

Art. Engr. to be Ch. Art. Engr. (specially promoted for war services)—

Joseph Fegan. 1st Apr. 1917.

To be Cdr. (retd.)—

Lieut.-Cdr. Andrew W. Kerr. 23rd Mar. 1917.

Lieuts. to be Lieut.-Cdrs.—

Herbert H. J. F. Teale.

Walter R. Bernard.

David M. Fell.

Russell Lister-Kaye.

William E. C. Tait.

The Hon. George Fraser.

Edward L. B. Oliphant.

Ambrose T. N. Abbay.

Ian C. S. Hilton.

Paul R. B. Stevens.

Geoffrey W. Walker-Jones.

Charles G. Stuart, D.S.C.

William M. Carey.

Cosmo M. Graham.

Manfred J. Palmes.

1st Apr. 1917.

Eng. Lieuts. to be Eng. Lieut.-Cdrs.—

John H. Apps.

Harry Batey.

1st Apr. 1917.

Act. Mate to be Mate—

John R. Hooper. 15th Feb. 1916.

To be tempy. Surg.—

Frank A. Knott. 29th Mar. 1917.

*R.N.R.*

To be tempy. Cdr.—

John A. Leighton. 2nd Apr. 1917.

To be tempy. Lieuts.—

John G. Wood. 20th Mar. 1917.

Percy R. Newland. 28th Mar. 1917.

David F. F. Lawrence. 29th Mar. 1917.

To be tempy. Engr. Lieut.—

Martin F. Connell. 26th Oct. 1915.

*R.N.V.R.*

To be tempy. Lieuts.—

Algernon O. Bradford. 1st April 1917.

James H. Bulloch.

Percy S. Hargreaves.

William F. Higgs.

2nd April 1917.

To be tempy. Sub-Lieut.—

William H. B. Sandes.

Arthur E. Beech.

2nd April 1917.

Tempy. Sub-Lieuts. to be tempy. Lieuts.—

Henry Maller. 26th Jan. 1917.

Stanley Paterson. 4th Feb. 1917.

Vincent H. Robinson. 1st April 1917.

Edmond W. Bluett.

Sidney H. Lowry.

29th Mar. 1917.

Hugh M. Henderson. 1st April 1917.

Laurence F. Callingham. 31st Mar. 1917.

To be tempy. Asst. Payr.—

Dudley G. Urben. 27th Mar. 1917.

*War Office,*

31st March, 1917.

ARMY ACT.

It is proposed to amend the " Rules for Military Detention Barracks and Military Prisons," under Section 133 of the Army Act.

Copies of the amendments may be seen at the War Office, Whitehall.

*War Office,*

2nd April, 1917.

ARMY COUNCIL ORDER.

TIMBER.

In pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by the Defence of the Realm Regulations, the Army Council hereby require all persons engaged in the purchase or sale of Timber to furnish such particulars as to their business as may be required by or on behalf of the Director of Timber Supplies.

By Order of the Army Council,

*R. H. Brade.*

*War Office,*

3rd April, 1917.

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the Victoria Cross to No. 731 L./Sjt. (now 2nd Lt.) Frederick William Palmer, R. Fus.

For most conspicuous bravery, control and determination.

During the progress of certain operations, all the Officers of his Company having been shot down, Sjt. Palmer assumed command, and, having cut his way under point blank machine gun fire, through the wire entanglements, he rushed the enemy's trench with six of his men, dislodged the hostile machine gun which had been hampering our advance, and established a block.

He then collected men detached from other regiments, and held the barricade for nearly three hours against seven determined counter-attacks, under an incessant barrage of bombs and rifle grenades from his flank and front.

During his temporary absence in search of more bombs an eighth counter-attack was delivered by the enemy, who succeeded in driving in his party, and threatened the defences of the whole flank. At this critical moment, although he had been blown off his feet by a bomb and was greatly exhausted, he rallied his men, drove back the enemy and maintained his position.

The very conspicuous bravery displayed by this Non-commissioned Officer cannot be overstated, and his splendid determination and devotion to duty undoubtedly averted what might have proved a serious disaster in this sector of the line.

*War Office,*

3rd April, 1917.

REGULAR FORCES.

COMMANDS AND STAFF.

The undermentioned appts. are made:—

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS.

(Graded for purposes of pay as a G.S.O., 3rd Grade).—Maj. F. C. N. Goldney, ret.