

War Office,  
10th March 1917.

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the Victoria Cross to the undermentioned Officer and Non-Commissioned Officer:—

Capt. Henry William Murray, D.S.O., Aus. Infy.

For most conspicuous bravery when in command of the right flank company in attack. He led his company to the assault with great skill and courage, and the position was quickly captured. Fighting of a very severe nature followed, and three heavy counter-attacks were beaten back, these successes being due to Captain Murray's wonderful work.

Throughout the night his company suffered heavy casualties through concentrated enemy shell fire, and on one occasion gave ground for a short way. This gallant officer rallied his command and saved the situation by sheer valour.

He made his presence felt throughout the line, encouraging his men, heading bombing parties, leading bayonet charges, and carrying wounded to places of safety.

His magnificent example inspired his men throughout.

No. 9887 Sjt. Edward John Mott, Border R.

For most conspicuous gallantry and initiative when, in an attack, the company to which he belonged was held up at a strong point by machine-gun fire.

Although severely wounded in the eye, Serjeant Mott made a rush for the gun, and after a fierce struggle seized the gunner and took him prisoner, capturing the gun.

It was due to the dash and initiative of this non-commissioned officer that the left flank attack succeeded.

War Office,  
March 9, 1917.

The following are among the Decorations and Medals awarded by the Allied Powers at various dates to the British Forces for distinguished services rendered during the course of the campaign:—

His Majesty the King has given unrestricted permission in all cases to wear the Decorations and Medals in question.

*Decorations conferred by*  
**THE PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH**  
**REPUBLIC.**

*Grand Officier, Legion d'Honneur.*

Major-General (temporary Lieutenant-General) Sir Frederick Thomas Clayton, K.C.M.G., C.B. (October 1916.)

*Commander, Legion d'Honneur.*

Colonel (temporary Brigadier-General) Maurice Lilburn MacEwen, C.B. (January 19, 1916.)

*Croix de Guerre.*

Lieutenant-Colonel Patterson Barton, D.S.O., Royal Artillery. (October 6, 1916.)

Second Lieutenant Walter Maxwell Hannay, Coldstream Guards, Special Reserve. (September 18, 1916.)

Second Lieutenant Horace Martin Capon Ledger, Indian Army Reserve, attached French Sea-plane Squadron. (October 28, 1915.)

No. 208 Serjeant-Major Albert Hunter, Royal Flying Corps (now Second Lieutenant, West Riding Regiment, attached Royal Flying Corps). (February 8, 1917.)

No. Z172 Private T. Fido, Rifle Brigade. (1915.)

*Decorations conferred by Field-Marshal*

**HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY THE**  
**EMPEROR OF RUSSIA.**

*Order of St. Stanislas, 2nd Class (with*  
*Swords).*

Temporary Major Adrian Simpson, Royal Engineers, General Staff. (November 1915.)

*Order of St. Anne, 3rd Class.*

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Major John Fraser Neilson, Hussars. (September 26, 1916.)

*Order of St. Vladimir, 3rd Class.*

Major and Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel Alfred William Fortescue Knox, Rifles, Indian Army. (September 30, 1916.)

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*Order of St. Stanislas, 2nd Class.*

Major and Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel Henry Vere Fane Benet, Lancashire Fusiliers. (September 30, 1916.)

*Order of St. Stanislas, 1st Class.*

Honorary Brigadier-General Wallscourt Hely-Hutchinson Waters, C.V.O., C.M.G. Retired pay. (November 1916.)

*Decorations and Medals conferred by*

**H.M. THE KING OF SERBIA.**

*Order of the White Eagle, Grand Cross (1st Class,*  
*with Swords).*

Lieutenant-General Sir Edward Altham Altham, K.C.B., C.M.G. (August 1916.)

Lieutenant-General Sir Bryan Thomas Mahon, K.C.V.O., C.B., D.S.O., Colonel, 8th Hussars. (August 1916.)

Major-General (temporary Lieutenant-General) George Francis Milne, C.B., D.S.O. (July 1, 1916.)

Lieutenant-General (temporary General) Sir Archibald James Murray, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O., Colonel, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. (August 1916.)