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SERGT .- MAJOR WOODS RECEIVES NOTIFICATION THAT HE HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED FOR HIGHEST OF ALL DECORATIONS IN GIFT OF THE KING

Word has been received by Sergt.-Major A. E. Wood who a weeks ago went south from this city, to the effect that he has been recommended for the Victoria Cross. Naturally he is keen to know if this will be granted, as the Victoria Cross is the most coveted decoration a soldier can receive.

Sergt.-Major Wood as already explained in these columns, has already received nine medals. The Croix de Guerre, the highest award of the French Government, has been bestowed

the most amazing stories of the back to his won trench. fields of France and two laid down the Siberian campaign. their lives in the South African campaign. The Sergt .- Major himself landed in France with the first draft of British soldiers who served continuously until February 4, 1918, when he was discharged as the result of four wounds and the effects of gas. In IN THE MATTER OF TANAKA NAOKICHI July, 1918, he returned to Canada IN THE MATTER OF THE ADMINISTRATION but on September 17 he again offered his services and was accepted as a member of the Cana- of September, A. D. 1918, I was appointed dian Siberian Expeditionary Force. During the short time he was in having claims against the said estate are civilian life on this side he was engaged in war work, cutting of November, 1918, and all parties indebtaeroplane spruce in the camps at amount of their indebtedness to me forth-Queen Charlotte Islands.

The Courageous Act.

The valiant act which caused Sergt .- Major Wood to be recommended for the Victoria Cross took place at La Bassee while he IN THE MATTER OF LUIGI COMANDINI, was Sergt.-Major of C Company in the MATTER OF THE ADMINISTRATION of the 2nd Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers on September 25, 1916, and with a full complement of of October, A. D. 1918, I was appointed officers, with the object of taking line of trenches. With the having claims against the forces against them completely overwhelming and their ranks of November, A. D. 1918, and all parties thinned by heavy casualties, the the amount of their indebtedness to me little party were unable to retain forthwith. their objectives, but every officer had been wounded or killed and Dated this 10th day of October, 1918. only seventeen were left of the party when they arrived back to their own trench. Of the seventeen, some were wounded. Enemy machine gun fire was directed with deadly aim on the little band and the Sergt .- Major who had assumed command earlier in the action upon the officers becoming casualties, again braved the perils of No Man's Land and the German lines and, maddened by the destruction of his company, made a flerce attack on the machine gun positions. He put three guns out of action and brought back five ; prisoners, but not before he had two shrapnel wounds and a bayonet wound in the thigh.

Was Once Torpedoed.

Returning home from the Dardanelles, suffering from the effects of gas and troubled with a previous wound which necessitated his leg being put in a splint, the Sergeant-Major was on a ship which was torpedoed. The ship sunk in seven minutes and many of those on board were unable to get to the boats. Sergeant-Major Wood, who was in one of the boats, saw two nurses and some wounded men in the water and tearing the splint from his leg leapt from the boat into the water and succeeded in rescuing the two nurses. It was for this act that he won the Royal Humane Society

medal. Brother Died in His Arms. The saddest experience of the

many Sergeant-Major Wood experienced was at Plugsteert in the early days of the war. Of all the horrors of war Plugsteert is probably the most outstanding in the minds of the men who responded 99 to the call in time to take part in

upon him. He has the Royal Hu- the Sergeant-Major had an added mane Society Gold Medal, in addi- experience to make the memory tion to his army decorations, for even sadder. He was helping in saving life at sea, the King and the recovering of the wounded Queen's South African medals from No Man's Land and had with seven clasps, the Persian brought in two men. A third man Gulf Medal with clasps, a long whom he went to rescue proved! service medal for eighteen years' to be his own and youngest brothcontinuous service without a stain er, shot through the lungs and on his character, the Military wounded in the head. So serious Medal and Mons Star. were the wounded man's injuries Only One Left. that he expired in his brother;'s His personal record is one of arms, after he had been brought

war, and that of his family one | Sergeant-Major Wood had reof the saddest. One of a family turned to Prince Rupert with the of ten biothers, he is the only one idea of getting again into civilian left and his mother and father life when he heard the call for too have died during the great men for service in Siberia as struggle, his mother passing brought by Corporal Nelson. He away while the body of her hus- responded at once and is now at band was in the house awaiting the Willows Camp, Victoria, where burial. Seven of his brothers have he is helping to lick into shape paid the supreme sacrifice on the the men who are preparing for

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