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War Office,

15th May 1919.

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the Victoria Cross to the undermentioned Officers:—

Capt. (A./Maj.) George de Cardonne Elmsall Findlay, D.S.O., M.C., 409th (Lowland) Fd. Coy., R.E., T.F.

For most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty during the forcing of the Sambre-Oise Canal at the Lock, 2 miles south of Catillon, on 4th November 1918, when in charge of the bridging operations at this crossing.

Maj. Findlay was with the leading bridging and assaulting parties which came under heavy fire while trying to cross the dyke between the forming up line and the Lock. The casualties were severe, and the advance was stopped. Nevertheless, under heavy and incessant fire he collected what men he could and repaired the Bridges, in spite of heavy casualties in officers and other ranks. Although wounded, Maj. Findlay continued his task and after two unsuccessful efforts, owing to his men being swept down, he eventually placed the bridge in position across the Lock, and was the first man across, subsequently remaining at this post of danger till further work was completed.

His cool and gallant behaviour inspired volunteers from different units at a critical time when men became casualties almost as soon as they joined him in the fire-swept zone, and it was due to Maj. Findlay's gallantry and devotion to duty that this most important crossing was effected.

Capt. Edward Donald Bellew, 7th Can. Infy. Bn. (Brit. Columbia R.).

For most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty near Keerselaere on 24th April 1915, during the German attack on the Ypres salient. Capt. (then Lieut.) Bellew, as Battalion Machine Gun Officer, had two guns in action on the high ground overlooking Keerselaere. The enemy's attack broke in full force on the morning of the 24th against the front and right flank of the Battalion—the latter being exposed owing to a gap in the line. The right Company was soon put out of action, but the advance was temporarily stayed by Capt. Bellew, who had sited his guns on the left of the right Company. Reinforcements were sent forward, but they in turn were surrounded and destroyed. With the enemy in strength less than 100 yards from him, with no further assistance in sight, and with his rear threatened, Capt. Bellew and Serjt. Peerless, each operating a gun, decided to stay where they were and fight it out. Serjt. Peerless was killed and Capt. Bellew was wounded and fell. Nevertheless, he got up and maintained his fire till ammunition failed and the enemy rushed the position. Capt. Bellew then seized a rifle, smashed his machine gun, and fighting to the last, was taken prisoner.

The late 2nd Lieut. Edmund de Wind, 15th Bn., R. Ir. Rif.

For most conspicuous bravery and self-sacrifice on the 21st March 1918, at the Race Course Redoubt, near Grougie.