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SATURDAY, 25 NOVEMBER, 1916.

War Office,
25th November, 1916.

His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to confer the Victoria Cross on the undermentioned Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, and Men.

Lieutenant (temporary Lieutenant-Colonel) Roland Boys Bradford, M.C., Durham Light Infantry.

For most conspicuous bravery and good leadership in attack, whereby he saved the situation on the right flank of his Brigade and of the Division.

Lieutenant-Colonel Bradford's Battalion was in support. A leading Battalion having suffered very severe casualties, and the Commander wounded, its flank became dangerously exposed at close quarters to the enemy. Raked by machine-gun fire, the situation of the Battalion was critical. At the request of the wounded Commander, Lieutenant-Colonel Bradford asked permission to command the exposed Battalion in addition to his own.

Permission granted, he at once proceeded to the foremost lines.

By his fearless energy under fire of all description, and his skilful leadership of the

two Battalions, regardless of all danger, he succeeded in rallying the attack, captured and defended the objective, and so secured the flank.

Temporary Second Lieutenant Tom Edwin Adlam, Bedfordshire Regiment.

For most conspicuous bravery during operations.

A portion of a village which had defied capture on the previous day had to be captured at all costs to permit subsequent operations to develop.

This minor operation came under very heavy machine gun and rifle fire.

Second Lieutenant Adlam realising that time was all important, rushed from shell hole to shell hole under heavy fire collecting men for a sudden rush, and for this purpose also collected many enemy grenades. At this stage he was wounded in the leg, but nevertheless he was able to outthrow the enemy and then seizing his opportunity, and in spite of his wound, he led a rush, captured the position and killed the occupants. Throughout the day he continued to lead his men in bombing attacks.

On the following day he again displayed courage of the highest order, and though

again wounded and unable to throw bombs, he continued to lead his men.

His magnificent example and valour, coupled with the skilful handling of the situation, produced far-reaching results.

Temporary Second Lieutenant Henry Kelly, West Riding Regiment.

For most conspicuous bravery in attack.

He twice rallied his Company under the heaviest fire, and finally led the only three available men into the enemy trench, and there remained bombing until two of them had become casualties and enemy reinforcements had arrived.

He then carried his Company Serjeant-Major, who had been wounded, back to our trenches, a distance of 70 yards, and subsequently three other soldiers.

He set a fine example of gallantry and endurance.

No. 11213 Serjeant Robert Downie, Royal Dublin Fusiliers.

For most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty in attack.

When most of the officers had become casualties, this Non-Commissioned Officer, utterly regardless of personal danger, moved about under heavy fire and reorganised the attack, which had been temporarily checked. At the critical moment he rushed forward alone, shouting, "Come on the Dubs."

This stirring appeal met with immediate response, and the line rushed forward at his call.

Serjeant Downie accounted for several of the enemy, and in addition captured a machine gun, killing the team. Though wounded early in the fight, he remained with his company, and gave valuable assistance whilst the position was being consolidated.

It was owing to Serjeant Downie's courage and initiative that this important position, which had resisted four or five previous attacks, was won.

No. 15888 Serjeant James Young Turnbull, late Highland Light Infantry.

For most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty, when, having with his party captured a post apparently of great importance to the enemy, he was subjected to severe counter-attacks, which were continuous throughout the whole day. Although his party was wiped out and replaced several times during the day, Serjeant Turnbull never wavered in his determination to hold the post, the loss of which would have been very serious. Almost single-handed, he maintained his position, and displayed the highest degree of valour and skill in the performance of his duties.

Later in the day this very gallant soldier was killed whilst bombing a counter-attack from the parapets of our trench.

No. 2442 Private Frederick Jeremiah Edwards, Middlesex Regiment.

For most conspicuous bravery and resource. His part of the line was held up by machine-gun fire, and all officers had become casualties. There was confusion and indication of retirement.

Private Edwards, grasping the situation,

on his own initiative dashed out alone towards the gun, which he knocked out with bombs.

This very gallant act, coupled with great presence of mind and a total disregard of personal danger, made further advance possible and cleared up a dangerous situation.

No. 3281 Private Robert Ryder, Middlesex Regiment.

