

February 1915. Near Ypres, from 8th to 15th May, he did excellent work in the trenches, keeping up his men's spirits under very heavy bombardments. He took command of another company in addition to his own, when it had lost all its officers. On the night of 14th/15th March, near St. Eloi, he took a barricade with half his company, went forward by himself to reconnoitre, and then, returning for his company, led them back and cleared the houses on the road.

His Majesty The KING has been graciously pleased to confer the Military Cross on the undermentioned Officers, in recognition of their gallantry and devotion to duty in the Field :—

Captain Vivian Leonard Henderson, 3rd Battalion, The Loyal North Lancashire Regiment (attached 1st Battalion).

For conspicuous gallantry and ability at Bixchoote on 23rd October 1914, when with his machine-gun detachment he performed most valuable services in the final attack and charge, inflicting heavy loss on the enemy. He pushed his guns close up to a flank and helped in a great degree to clear the enemy's trenches.

Captain Hugh Wilderspin Niven, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry.

For conspicuous gallantry and coolness during a very heavy bombardment on 8th May 1915, at Bellegarde lake, east of Ypres, when his battalion suffered very heavy casualties. All the senior officers being disabled, he found himself in charge, and continued to command the battalion with great ability till 15th May. He had previously been brought to notice for consistent good work as Transport Officer, and as Adjutant has done good service, and was once wounded.

Lieutenant Kenneth Bruce Godsell, 17th Field Company, Royal Engineers.

For conspicuous and consistent gallantry east of Ypres between 24th April and 14th May 1915, notably when laying out wire entanglements in front of the support trenches on 7th May within 20 yards of the enemy, who were occupying our front line trenches.

Lieutenant William Brooks Keith, M.B., 1st Home Counties Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps, Territorial Force.

For conspicuous gallantry at Hooze on the night of 23rd-24th April 1915. When a shell killed two stretcher-bearers who were bringing in a wounded officer, he went out to assist, and under heavy fire brought the wounded officer into the dressing station. He has performed many acts of a like nature, and has consistently shown coolness and resource under fire.

Lieutenant (temporary Captain) Norman Charles Henry Macdonald-Moretton, 3rd Battalion, The King's Royal Rifle Corps.

For consistent good work in the trenches at Polygon Wood and Bellewarde Wood between 20th April and 14th May 1915. On the nights of 5th and 6th May he reconnoitred towards the enemy, on the latter night discovering and giving warning of an attack. On 10th May, when occupying the dam at Bellewarde lake, after a six hours' heavy bombardment, he repelled a German infantry attack by the well-directed fire of his company.

Second Lieutenant (temporary Lieutenant) Kenneth Carlyle Gill, 1st Battalion, The Cambridgeshire Regiment, Territorial Force.

For gallant and most useful work on patrol duty on several occasions :—

Near Ypres he went with another officer along the line of the enemy's trenches to investigate some dead ground concealed from our trenches.

On 14th May 1915, he went out and remained on the German parapet 1½ hours, gathering very valuable information.

On the night of the 1st-2nd June, near Houplines, when reconnoitring hostile wire with another officer, the patrol was discovered and heavily fired on. Lieutenant Gill, though severely wounded, made repeated efforts to bring in his brother officer, who was wounded and unable to move, within 20 yards of the German trenches.

Second Lieutenant (temporary Lieutenant) Eric Humphrey Hopkinson, 2nd Battalion, The Cambridgeshire Regiment, Territorial Force.

For gallant and most useful work on patrol duty near Ypres on several occasions, notably on 12th May 1915, when he led his patrol to discover hostile patrols in concealed ground in front of his trenches; and on 14th May, when he led his patrol right up to the German trenches and remained on the parapet 1½ hours. This patrol brought back very valuable information.

Second Lieutenant Bernard William Vann, 8th Battalion, The Sherwood Foresters (Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment), Territorial Force.

For conspicuous gallantry on several occasions :—

At Kemmel, on 24th April 1915, when a small advanced trench which he occupied was blown in, and he himself wounded and half buried, he showed the greatest determination in organising the defence and rescuing buried men under heavy fire. Although wounded and severely bruised, he refused to leave his post till directly ordered to do so.

At Ypres, on 31st July, and subsequent days, he ably assisted another officer to hold the left trench of the line, setting a fine example to those around him. He was