

Harold Hutchinson.
Edward Arnold Abigail.
Harold Ledger Keating.
Dated 18th June, 1915.

The undermentioned to be temporary Second Lieutenants:—

Ralph Scudamore Wilkie.
Ernest John Shuter.
Dated 18th June, 1915.

Arthur Courtenay Donne.
Lance Amary Unwin.
Leonard Francis Nourse.
Dated 20th June, 1915.

The temporary commissions as Second Lieutenants of the undermentioned are terminated from the 26th June, 1915:—

James Henry Grane Cunliffe.
Donald Thomas Tyrer.

Royal Naval Division.

TERMINATION.

The temporary commission as Lieutenant, R.M., of Lionel H. Mander is terminated, he having been appointed to a temporary commission as Second Lieutenant in the Army Service Corps.

To date 27th June, 1915.

Admiralty, 28th June, 1915.

The undermentioned Gentlemen have been granted temporary commissions as Surgeons-General in His Majesty's Fleet:—

George Lenthal Cheatle, C.B., C.V.O., F.R.C.S.

Sir William Watson Cheyne, Bt., C.B., P.R.C.S., F.R.S.

Raymond Johnson, M.B., F.R.C.S.

Sir William Macewen, M.D.

Humphry Davy Rolleston, M.D., F.R.C.P.

Dated 19th June, 1915.

The undermentioned Gentleman has been granted a temporary commission as Fleet Surgeon in His Majesty's Fleet:—

Claude Woodham Morris. Dated 19th June, 1915.

In accordance with the provisions of His late Majesty's Order in Council of 8th December, 1903—

Rear-Admiral Cyril Everard Tower has this day been placed on the Retired List at his own request.

Consequent thereon, the following promotion has been made from the same date:—

Captain Joseph Ridgway Bridson to be Rear-Admiral in His Majesty's Fleet.

War Office,

29th June, 1915.

His Majesty The KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the grant of the Victoria

Cross to the undermentioned Officers, Non-commissioned Officers and Men:—

Lieutenant John George Smyth, 15th Ludhiana Sikhs, Indian Army.

For most conspicuous bravery near Richebourg L'Avoue on 18th May, 1915.

With a bombing party of 10 men, who voluntarily undertook this duty, he conveyed a supply of 96 bombs to within 20 yards of the enemy's position over exceptionally dangerous ground, after the attempts of two other parties had failed.

Lieutenant Smyth succeeded in taking the bombs to the desired position with the aid of two of his men (the other eight having been killed or wounded), and to effect his purpose he had to swim a stream, being exposed the whole time to howitzer, shrapnel, machine gun and rifle fire.

Jemadar Mir Dast, I.O.M., 55th Coke's Rifles (Frontier Force), attached 57th Wilde's Rifles (Frontier Force).

For most conspicuous bravery and great ability at Ypres on 26th April, 1915, when he led his platoon with great gallantry during the attack, and afterwards collected various parties of the regiment (when no British Officers were left) and kept them under his command until the retirement was ordered.

Jemadar Mir Dast subsequently on this day displayed remarkable courage in helping to carry eight British and Indian Officers into safety, whilst exposed to very heavy fire.

No. 7709 Lance-Corporal William Angus, 8th (Lanark) Battalion, The Highland Light Infantry (Territorial Force).

For most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty at Givenchy on the 12th June, 1915, in voluntarily leaving his trench under very heavy bomb and rifle fire, and rescuing a wounded Officer who was lying within a few yards of the enemy's position.

Lance-Corporal Angus had no chance whatever in escaping the enemy's fire when undertaking this very gallant action, and in effecting the rescue he sustained about 40 wounds from bombs, some of them being very serious.

No. 3902 Company Serjeant-Major Frederick Barter, Special Reserve, attached 1st Battalion, The Royal Welsh Fusiliers.

For most conspicuous bravery and marked ability at Festubert on 16th May, 1915.

When in the first line of German trenches, Company Serjeant-Major Barter called for Volunteers to enable him to extend our line, and with the eight men who responded he attacked the German position with bombs, capturing 3 German Officers and 102 men, and 500 yards of their trenches. He subsequently found and cut eleven of the enemy's mine leads, situated about 20 yards apart.

No. 1780 Lance-Corporal David Finlay, 2nd Battalion, The Black Watch (Royal Highlanders).

For most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty on 9th May, 1915, near Rue du Bois, when he led a bombing party of twelve men with the greatest gallantry in the attack until ten of them had fallen.