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THURSDAY, 8 NOVEMBER, 1917.

War Office,
8th November, 1917.

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

Capt. (actg. Maj.) Okill Massey Learmouth, M.C., late Can. Inf.

For most conspicuous bravery and exceptional devotion to duty. During a determined counter-attack on our new positions, this officer, when his company was momentarily surprised, instantly charged and personally disposed of the attackers. Later, he carried on a tremendous fight with the advancing enemy. Although under intense barrage fire and mortally wounded, he stood on the parapet of the trench, bombed the enemy continuously and directed the defence in such a manner as to infuse a spirit of utmost resistance into his men.

On several occasions this very brave officer actually caught bombs thrown at him by the enemy and threw them back. When he was unable by reason of his wounds to carry on

the fight he still refused to be carried out of the line, and continued to give instructions and invaluable advice to his junior officers, finally handing over all his duties before he was evacuated from the front line to the hospital where he died.

T./Capt. Henry Reynolds, M.C., R. Scots.

For most conspicuous bravery when his company in attack and approaching their final objective, suffered heavy casualties from enemy machine guns and from an enemy "Pill-box" which has been passed by the first wave. Capt. Reynolds reorganised his men who were scattered, and then proceeded alone by rushes from shell hole to shell hole, all the time being under heavy machine gun fire. When near the "Pill-box" he threw a grenade intending that it should go inside, but the enemy had blocked the entrance. He then crawled to the entrance and forced a phosphorous grenade inside. This set the place on fire and caused the death of three of the enemy while the remainder, seven or eight, surrendered with two machine guns.

Afterwards, though wounded, he continued