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WEDNESDAY, 27 JUNE, 1917.

War Office,
27th June, 1917.

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

Lt. Robert Grierson Combe, late Can. Inf. Bn.

For most conspicuous bravery and example.

He steadied his Company under intense fire, and led them through the enemy barrage, reaching the objective with only five men.

With great coolness and courage Lt. Combe proceeded to bomb the enemy, and inflicted heavy casualties. He collected small groups of men and succeeded in capturing the Company objective, together with eighty prisoners.

He repeatedly charged the enemy, driving them before him, and, whilst personally leading his bombers, was killed by an enemy sniper.

His conduct inspired all ranks, and it was entirely due to his magnificent courage that the position was carried, secured and held.

No. 201154 C. S./M. Edward Brooks, Oxf. & Bucks. L.I.

For most conspicuous bravery.

This Warrant Officer, while taking part in a raid on the enemy's trenches, saw that the front wave was checked by an enemy machine gun at close quarters. On his own initiative, and regardless of personal danger, he rushed forward from the second wave with the object of capturing the gun, killing one of the gunners with his revolver and bayonetting another. The remainder of the gun's crew then made off, leaving the gun in his possession.

C. S./M. Brooks then turned the machine gun on to the retreating enemy, after which he carried it back into our lines.

By his courage and initiative he undoubtedly prevented many casualties, and greatly added to the success of the operations.