

War Office,
23rd October 1918.

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

No. 43247 Cpl. David Ferguson Hunter
High. L.I. (Dunfermline).

For most conspicuous bravery, determination and devotion to duty.

When the battalion to which he belonged relieved another unit in the front line, Cpl. Hunter was detailed to take on an advanced post which was established in shell holes close to the enemy.

Relief was carried out in darkness, and there was no opportunity of reconnoitring the adjacent ground.

On the following afternoon the enemy drove back the posts on Cpl. Hunter's flanks and established posts in close proximity to and around him, thus completely isolating his command.

Despite the fact that he was exceedingly short of rations and of water this gallant N.C.O. determined to hold on to his post to the last.

On the evening of the second day he endeavoured to communicate with his company without result. Nevertheless he maintained his position, and repelled frequent attacks until the evening of the third day, when a counter-attack relieved him.

Without food and water he had held on to his post for over forty-eight hours. Not only did he withstand constant attacks, but he had also to undergo the barrage fire of the enemy and of our own attacks, which came right across his post.

The outstanding bravery, coupled with the determination, fortitude and endurance, displayed by Cpl. Hunter is beyond all praise, and is a magnificent example to all.

THE GRAND PRIORY OF THE ORDER
OF THE HOSPITAL OF ST. JOHN OF
JERUSALEM IN ENGLAND.

Chancery of the Order,
St. John's Gate,
Clerkenwell, London, E.C. 1,
21st October 1918.

The KING has been graciously pleased to sanction the appointment of Lieut.-Colonel William Endicott, of the American Red Cross, as an Honorary Knight of Grace of the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England.

Crown Office,
18th October 1918.

The KING has been pleased, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal bearing date the 17th instant, to grant unto The Right Hon. Sir William Pickford, Knight, one of the Lords Justices of Appeal, the Office of President of the Probate, Divorce, and Admiralty Division of the High Court of Justice.

Foreign Office,
September 30, 1918.

The KING has been pleased to approve of:—
Commendatore Temistocle Filippo Bernardi as Consul-General of Italy at Dublin for Ireland; Cavaliere Guido Sabetta as Consul-General of Italy at Glasgow for Scotland; Monsieur Sven Magnusson Lagerberg as Consul of Sweden at Halifax, Nova Scotia; Mr. Lin-Goh Wang as Consul of China at Vancouver; Mr. Shih-Yuan Lin as Consul of China in New Zealand; Mr. Kwo-Hsien Chow as Consul of China at Rangoon; and Mr. William Mackay as Consul of Hayti at Edinburgh.

Foreign Office,
October 17, 1918.

The KING has been pleased to grant unrestricted permission to the undermentioned gentlemen to wear decorations of the Order of the Nile, as indicated, which have been respectively conferred on them by His Highness the Sultan of Egypt in recognition of services rendered under the auspices of the British Red Cross Society during the present war:

Second Class of the Order of the Nile.

Temporary Colonel Sir Courtauld Thomson, K.B.E., C.B.; and
Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Godfrey Rogers, K.C.M.G., D.S.O., M.B.

Third Class of the Order of the Nile.

Colonel Charles Needham.

Fourth Class of the Order of the Nile.

Captain John Falconer; and
Charles Henry Lyddon, Esq.

Foreign Office,
October 21, 1918.

The KING has been pleased to grant unrestricted permission to Mrs. Rose Bernard Allen to wear the Cross of Chevalier of the Order of Leopold conferred on her by His Majesty the King of the Belgians in recognition of her services with the Belgian Army as representative of the Belgian Hospital Fund.

Whitehall, October 19, 1918.

Letters Patent have passed the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland conferring the dignity of a Viscount of the said United Kingdom upon the Right Honourable Francis Leveson, Baron Bertie of Thame, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, by the name, style, and title of Viscount Bertie of Thame, in the County of Oxford.