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War Office,
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His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the Victoria Cross to the undermentioned Officers and Men:—

2nd Lt. (temp. Capt.) Percy Herbert Cherry, M.C., late Aus. Imp. Force.

For most conspicuous bravery, determination and leadership when in command of a company detailed to storm and clear a village.

After all the officers of his company had become casualties he carried on with care and determination, in the face of fierce opposition, and cleared the village of the enemy.

He sent frequent reports of progress made, and when held up for some time by an enemy strong point he organised machine gun and bomb parties and captured the position. His leadership, coolness and bravery set a wonderful example to his men.

Having cleared the village, he took charge of the situation and beat off the most resolute and heavy counter-attacks made by the enemy.

Wounded about 6.30 a.m., he refused to leave his post, and there remained, encourag-

ing all to hold out at all costs, until, about 4.30 p.m., this very gallant officer was killed by an enemy shell.

2nd Lt. George Edward Cates, late Rif. Brig.

For most conspicuous bravery and self-sacrifice.

When engaged with some other men in deepening a captured trench this officer struck with his spade a buried bomb, which immediately started to burn.

2nd Lt. Cates, in order to save the lives of his comrades, placed his foot on the bomb, which immediately exploded.

He showed the most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in performing the act which cost him his life, but saved the lives of others.

No. 13909 Pte. Christopher Cox, Bedf. R.

For most conspicuous bravery and continuous devotion to duty when acting as a stretcher-bearer.

During the attack of his battalion the front wave was checked by the severity of the enemy artillery and machine gun fire, and the whole line had to take cover in shell holes to avoid annihilation.

Pte. Cox, utterly regardless of personal

VICTORIA CROSS.