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SATURDAY, 5 AUGUST, 1916.

War Office,

5th August, 1916.

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to award the Victoria Cross to the undermentioned Officers, Non-commissioned Officer and Men for most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty :—

Lt. Arthur Hugh Batten-Pooll, R. Muns. Fus.

For most conspicuous bravery whilst in command of a raiding party. At the moment of entry into the enemy's lines he was severely wounded by a bomb, which broke and mutilated all the fingers of his right hand. In spite of this he continued to direct operations with unflinching courage, his voice being clearly heard cheering on and directing his men.

He was urged, but refuced, to retire. Half an hour later, during the withdrawal, whilst personally assisting in the rescue of other wounded men, he received two further wounds.

Still refusing assistance, he walked unaided to within 100 yards of our lines, when he fainted, and was carried in by the covering party.

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Capt. John Leslie Green, late R.A.M.C.

For most conspicuous devotion to duty. Although himself wounded, he went to the assistance of an officer who had been wounded and was hung up on the enemy's wire entanglements, and succeeded in dragging him to a shell hole, where he dressed his wounds, notwithstanding that bombs and rifle grenades were thrown at him the whole time.

Captain Green then endeavoured to bring the wounded officer into safe cover, and had nearly succeeded in doing so when he was himself killed.

Lt. Richard Basil Brandram Jones, L.N. Lan. R.

For most conspicuous bravery. He was holding with his platoon a crater recently captured from the enemy. About 7.30 p.m. the enemy exploded a mine forty yards to his right, and at the same time put a heavy barrage of fire on our trenches, thus isolating the platoon.

They then attacked in overwhelming numbers. Lt. Jones kept his men together, steadying them by his fine example, and shot no less than fifteen of the enemy as they advanced, counting them aloud as he did so