

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:—

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