gas attack, the Germans exploded a mine in front of our own, in which were a sergeant and about eight of our men, but owing to the gallant efforts of Capt. Radford, another officer and a few men, who repeatedly went down among the fumes, all the men were rescued, though the rescuers suffered considerably.

Captain Charles Douglas Roe, 1st/4th Gurkha Rifles.

For conspicuous gallantry and resource near the Bois de Biez on 2nd and 4th July,