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War Office,
7th March, 1918.

With reference to the awards conferred as announced in the London Gazette dated 18th October, 1917, the following are the statements of service for which the decorations were conferred:—

Awarded a Bar to the Distinguished Service Order.

Lt.-Col. Daniel Mawat Ormond, D.S.O.,
Can. Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He handled his battalion with exceptional ability and success during two days of the fiercest and most bitter fighting ever experienced by his brigade. In spite of the determined resistance by superior numbers of the best troops of the enemy, he captured all his objectives and maintained the organisation of his battalion. Although sixty per cent. of his attacking force became casualties, it did not deter him from attacking and routing a hostile force of more than three times their number. During this operation

twenty machine-guns were captured. Lieutenant-Colonel Ormond also displayed the greatest ability and gallantry in repulsing with the remains of his gallant battalion several determined hostile counter-attacks, during which very heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy. No praise can be too great for the sound judgment and great skill with which he handled his battalion.

(D.S.O. gazetted 4th June, 1917.)

Awarded the Distinguished Service Order.
2nd Lieut. Constantine Evelyn Benson, G.
Gds., Spec. Res.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On his own initiative he pushed forward with a small patrol to make a reconnaissance, with the intention of locating the actual line held by the enemy. In doing so, he came under heavy fire from the enemy machine-guns, and some of his party were killed. Realising the great importance of immediately securing certain high ground which had been temporarily evacuated by the enemy, he went back, despite the heavy machine-gun