For most conspicuous bravery and initiation during an attack.

His company was held up by heavy rifle fire, and all his officers had become casualties. For want of leadership the attack was flagging.

Private Ryder, realising the situation, without a moment's thought for his own safety dashed absolutely alone at the enemy trench, and, by skilful manipulation of his Lewis gun, succeeded in clearing the trench. This very gallant act not only made possible, but also greatly inspired the subsequent advance of his comrades, and turned possible failure into success.

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to confer the undermentioned awards for gallantry and distinguished service in the Field:—

Distinguished Service Order.

Capt. (temp. Maj.) George Lewis Baxter, Cam'n Highrs.

For gallantry and ability when in command of part of the force which was attacked by far superior numbers. Major Baxter showed great ability in the handling of his force, and repulsed the enemy with considerable losses. He showed great coolness, and rendered valuable assistance in bringing in a wounded officer under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire.

Military Cross.

Temp. 2nd Lt. Edward Kerr Borthwick, King's African Rifles.

For gallantry and determination when in command of a machine gun engaged in thick bush fighting.

An enemy gun was brought 25 yards in rear of him, but he switched on his gun, killing four of the team and capturing the gun.

He later gave excellent supporting fire to our advance.

Royal Red Cross, 2nd Class.

Miss Margery Gertrude Burn, Nursing Staff, Universities' Mission.

Distinguished Conduct Medal.

No. 18 Rfn. H. Cairnduff, S. African Rif.

For gallantry in action. When his troop was ordered to retire from a position enfiladed by machine-gun fire, he returned and brought in two wounded men.

No. 3081 Cpl. M. C. Henry, S. African Mtd. Rif.

For gallantry and devotion to duty. Although severely wounded he helped a com-

rade away under heavy shell fire which had hit all his detachment.

No. 105 Rfn. J. E. Thomas, South African Rif.

For gallantry in bringing the Medical Officer to the firing line under heavy fire at close range, and under similar conditions assisting to bring in a wounded comrade.

No. 108 Rfn. A. A. Vial, S. African Rif.

For gallantry and devotion to duty in assisting Major Baxter to bring in a wounded officer under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire.

His Majesty the KING-EMPEROR has been graciously pleased to confer the undermentioned rewards on officers and men of the Indian Army for gallantry and distinguished service in the Field:—

2nd Class Indian Order of Merit.

3456 Sowar Abdullah Khan, 9th Hodson's Horse.

2793 Sowar Hayat Muhammad, 10th Lancers, attached 9th Hodson's Horse.

2nd Class Sub-Asst. Surgeon Daniel Israel Nuanapragasam, Ind. Sub. Med. Dept.

Ressaldar Muhamed Nur Khan, 36th Jacobs' Horse.

No. 1394 Indian Driver Feteah Jang, attached "U" Battery, R.H.A.

No. 2939 Kot Dafadar Hashim Khan, 19th Lancers.

No. 2205 Sowar Muhamad Hussein, 19th Lancers.

No. 3379 Dafadar Sarbuland Khan, 19th Lancers

Indian Distinguished Service Medal.

Jemadar Ajun Khan, 31st Lancers, attached 19th Lancers.

Sowar Ward-Orderly Ali Mohammed, 20th Deccan Horse, attached Secunderabad C.F.A.

Field-Marshal His Imperial Majesty, The Emperor of Russia, has been graciously pleased to confer the decorations specified below in recognition of valuable services rendered in connection with the War:—

Major-General George Mark Watson Macdonogh, C.B., General Staff, War Office, Order of St. Stanislas, 1st Class.

Colonel Edward Agar, General Staff, War Office, Order of St. Anne, 2nd Class.

Colonel Bernard Ramsden James, attached General Headquarters Staff, France, Order of St. Stanislas, 2nd Class.

Lieutenant-Colonel Alexander George Stuart, late 40th Pathans Indian Army (deceased), Order of St. Stanislas, 2nd Class.

Major Philippe Henri de Perron Casgrain, General Staff, War Office, Order of St. Stanislas, 2nd Class.

Major George Davey Symonds, General Staff, War Office, Order of St. Stanislas, 2nd Class.

There are no restrictions as to the occasions on which these decorations may be worn.

