

Greater Love Hath No Man Than This

Half hidden in the files of the London Gazette, where it is set forth with all the ponderousness of official language, is a story of self-sacrifice that stands out pre-eminently, even in this age of deeds of superlative courage and super-chivalry.

The record is contained in the announcement of the award of the Albert Medal of the First Class to Lance-Corporal Charles Henry Anderson, late of the 1-14th Battalion of the London Regiment, who lost his life in France in November last. The official narrative is as follows:—On November 28, 1916, Lance-Corporal Anderson was in a hut in France, with eleven other men, when, accidentally, the safety-pin was withdrawn from a bomb. In the semi-darkness he shouted a warning to the men, rushed to the door, and endeavored to open it so as to throw the bomb into a field.

Failing to do this, when he judged that the five seconds during which the fuse was timed to burn had elapsed, he held the bomb as close to his body as possible with both hands in order to screen the other men in the hut. Anderson himself and one other man were mortally wounded by the explosion, and five men were injured. The remaining five escaped unhurt. Anderson sacrificed his life to save his comrades.

When history opens the purple testament of bleeding war . . .

every man and woman who has played a part will bear a record.

Your name may not be writ among those of the immortals—

But for honor's sake—for the sake of men like Anderson—see to it that it is writ on the scroll with those who at least placed their money at the service of their country.

*Shall it be said that Canada spares not her sons
from the sacrifice of death, yet withholds her
dollars needed to give them victory?*

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