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THURSDAY, 25 JULY, 1918.

War Office, 25th July, 1918.

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

Maj. & Bt. Lt.-Col. (T./Brig.-Gen.) George William St. George Grogan, C.M.G., D.S.O., Worc. R.

For most conspicuous bravery and leadership throughout three days of intense fighting. Brigadier-General Grogan was, except for a few hours, in command of the remnants of the Infantry of a Division and various attached troops. His action during the whole of the battle can only be described as magnificent. The utter disregard for his personal safety, combined with the sound practical ability which he displayed, materially helped to stay the onward thrust of the enemy masses. Throughout the third day of operations, a most critical day, he spent his time under artillery, trench morter, rifle and machine-gun fire, riding up and down the front line encouraging his troops, reorganising those who had fallen into disorder, leading back into the line those who were beginning to retire, and setting such a wonderful example that he inspired with his enthusiasm not only his own men but also the Allied troops who were alongside. As a result the line held and repeated enemy attacks were repulsed.

He had one horse shot under him, but nevertheless continued on foot to encourage his men until another horse was brought.

He displayed throughout the highest valour, powers of command and leadership.

T./2nd Lt. John Scott Youll, North'd Fus.

For most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty during enemy attacks when in command of a patrol which came under the hostile barrage. Sending his men back to safety, he remained to observe the situation. Unable subsequently to rejoin his company, 2nd Lt. Youll reported to a neighbouring unit, and when the enemy attacked he main-