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TUESDAY, 7 DECEMBER, 1915.

War Office,  
7th December, 1915.

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to award the Victoria Cross to the undermentioned Non-Commissioned Officer and Man:—

No. 91608 Corporal James Lennox Dawson,  
187th Company, Royal Engineers.

For most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty on 13th October, 1915, at Hohenzollern Redoubt.

During a gas attack, when the trenches were full of men, he walked backwards and forwards along the parapets, fully exposed to a very heavy fire, in order to be the better able to give directions to his own sappers, and to clear the infantry out of the sections of the trench that were full of gas. Finding three leaking gas cylinders, he rolled them some 16 yards away from the trench, again under very heavy fire, and then fired rifle bullets into them to let the gas escape.

There is no doubt that the cool gallantry of Corporal Dawson on this occasion saved many men from being gassed.

No. 17424 Private Thomas Kenny, 13th (Service) Battalion, The Durham Light Infantry.

For most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty on the night of 4th November, 1915, near La Houssoie.

When on patrol in a thick fog with Lieutenant Brown, 13th Battalion, Durham Light Infantry, some Germans, who were lying out in a ditch in front of their parapet, opened fire and shot Lieutenant Brown through both thighs. Private Kenny, although heavily and repeatedly fired upon, crawled about for more than an hour with his wounded officer on his back, trying to find his way through the fog to our trenches. He refused more than once to go on alone, although told by Lieutenant Brown to do so. At last,

when utterly exhausted, he came to a ditch which he recognised, placed Lieutenant Brown in it, and went to look for help. He found an officer and a few men of his battalion at a listening post, and after guiding them back, with their assistance Lieutenant Brown was brought in, although the Germans again opened heavy fire with rifles and machine-guns, and threw bombs at 30 yards distance. Private Kenny's pluck, endurance and devotion to duty were beyond praise.

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the appointment of the undermentioned Officers to be Companions of the Distinguished Service Order, in recognition of their gallantry and devotion to duty in the field:—

Major (temporary Lieutenant-Colonel) Alexander William Pagan, 1st Battalion, Gloucestershire Regiment.

For conspicuous good work when in command of his battalion near Loos on 8th October, 1915, during a heavy bombardment of 4½ hours, followed by a heavy infantry attack.

He had already been brought to notice for good work done on 9th May and 25th September, 1915.

Second Lieutenant Norman Martin, 3rd Battalion (attached 1st Battalion), The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders.

For conspicuous gallantry and determination near Hulluch on October 13th, 1915.

During a bombing attack in a German communication trench, one officer of the company was killed, another wounded, and three parties of bombers were all either killed or wounded. Second Lieutenant Martin then commenced throwing bombs himself, after which he expended all the rounds in his revolver, and continued to fire with a rifle.

It was largely due to his coolness and courage that the barricade was held till more bombers had been obtained.

Second Lieutenant Gilbert France Watson, Welsh Field Company, Welsh Divisional Engineers, Royal Engineers, Territorial Force.

For conspicuous gallantry and determination near Hooze. On the night of 24th-25th September, 1915, he made an excellent reconnaissance of the enemy's wire, and on the 25th crawled out with two men, and successfully cut it before the assault. During the assault, with a party of 12 sappers and 25 infantry, he dug 80 yards of a communication trench in two hours under very heavy fire, by which nearly three-quarters of his men became casualties. He

then reported for instructions, and took the remains of his party into the captured positions in order to consolidate them. When retirement was ordered he got back to our original trenches with one sergeant, who was killed almost at once, and three or four men, and, finding the trenches unoccupied, he collected about 25 men of the 4th Battalion Gordon Highlanders, and held on until relieved by another battalion after dark.

Second Lieutenant Watson set a fine example of bravery and devotion to duty.

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:—

Temporary Captain Hugh Francis de Wolf, 16th Battalion, The King's (Liverpool Regiment) (attached 1st Battalion, The Royal Dublin Fusiliers).

For conspicuous devotion to duty in "Dublin Castle" on the Gallipoli Peninsula, from 1st to 18th October, 1915.

He was indefatigable in his duties, and took great trouble in instructing bomb throwers. He has always displayed coolness and decision under fire, and has got the best out of the men under him.

Captain Henry Nevill Fairbank, 117th Battery, Royal Field Artillery.

For conspicuous gallantry at Hulluch on 13th October, 1915. He took his battery forward to within decisive range in a most exposed position, where, owing to the nature of the ground, he could not dig his guns in.

The fire of this battery at short range was most effective.

Temporary Lieutenant Leslie Guy Stewart Bolland, 10th Battalion, The Duke of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment).

For conspicuous gallantry near Red Lamp salient on the night of 4th November, 1915.

A German patrol of about 50 men attacked and enveloped the party covering some men working between the lines. Two of the covering party were wounded. After ascertaining that the working party had been safely withdrawn, Lieutenant Bolland proceeded to withdraw his covering party, carrying in one of the wounded men on his back, and receiving two bullets through his clothing while doing so. He displayed great coolness and courage throughout.

