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THURSDAY, 23 OCTOBER, 1919.

War Office,
23rd October, 1919.

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

NORTH RUSSIA.

The late 133002 Serjeant Samuel George Pearse, M.M., 45th Battalion, Royal Fusiliers (Mildura, Australia).

For most conspicuous bravery, devotion to duty and self-sacrifice during the operation against the enemy battery position north of Emtsa (North Russia) on the 29th August, 1919.

Serjeant Pearse cut his way through the enemy barbed wire under very heavy machine-gun and rifle fire and cleared a way for the troops to enter the battery position.

Seeing that a blockhouse was harassing our advance and causing us casualties, he charged the blockhouse single-handed, killing the occupants with bombs.

This gallant non-commissioned officer met his death a minute later, and it was due to him that the position was carried with so few casualties.

His magnificent bravery and utter disregard for personal danger won for him the admiration of all troops.

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

St. James's Palace, S.W.,
23rd October, 1919.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointment to the Most Honourable Order of the Bath for valuable services rendered in connection with the defence of Kut-al Amarah.* Dated 3rd June, 1919:—

To be an Additional Member of the Military Division of the Third Class, or Companion, of the said Most Honourable Order:—

Lt.-Col. & Bt. Col. Arthur John Netherton Harward, 48th Pnrs., Ind. Army.

*NOTE.—Rewards and Mentions already conferred in connection with the defence of Kut were notified in the London Gazette Nos. 29789 and 29791 of 19th October, 1916, No. 30424 of 12th December, 1917, and No. 30859 of 23rd August, 1918.