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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.