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THURSDAY, 5 JULY, 1917.

War Office,
5th July, 1917.

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the Victoria Cross to the undermentioned Officer and Man:—

2nd Lieutenant (acting Captain). Arthur Henderson, M.C., late Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

For most conspicuous bravery.

During an attack on the enemy trenches this officer, although almost immediately wounded in the left arm, led his Company through the front enemy line until he gained his final objective.

He then proceeded to consolidate his position, which, owing to heavy gun and

machine gun fire and bombing attacks, was in danger of being isolated.

By his cheerful courage and coolness he was enabled to maintain the spirit of his men under most trying conditions.

Captain Henderson was killed after he had successfully accomplished his task.

No. 18233 Pte. John Readitt, South Lancashire Regiment.

For most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty when working down a broad, deep water-course.

Five times he went forward in the face of very heavy machine-gun fire at very close range, being the sole survivor on each occasion. These advances drove back the

enemy machine guns, and about 300 yards of water-course was made good in an hour.

After his officer had been killed Private Readitt, on his own initiative, organised and made several more advances.

On reaching the enemy barricade, he was forced by a counter-attack to retire, giving ground slowly and continuing to throw bombs. On supports reaching him, he held a forward bend by bombing until the position was consolidated.

The action of this gallant soldier saved the

left flank and enabled his Battalion to maintain its position.

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the Military Cross to the undermentioned Officers, in recognition of their conspicuous gallantry in attacking and destroying an enemy airship:—

Capt. Robert Henry Magnus Spencer Saundby,
R. Warwickshire Regt., and R.F. Corps.
2nd Lt. Loudon Pierce Watkins, Canadian
Local Forces and R.F. Corps.

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