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WEDNESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY, 1918.

War Office,
27th February, 1918.

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

No. 510051 Cpl. Charles William Train, Lond. R. (Finsbury Park).

For most conspicuous bravery, dash and initiative displayed under heavy fire when his company was unexpectedly engaged at close range by a party of the enemy with two machine guns and brought to a standstill.

Corporal Train, on his own initiative, rushed forward and engaged the enemy with rifle grenades, and succeeded in putting some of the team out of action with a direct hit. He then shot at and wounded an officer in command, and with bomb and rifle killed and wounded the remainder of the team. After this he went to the assistance of a comrade who was bombing the enemy from their front and shot at and killed one of the enemy

who was carrying the second gun out of action.

His courage and devotion to duty undoubtedly saved his battalion heavy casualties and enabled them to advance to their objective at a time when the situation seemed critical.

No. 450685 Rifleman. (L./Cpl.) John Alexander Christie, Lond. R. (Upper Holloway).

For most conspicuous bravery when after a position had been captured, the enemy immediately made counter and bombing attacks up communication trenches. L./Cpl. Christie, realising the position, took a supply of bombs over the top, proceeding alone about fifty yards in the open along the communication trench and bombed the enemy. He continued to do this alone in spite of very heavy opposition until a block had been established. Returning towards our lines he heard voices behind him; he at once turned back and bombed another party moving up the trench, entirely breaking up

a further bombing attack. By his prompt and effective action he undoubtedly cleared a difficult position at a most critical time and saved many lives. Throughout he was subjected to heavy machine-gun fire and shell fire. He showed the greatest coolness and a total disregard for his own safety.

No. 6/17978 Pte. James Duffy, R. Innis. Fus. (Letterkenny).

For most conspicuous bravery displayed whilst his company was holding a very ex-

posed position. Private Duffy (a stretcher-bearer) and another stretcher-bearer went out to bring in a seriously wounded comrade; when the other stretcher-bearer was wounded he returned to get another man; when again going forward the relief stretcher-bearer was killed. Private Duffy then went forward alone, and under heavy fire succeeded in getting both wounded men under cover and attended to their injuries. His gallantry undoubtedly saved both men's lives, and he showed throughout an utter disregard of danger under very heavy fire.

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