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Non-Commissioned-Officers and Men.

No. 1304 Private JOHN CARROLL.

1. Honor recommended: VICTORIA CROSS.

For most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty.

In the Battle of Messines Ridge on June 7th Private John CARROLL acted as a mopper-up.

Immediately the barrage lifted he rushed the enemy's trench and bayoneted four Germans.

He then rescued a comrade in difficulties with one of the eyes, and at once proceeded to his comrade's assistance and killed the German. He continued working ahead with grim determination and wonderful fearlessness, and came across a machine gun and team of four men in a shell hole; they offered resistance but single-handed he attacked the entire team, killed them all and captured the gun.

Later two of his comrades were buried by a shell, and in

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in spite of very heavy shelling and machine gun fire he extricated them.

During the 96 hours the Battalion was in the line Pte Carroll displayed most wonderful courage and fearlessness. Each night he went out wiring in front of the new line and did excellent work. On two occasions he brought wounded men back to our line.

His magnificent example inspired the whole Battalion.

Attached is the evidence of the following witnesses: