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War Office,
15th March, 1918.

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

T./Lt. (A./Capt.) Allastair Malcolm Cluny McReady-Diarmid (formerly Arthur Malcolm McReady-Drew), late Midd'x R.

For most conspicuous bravery and brilliant leadership.

When the enemy penetrated some distance into our position and the situation was extremely critical, Captain McReady-Diarmid at once led his company forward through a heavy barrage. He immediately engaged the enemy, with such success that he drove them back at least 300 yards, causing

numerous casualties and capturing 27 prisoners.

The following day the enemy again attacked and drove back another company which had lost all its officers. This gallant officer at once called for volunteers and attacked. He drove them back again for 300 yards, with heavy casualties. Throughout this attack Captain McReady-Diarmid led the way himself, and it was absolutely and entirely due to his marvellous throwing of bombs that the ground was regained.

His absolute disregard for danger, his cheerfulness and coolness at a most trying time inspired all who saw him.

This most gallant officer was eventually killed by a bomb when the enemy had been driven right back to their original starting point.

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