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FRIDAY, 8 NOVEMBER, 1918.

*Air Ministry,
8th November, 1918.*

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the Victoria Cross to

Lieut. (actg. Capt.) Ferdinand Maurice Felix West, M.C., Royal Air Force (formerly of the Special Reserve, Royal Munster Fusiliers), in recognition of his outstanding bravery in aerial combat.

Captain West, while engaging hostile troops at a low altitude far over the enemy lines, was attacked by seven aircraft. Early in the engagement one of his legs was partially severed by an explosive bullet, and fell powerless into the controls, rendering the machine for the time unmanageable. Lifting his disabled leg, he regained control of the machine, and, although wounded in the other leg, he, with surpassing bravery and devotion to duty, manœuvred his machine so skilfully that his observer was enabled to get several good bursts into the enemy machines, which drove them away. Captain West then, with rare courage and determination, desperately wounded as he was, brought his machine over our lines and landed safely. Exhausted by his exertions, he

fainted, but on regaining consciousness insisted on writing his report.

(The award of the Military Cross was gazetted on 26th July, 1918.)

AWARDS OF FOREIGN DECORATIONS.

His Majesty the KING has granted unrestricted permission for the wearing of the undermentioned Decorations, conferred on the Officers indicated for valuable services in connection with the War:—

CONFERRED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC.

(FOR SERVICES IN FLANDERS.)

Croix de Guerre avec Palme.

Major (A./Lt.-Col.) Herbert Arthur Reginald Aubrey, M.C. (Sea Patrol) (Shrops. L.I.).
Capt. Rene Maurice Bayley (Sea Patrol) (S.A. Horse).

Major Bertram Charles Bell, D.S.O., D.S.C. (Sea Patrol).

Lieut. (A./Capt.) Robert Mathan Berthe (Sea Patrol).

Lieut. William Black, M.C. (Sea Patrol) (Cam'n Highrs.).

Major Herbert George Brackley, D.S.O., D.S.C. (Sea Patrol).