This is not the first time that Lieutenant Bolland's name has been brought to notice for good service.

Lieutenant (temporary Captain) William Stuart Chirnside, 1/5th Battalion, The Bedfordshire Regiment, Territorial Force.

For conspicuous courage on the Gallipoli Peninsula from 15th to 17th August, 1915. He led his men with great gallantry, and in spite of being wounded, he remained two days at his post, until relieved and taken to hospital.

By his fine example and courage he assisted in keeping up the spirits and morale of his men.

Lieutenant John Robert Cosgrove, 1st Field Company, Canadian Engineers.

For conspicuous gallantry and ability near the Wulverghem-Messines road, on the night of 20th-21st October, 1915.

He prepared for demolition and completely destroyed a house about 300 yards in advance of our firing line. This house had been an enemy advanced post.

Lieutenant William Plato Oulton, 3rd Battalion, The Royal Dublin Fusiliers.

For conspicuous courage at "Dublin Castle," on the Gallipoli Peninsula, on the night of 2nd-3rd October, 1915.

When in charge of a covering party, who were being heavily bombed, by his coolness and courage he kept those nearest him well in hand, and rallied the others. He organised a rescue party, and successfully brought in two men who were wounded.

Second Lieutenant Edward Beckwith, 2nd Battalion, The Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment).

For consistent good work in the vicinity of "Dublin Castle," on the Gallipoli Peninsula, from 14th to 18th October, 1915. While in command of a company his energy was indefatigable and his organization of the work to be done excellent.

Temporary Second Lieutenant Richard Brown Brisco, 172nd Tunnelling Company, Royal Engineers.

Temporary Second Lieutenant Arthur Hibbert, 172nd Tunnelling Company, Royal Engineers.

For conspicuous gallantry and resource on November 10th, 1915, south-east of Ypres.

When one of our galleries struck an enemy gallery these two officers entered the gallery to investigate, Second Lieutenant Brisco

going to the left and Second Lieutenant Hibbert to the right. The former, after going some 80 yards, saw Germans working, and one German close to him, whom he shot with his revolver. The remaining Germans then fired down the gallery and forced him to retire. He rejoined Second Lieutenant Hibbert, who had determined to blow in the enemy's gallery. Second Lieutenant Brisco held the enemy off, while Second Lieutenant Hibbert fetched sandbags and explosives, and together they placed and exploded the charge, thus forestalling the Germans.

Temporary Second Lieutenant Stuart Evans, 6th Battalion (Pioneers), The South Wales Borderers.

For conspicuous gallantry on 3rd November, 1915, in France.

During bombing practice a man, who was about to throw a five-second English ball grenade, slipped, and the grenade was knocked from his hand. Three or four seconds had elapsed when Second Lieutenant Evans picked up the grenade, and threw it towards the trench. It was due to his cool bravery and presence of mind that several lives were not lost, and that many men were not seriously injured.

Second Lieutenant (temporary Lieutenant George William Fox, 1/8th (Isle of Wight Rifles, "Princess Beatrice's") Battalion, The Hampshire Regiment, Territorial Force.

For conspicuous gallantry and good service as bombing officer to the garrison of "Hill 60," Gallipoli Peninsula, between 3rd September and 21st October, 1915. He set a fine example of pluck and coolness to the bombers of the brigade, and had considerable success as a sniper. Second Lieutenant Fox was wounded for the third time on 21st October.

Second Lieutenant Andrew Fraser, 1st Battalion, The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders.

For great courage and energy near Hulloch on 13th October, 1915.

He was in command of a company detailed for an assault down a communicating trench. After three bombing parties had become casualties, he formed another from volunteers, and withstood several strong bombing attacks by the enemy.

Second Lieutenant (temporary Lieutenant) David Gardner, 2/1st Lowland Field Company, Royal Engineers, Territorial Force.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative in the Gallipoli Peninsula. On July 12th,

1915, during an attack, he removed a barricade between the lines in order to allow the infantry to advance. When all the other Royal Engineer officers had been wounded he led forward the remaining sappers to the captured trench, took command of the infantry whom he found there without an officer, organised the defence, and held on till reinforced at dusk. He remained on duty till noon on the following day.

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Second Lieutenant Lionel Beevor Potts, 1st Battalion, The South Wales Borderers.

For conspicuous gallantry near Hulluch on 13th October, 1915.

When in charge of a party of Grenadiers he personally brought up three boxes of bombs under heavy fire. Later he attempted

to bring in a wounded man, carrying him 150 yards to within three yards of his trench, when the man was shot dead.

He performed this act while the enemy were firing on the wounded.

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Temporary Second Lieutenant Winchcombe Norman Carpenter van Grutten, 103rd Brigade, Royal Field Artillery.

For conspicuous gallantry on 25th September, 1915, near Fleurbaix.

At a time when his communications were continually being cut by the enemy's shell fire, he volunteered to lead some bombers under a very heavy fire to the assistance of an infantry battalion, no infantry officer being available. It was mainly owing to his promptness and determination that these bombers reached their destination.