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FRIDAY, 31 JANUARY, 1919.

War Office,
31st January, 1919.

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

Lt. (A./Maj.) Brett MacKay Cloutman, M.C., 59th Fld. Coy., R.E., T.F.

For most conspicuous bravery on the 6th November, 1918, at Pont-Sur-Sambre.

Maj. Cloutman, after reconnoitring the river crossings, found the Quartes Bridge almost intact but prepared for demolition. Leaving his party under cover he went forward alone, swam across the river, and, having cut the "leads" from the charges, returned the same way, despite the fact that the bridge and all approaches thereto were swept by enemy shells and machine-gun fire at close range. Although the bridge was blown up later in the day by other means, the abutments remained intact.

T./Lt. Frederick William Hedges, Bedf. R., attd. 6th Bn., North'n R.

For most conspicuous bravery and initiative during the operations north-east of Bousies on the 24th October, 1918.

He led his company with great skill towards the final objective, maintaining direction under the most difficult conditions. When the advance was held up by machine-gun posts, accompanied by one Serjeant and followed at some considerable distance by a Lewis-gun section, he again advanced and displayed the greatest determination, capturing six machine-guns and 14 prisoners.

His gallantry and initiative enabled the whole line to advance, and tended largely to the success of subsequent operations.

Capt. Coulson Norman Mitchell, M.C., 4th Bn., Can. Engrs.

For most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty on the night of 8th-9th October, 1918, at the Canal de L'Escaut, north-east of Cambrai.