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War Office,  
13th February, 1919.

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the Victoria Cross to the undermentioned Officers:—

T./Capt. (A./Maj.) Arnold Horace Santo Waters, D.S.O., M.C., 218th Fld. Coy., R.E.

For most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty on the 4th November, 1918, near Ors, when bridging with his Field Company the Oise-Sambre Canal.

From the outset the task was under artillery and machine-gun fire at close range, the bridge being damaged and the building party suffering severe casualties.

Major Waters, hearing that all his officers had been killed or wounded, at once went forward and personally supervised the completion of the bridge, working on cork floats

while under fire at point-blank range. So intense was the fire that it seemed impossible that he could escape being killed.

The success of the operation was due entirely to his valour and example.

Lt. (A./Lt.-Col.) John Neville Marshall, M.C., late Ir. Gds. (S.R.), attd. 16th Bn., Lan. Fus.

For most conspicuous bravery, determination and leadership in the attack on the Sambre-Oise Canal, near Catillon, on the 4th November, 1918, when a partly constructed bridge came under concentrated fire and was broken before the advanced troops of his battalion could cross.

Lt.-Col. Marshall at once went forward and organised parties to repair the bridge.

The first party were soon killed or wounded, but by personal example he inspired his command, and volunteers were instantly forthcoming.

Under intense fire and with complete disregard of his own safety, he stood on the bank encouraging his men and assisting in

the work, and when the bridge was repaired, attempted to rush across at the head of his battalion and was killed while so doing.

The passage of the canal was of vital importance, and the gallantry displayed by all ranks was largely due to the inspiring example set by Lt.-Col. Marshall.

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