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WAR OFFICE, September 6, 1915.

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to award the Victoria Cross to Second Lieutenant Sidney Clayton Woodroffe, late 8th Battalion, The Rifle Brigade (The Prince Consort's Own).

For most conspicuous bravery on 30th July 1915, at Hooge.

The enemy having broken through the centre of our front trenches, consequent on the use of burning liquids, this Officer's position was heavily attacked with bombs from the flank and subsequently from the rear, but he managed to defend his post until all his bombs were exhausted, and then skilfully withdrew his remaining men.

This very gallant Officer immediately led his party forward in a counter-attack under an intense rifle and machine-gun fire, and was killed whilst in the act of cutting the wire obstacles in the open.

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to approve the appointment of the undermentioned Officers to be Companions of the Distinguished Service Order, in recognition of their gallantry and devotion to duty in the Field:—

Major James Arthur Hesketh, Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 1st August 1915, near Messines, when a magazine in a farm containing much small arm ammunition and many bombs and grenades was set on fire by the enemy's shells. One box of ammunition began to burn, and the cartridges were exploding in all directions, when Major Hesketh left his dug-out, entered the farm still under heavy shell fire, put out the fire, and removed all the ammunition.

The risk was very great, and but for his gallant action the reserve ammunition would have been destroyed.

Brevet Major George M'Donald Pratt, 2nd Battalion, The York and Lancaster Regiment.

For conspicuous gallantry during an attack on Hooge on 9th and 10th August 1915. He was first into the enemy's position, and rendered his Commanding Officer great assistance in the front line fighting.

Captain Archibald Bentley Beaman, 1st Battalion, The South Staffordshire Regiment.

For conspicuous gallantry and ability at Festubert on 16th May 1915, when commanding the leading company of his Battalion in the attack. He handled his men with great skill, clearing the trenches to his right with his Company and bombers, and, after reaching the line allotted to the Battalion, entrenched himself and held on under heavy