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THE CANADIAN ARMY.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the VICTORIA CROSS to:—

Honorary Captain John Weir FOOTE, Canadian Chaplain Services.

At Dieppe, on 19th August, 1942, Honorary Captain Foote, Canadian Chaplain Services, was Regimental Chaplain with the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry.

Upon landing on the beach under heavy fire he attached himself to the Regimental Aid Post which had been set up in a slight depression on the beach, but which was only sufficient to give cover to men lying down. During the subsequent period of approximately eight hours, while the action continued, this officer not only assisted the Regimental Medical Officer in ministering to the wounded in the Regimental Aid Post, but time and again left this shelter to inject morphine, give first-aid and carry wounded personnel from the open beach to the Regimental Aid Post. On these occasions, with utter disregard for his personal safety, Honorary Captain Foote exposed himself to an inferno of fire and saved many lives by his gallant efforts. During the action, as the tide went out, the Regimental Aid Post was moved to the shelter of a stranded landing craft. Honorary Captain Foote continued tirelessly and courageously to carry wounded men from the exposed beach to the cover of the landing craft. He also removed wounded from inside the landing craft when ammunition had been set on fire by enemy shells. When landing craft appeared he carried wounded from the Regimental Aid Post to the landing craft through very heavy fire.

On several occasions this officer had the opportunity to embark but returned to the

beach as his chief concern was the care and evacuation of the wounded. He refused a final opportunity to leave the shore, choosing to suffer the fate of the men he had ministered to for over three years.

Honorary Captain Foote personally saved many lives by his efforts and his example inspired all around him. Those who observed him state that the calmness of this heroic officer as he walked about, collecting the wounded on the fire-swept beach will never be forgotten.

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

St. James's Palace, S.W.1.

14th February, 1946.

The KING has been graciously pleased, on the advice of His Majesty's Australian Ministers, to give orders for the following appointments to the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in the South West Pacific:—

To be Additional Members of the Military Division of the Third Class, or Companions, of the said Most Honourable Order:—

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

Major-General (temporary) Alan Hollick RAMSAY, C.B.E., D.S.O., E.D. (VX.27).

Major-General (temporary) Jack Edwin Stawell STEVENS, D.S.O., E.D. (VX.17).

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

St. James's Palace, S.W.1.

14th February, 1946.

The KING has been graciously pleased, on the advice of His Majesty's Australian Ministers, to give orders for the following promotions in, and appointments to, the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in the South West Pacific:—

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

To be Additional Commanders of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order:—

Brigadier (temporary) Rudolph BIERWIRTH, O.B.E. (VX.289).

Brigadier (temporary) John FIELD, D.S.O., E.D. (TX.2002).