

“FOR VALOUR”: OFFICERS AND MEN AWARDED THE VICTORIA CROSS.

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THE LATE PTE J. MACKENZIE,
2ND BATTALION,
SCOTS GUARDS.

THE LATE LIEUT. J. A. O. BROOKE,
2ND BATTALION,
GORDON HIGHLANDERS.

LIEUT. PHILIP NEAME,
ROYAL
ENGINEERS.

PRIVATE A. ACTON,
2ND BATTALION
BORDER
REGIMENT.

DRUMMER
W. KENNY,
2ND BATTALION
GORDON
HIGHLANDERS.

PRIVATE H. H. ROBSON,
2ND BATTALION,
ROYAL SCOTS (LOTHIAN REG^T).

LANCE-CORP^S MICHAEL O'LEARY,
1ST BATTALION, IRISH GUARDS.

THE LATE LIEUT. F. A. DE PASS,
34TH PRINCE ALBERT VICTOR'S
OWN POONA HORSE.

LIEUT. COL. E. W. ALEXANDER,
119TH BATTERY, R. F. A.

PRIVATE J. SMITH,
3RD BATT^N BORDER REGIMENT.

THE LATE CAP^T J. F. VALLENTIN,
1ST BATT^N SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE REG^T.

LIEUT. A. MARTIN-LEAKE,
R. A. M. C.

Private James Mackenzie won his V.C. for bravery at Rouge Bancs, in rescuing a wounded man under fire. He was killed while performing a similar act. Lieut. James Anson Otho Brooke showed conspicuous bravery at Gheluvelt, leading attacks on German trenches, and regaining a lost trench. He was killed the same day. Lieut. Philip Neame (now Captain) gained his Cross near Neuve Chapelle, when, notwithstanding heavy fire and bomb-throwing, he held the enemy back and rescued wounded. Private Henry Howey Robson showed conspicuous bravery near Kemmel, when he left his trench under heavy fire and rescued a wounded non-commissioned officer. Subsequently he attempted to bring in another wounded man, and persevered until shot a second time. Private Abraham Acton and Private James Smith won their Crosses for conspicuous bravery at Rouge Bancs, in rescuing a wounded man who had been lying exposed against the enemy's trenches for seventy-five hours, and bringing into cover another wounded man. Lance-Corporal, now Sergeant, Michael O'Leary showed conspicuous bravery at Cuinchy. When forming one of the storming party which advanced against the enemy's barricades,

he rushed to the front and killed five Germans at the first barricade. He afterwards attacked a second barricade, which he captured, after killing three Germans and capturing two more. He thus practically took the position by himself. Drummer William Kenny gained his Cross near Ypres, in rescuing wounded men on five occasions, saving machine-guns, and conveying urgent messages under fire. Lieut. Frank Alexander de Pass was honoured for bravery, near Festubert, in entering a German sap and destroying a traverse in the face of the enemy's bombs, and for rescuing a wounded man. He lost his life in a second attempt to capture the sap. Lieut.-Col. Ernest Wright Alexander showed conspicuous bravery and ability at Elouges, on August 24, in handling his battery and saving all his guns, notwithstanding that they had to be withdrawn by hand. Subsequently he rescued a wounded man. Captain John Franks Vallentin won the Cross at Zillebeke when, leading the attack, he was struck down, and on rising to go on was killed. Lieut. Arthur Martin-Leake, who already had the V.C., has been granted a Clasp for bravery, especially near Zonnebeke, in rescuing a large number of wounded.