



323 HUTCHINSON Eric Lloyd



Major E. L. Hutchinson, D.S.O.

Son of W Hutchinson Esq Spit Road Mosman born July 10 1883 Entered 1895
Left 1901 Prefect Junior 1900 Matric 1901 1st XV Great War 1914-18 (Major
DSO Mentioned twice in Despatches) Medical Longueville Rd Lane Cove
Nom Roll Major DSO AAMC RTA 12/5/19

Service Record Medical Practitioner Joined 1/5/15 Capt AAMC Embarked 26/6/15
Gallipoli 16/8/15 20Bn France WIA 11/11/16 Maj 6Fld Amb 29/6/17 DSO
20/11/17 mid 1/1/18 mid 7/4/18

Returned 12/5/19 Terminated 3/10/19

Recommended for MC (18/9/16) : "For continuous good work since arrival in
FRANCE. On 5 May at time of enemy raid on BRIDOUX SALIENT before the
bombardment had ceased this officer went into the front trenches and dressed the
wounded there. During operations around POZIERES - 25 July to 5 Aug and 21 Aug
- 27 Aug 1915 - he several times worked continuously for 48 hours without sleep.
On 6 Aug, after the Battalion had left the trenches, hearing that there were still
wounded in NO MAN'S LAND, he collected a party of stretcher bearers, returned and
conducted a personal search. Under all circumstances this Officer's work has been of
a very high standard."

mid : "On night of 5 - 6 May 1916, right section on right front 5 Australian Infantry
Brigade (BRIDOUX SALIENT). This Officer before the bombardment had concluded
attended to a great number of wounded then under the heavy shell fire of the
enemy."

DSO : "From 7 to 11 October 1917 he was in charge of the evacuation of wounded
from the forward area. He maintained throughout personal contact with the forward
RAP's by means of constant patrol of the bearer lines. On the night of the 8th inst.
he led a relief of stretcher bearers to BRICK-KILN South West of ZONNEBEKE over an
extremely difficult track, being knee deep in mud and at times over his waist in
water. On the afternoon of the 9th inst. he led a party of stretcher bearers through
an intense barrage from Cordial Factory East of ZONNEBEKE to an advance post
North of BROODSEINDE (along the YPRES-ROULERS road) thus relieving a temporary
glut of wounded.

He had very little rest during the whole period, and by his constant attention to the
welfare of the stretcher bearers under his command, encouraged them greatly. He
also set a splendid example by his fearlessness under shellfire.

The name of this officer has been submitted for the same honour in the New Year
List."