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WEDNESDAY, 17 OCTOBER, 1917.

War Office,
17th October, 1917.

His Majesty The KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the Victoria Cross to the undermentioned Officer, Non-commissioned Officers and men:—

T./2nd Lt. Hardy Falconer Parsons, late Glouc R.

For most conspicuous bravery during a night attack by a strong party of the enemy on a bombing post held by his command.

The bombers holding the block were forced back, but 2nd Lt. Parsons remained at his post, and single handed, and although severely scorched and burnt by liquid fire, he continued to hold up the enemy with bombs until severely wounded.

This very gallant act of self-sacrifice and devotion to duty undoubtedly delayed the enemy long enough to allow of the organisation of a bombing party, which succeeded in driving back the enemy before they could enter any portion of the trenches.

This gallant officer succumbed to his wounds.

No. 34795 Sjt. John Carmichael, N. Staff. R. (Glasgow).

For most conspicuous bravery.

When excavating a trench, Sjt. Carmichael saw that a grenade had been unearthed and had started to burn. He immediately rushed to the spot and, shouting to his men to get clear, placed his steel helmet over the grenade and stood on the helmet. The grenade exploded and blew him out of the trench.

Sjt. Carmichael could have thrown the bomb out of his trench, but he realised that by so doing he would have endangered the lives of the men working on top.

By this splendid act of resource and self-sacrifice Sjt. Carmichael undoubtedly saved many men from injury, but it resulted in serious injury to himself.

No. 57113 Sjt. Frederick Hobson, late Can. Inf. Bn.

During a strong enemy counter-attack a Lewis gun in a forward post in a communication trench leading to the enemy lines, was buried by a shell, and the crew, with the exception of one man, killed.

Sjt. Hobson, though not a gunner, grasping the great importance of the post, rushed from his trench, dug out the gun, and got it into action against the enemy who were now advancing down the trench and across the open.

A jam caused the gun to stop firing.

Though wounded, he left the gunner to correct the stoppage, rushed forward at the advancing enemy and, with bayonet and clubbed rifle, single handed, held them back until he himself was killed by a rifle shot. By this time however, the Lewis gun was again in action and reinforcements shortly afterwards arriving, the enemy were beaten off.

The valour and devotion to duty displayed by this non-commissioned Officer gave the gunner the time required to again get the gun into action, and saved a most serious situation.

No. 7708 L./Sjt. John Moyney, Ir. Gds. (Rathdowney, Queen's County).

For most conspicuous bravery when in command of fifteen men forming two advanced posts. In spite of being surrounded by the enemy he held his post for ninety-six hours, having no water and little food. On the morning of the fifth day a large force of the enemy advanced to dislodge him. He ordered his men out of their shell holes, and, taking the initiative, attacked the advancing enemy with bombs, while he used his Lewis gun with great effect from a flank. Finding himself surrounded by superior numbers, he led back his men in a charge through the enemy, and reached a stream which lay between the posts and the line. Here he instructed his party to cross at once while he and Pte. Woodcock remained to cover their retirement.

When the whole of his force had gained the south-west bank unscathed he himself crossed under a shower of bombs. It was due to endurance, skill and devotion to duty shown by this noncommissioned officer that he was able to bring his entire force safely out of action.

No. 15092 Cpl. Sidney James Day, Suff. R. (Norwich).

For most conspicuous bravery.

Cpl. Day was in command of a bombing section detailed to clear a maze of trenches still held by the enemy; this he did, killing two machine gunners and taking four prisoners. On reaching a point where the trench had been levelled, he went alone and bombed his way through to the left, in order to gain touch with the neighbouring troops.

Immediately on his return to his section a stick bomb fell into a trench occupied by two officers (one badly wounded) and three other ranks.

Cpl. Day seized the bomb and threw it over the trench, where it immediately exploded.

This prompt action undoubtedly saved the lives of those in the trench.

He afterwards completed the clearing of the trench, and, establishing himself in an advanced position, remained for sixty-six hours at his post, which came under intense hostile shell and rifle grenade fire.

Throughout the whole operations his conduct was an inspiration to all.

No. 8614 Pte. (actg. L./Cpl.) Frederick G. Room, R. Ir. Regt. (Bristol).

For most conspicuous bravery when in charge of his company stretcher-bearers. During the day the company had many casualties, principally from enemy machine guns and snipers. The company was holding

a line of shell-holes and short trenches. L./Cpl. Room worked continuously under intense fire, dressing the wounded and helping to evacuate them. Throughout this period, with complete disregard for his own life, he showed unremitting devotion to his duties.

By his courage and fearlessness he was the means of saving many of his comrades lives.

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 parados, 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.

To be Companions of the Distinguished Service Order.

- Lt.-Col. Alan James Campbell, Inf., Ind. Army.
- Capt. James Alfred Collum, Cav., Ind. Army.
- Maj. (T./Lt.-Col.) George Lambert Farran, M.C., Cav., Ind. Army.
- Maj. (T./Lt.-Col.) Frederick Fraser Hunter, Ind. Army.
- Maj. Edward Leyborne Popham, Cav., Ind. Army.
- Maj. Richard Sutton Rothwell, R.A.
- Capt. (T./Maj.) Macan Saunders, Sikhs, Ind. Army.

Awarded the Military Cross.

