

No. 226353 Pte. Harry Brown, late Can. Inf. Bn.

For most conspicuous bravery, courage, and devotion to duty.

After the capture of a position, the enemy massed in force and counter-attacked. The situation became very critical, all wires being cut. It was of the utmost importance to get word back to Headquarters. This soldier and one other were given the message with orders to deliver the same at all costs. The other messenger was killed. Pte. Brown had his arm shattered, but continued on through an intense barrage until he arrived at the close support lines and found an officer.

He was so spent that he fell down the dug-out steps, but retained consciousness long enough to hand over his message, saying, "Important message." He then became unconscious, and died in the dressing station a few hours later.

His devotion to duty was of the highest possible degree imaginable, and his successful delivery of the message undoubtedly saved the loss of the position for the time and prevented many casualties.

No. 17/1280 Pte. William Boynton Butler, West Yorks. R. (Hunslet, Leeds).

For most conspicuous bravery when in charge of a Stokes gun in trenches which were being heavily shelled. Suddenly one of the fly-off levers of a Stokes shell came off and fired the shell in the emplacement. Private Butler picked up the shell and jumped to the entrance of the emplacement, which at that moment a party of infantry were passing. He shouted to them to hurry past as the shell was going off, and turning round, placed himself between the party of men and the live shell and so held it till they were out of danger. He then threw the shell on to the parapets, and took cover in the bottom of the trench. The shell exploded almost on leaving his hand, greatly damaging the trench. By extreme good luck Private Butler was contused only. Undoubtedly his great presence of mind and disregard of his own life saved the lives of the officer and men in the emplacement and the party which was passing at the time.

No. 8387 Pte. Thomas Woodcock, Ir. Gds. (Wigan, Lancashire).

For most conspicuous bravery and determination. He was one of a post commanded by L./Sjt. Moyney which was surrounded. The post held out for 96 hours, but after that time was attacked from all sides in overwhelming numbers and was forced to retire.

Pte. Woodcock covered the retirement with a Lewis gun, and only retired when the enemy had moved round and up to his post and were only a few yards away. He then crossed the river, but hearing cries for help behind him, returned and waded into the stream amid a shower of bombs from the enemy and rescued another member of the party. The latter he then carried across the open ground in broad daylight towards our front line regardless of machine-gun fire that was opened on him.

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

*Lord Chamberlain's Office,
St. James's Palace, S. W.,
17th October 1917.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointments to the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, for valuable services rendered in connection with Military Operations in the Field, to be dated 4th June 1917:—

To be Additional Members of the Military Division of the Third Class, or Companions, of the said Most Honourable Order:—

Col. (T./Brig.-Gen.) William Crawford Walton, C.M.G., Ind. Army.

Col. (T./Brig.-Gen.) Reginald Edward Harry Dyer, Ind. Army.

*Chancery of the Order of
Saint Michael and Saint George,
Downing Street, 17th October 1917.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to give directions for the following appointments to the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, for services rendered in connection with Military Operations in the Field, to be dated 4th June 1917:—

To be Additional Members of the Third Class, or Companions, of the said Most Distinguished Order:—

Lt.-Col. George Arthur Dale, Punjabis, Ind. Army.

Maj. (T./Lt.-Col.) Charles Henry Brownlow Lees, Sikhs, Ind. Army.

*India Office,
17th October 1917.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to make the following appointments to the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire, in recognition of the meritorious services of the undermentioned Officers in connection with the War:—

To be Additional Companions of the said Most Eminent Order.

Major Lewis Cecil Wagstaff, Indian Infantry.
Captain Cyril Penrose Paige, Indian Infantry.

*War Office,
17th October 1917.*

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the undermentioned Rewards for Distinguished Service in the Field, dated 3rd June 1917:—

To be Brevet Lieutenant-Colonels.

Maj. (T./Lt.-Col.) E. C. Alexander, D.S.O., Rif., Ind. Army.

Maj. V. E. Gwyer, Jats, Ind. Army.

To be Brevet Major.

Capt. C. H. G. H. Harvey-Kelly, Baluchis, Ind. Army.