



Parsons, Charles, Regt. No. 783

Military Medal

London Gazette, June 18th 1918

Action Date, April 14th 1917 – Monchy-le-Preux

For bravery in the field. At Monchy on 14th April 1917, when an attack had failed and the enemy were advancing on the village, he displayed the greatest gallantry as one of a small party hastily collected to oppose the hostile advance. This party maintained itself in the face of overwhelming odds, inflicted heavy losses on the enemy and completely checked them on this part of the line.

Bar to Military Medal

London Gazette, March 19th 1918

Action Date, November 30th 1917 – Cambrai

As Headquarters' signaler on the morning of 30th November he took a party of signalers and Regimental police, joined in the counterattack, remained in the front line and helped to consolidate. He got his party together and dug posts. Later on when an officer got wounded, he took command of the Platoon and held his position until the battalion was relieved. On the night of the 30th he collected wires and wired the whole of his Platoon front. By his utter disregard of danger and cheerful manner he helped others to push forward and beat off counterattacks. During the enemy attack on the 3rd December he showed splendid bravery and his party opened fire on an attacking wave and accounted for a number while the rest turned and ran back.