- Capt. James McKenzie Anderson, Inf., Ind. Army.
- Capt. Alexander Dumaresq Bennett, Punjabis, Ind. Army.
- Capt. Lionel Edward Lang, Pioneers, Ind. Army.
- Lt. Kenneth John Thriepeland Ridge, Ind. Army.
- 5666 R.S.M. George Dancey, Oxf. & Bucks. L.I. (now Qr.-Mr. & Hon. Lt.).
- 8649 C.S.M. Ernest Charles Farmer, R. War. R. (now 2nd Lt.).
- 2948 A./R.S.M. Albert Hawkins, E. Kent R. (now Qr.-Mr. & Hon. Lt.).
- 7897 C.S.M. Frederick George Wollett, S. Lan. R. (now 2nd Lt.).
- 8 C.S.M. William Yule, Ind. Unattd. List, formerly R. Scots (now 2nd Lt., empld. Ind. Sig. Serv.).

Awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal.

- 29 C.S.M. J. Butcher, Ind. Unattd. List, formerly R.H.A. (now 2nd Lt., empld. Ind. Sig. Serv.).
- S./Sjt. J. A. Davies, S. & T. Corps, Ind. Army, late R.H.A. (now 2nd Lt., R.A.).
- 4584 R.Q.M.S. T. Newman, Dorset. R. (now 2nd Lt.).
- Condr. H. R. Roffey, Ind. Misc. List (now Asst. Commy. & Hon. Lt.).

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to award the Military Medal to the undermentioned ladies for conspicuous gallantry displayed in the performance of their duties on the occasion of hostile air raids on Casualty Clearing Stations in the Field:—

- Acting Sister Ellen Byrne, Q.A.I.M.N.S. (R.).
- Staff Nurse Elizabeth Jane Eckett, T.F. Nursing Service.
- Sister Winnieford Muriel Hawkins, T.F. Nursing Service.
- Sister Alicia Mary Kelly, Aust. Army Nursing Service.
- Sister Rachel Pratt, Aust. A.M. Corps.
- Acting Sister Catherine Murray Roy, Q.A.I.M.N.S.
- Sister Minnie Wood, Q.A.I.M.N.S.

Awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for valuable services rendered with the Armies in the field:—

- Condr. W. A. Darby, S. & T. Corps, I.A. (now Asst. Commy. & Hon. Lt.).
 5642 Actg. S./M., P. W. Jennings, Lrs. (now 2nd Lt.).
 1st Cl. Asst. Surg. W. T. Kidby, Ind. Sub. Med. Serv. (now Senior Asst. Surg. & Hon. Lt.).
 25031 C.S.M., J. Perigo, R.G.A. (now 2nd Lt., R.A.).
 6874 R.Q.M.S., F. Russell, R.E. (now 2nd Lt., empld. Ind. Sig. Serv.).
 35 Sjt. P. E. Shruballs, Ind. Unattd. List, formerly K.R.R.C. (now 2nd Lt., empld. Ind. Sig. Serv.).
 Condr. P. H. Watson, S. & T. Corps, Ind. Army (now Asst. Commy. & Hon. Lt.).

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to award the Royal Red Cross decoration to the undermentioned Lady, in recognition of her valuable services in connection with the War:—

Senior Nursing Sister Miss Mabel Anna Stroughill, Q.A.M.N.S. for India.

*War Office,
 17th October, 1917.*

The following Russian Decorations and Medals have been awarded at various dates for distinguished services rendered during the course of the campaign:—

His Majesty the KING has given unrestricted permission in all cases to wear the Decorations and Medals in question.

Order of St. Anne, 1st Class (with Swords).
 Major-General John Emerson Wharton Headlam, C.B., D.S.O., General Staff.

Order of St. Anne, 2nd Class.
 Temporary Major Archibald Alexander Gordon, M.V.O., Special List.

Order of St. Anne, 3rd Class (with Swords and Bow).
 Captain Alfred Claude Bromhead, London Regiment.
 Temporary Captain Vere Brabazon, The Viscount Duncannon, M.P., Yeomanry.
 Captain (temporary Lieutenant-Colonel) George Samuel Frederick Napier, retired pay.

Order of St. Stanislas, 1st Class (with Swords).
 Colonel (temporary Brigadier-General) Leopold Guy Francis Maynard, The Lord Brooke, C.M.G., M.V.O., Canadian General List.
 Brigadier-General George Sidney Clive, D.S.O., General Staff.
 The late Lieutenant-Colonel (temporary Brigadier-General) Wilfrid Ellershaw, Royal Artillery.

Order of St. Stanislas, 2nd Class (with Swords).
 Major David Davies, M.P., Royal Welsh Fusiliers.

Order of St. Stanislas, 2nd Class.
 Temporary Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Samuel Hoare, Bart., C.M.G., M.P., Yeomanry.

Order of St. Stanislas, 3rd Class (with Swords and Bow).
 Captain Alfred Claude Bromhead, London Regiment.

Order of St. Stanislas, 3rd Class.
 2nd Lieutenant Alfred Hill, Royal Highlanders.
 Lieutenant Eric Hill, Special List.
 Lieutenant Leo Steveni, Special List.
 Lieutenant Frank Urmston, Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.

Medal of St. George, 4th Class.
 720442 Private Edward John Greengrass, London Regiment.

The following medals were awarded by the Greek Provisional Government for services rendered in conjunction with the military forces of that Government.

His Majesty the King has given unrestricted permission to wear the medals in question.

Medal for Military Merit.
 Temporary 2nd Lieutenant Anthony George Kephala, Special List.

2257 (now 225496) Private Peter McGregor, Cameron Highlanders (Fort-William).
 371 (now 225187) Private Douglas Howard Duncan, Cameron Highlanders (Dundee).

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