

Thomas Greig.
Edward Holland.
Walter Henry Millar.
James Angus Brown.

Dated 27th February, 1916.

Felix Byrne.
John Matthews Campbell.
William Gray.
Hugh Roberts.
George Thomas Crerar.

Dated 28th February, 1916.

To be temporary Midshipmen—

Ronald George McCall.
Evan Douglas Wilson.

Dated 27th February, 1916.

Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.

Temporary Sub-Lieutenant Thomas James Gibson to be temporary Lieutenant. Dated 1st March, 1916.

To be temporary Sub-Lieutenant—

John Clifford Atkinson. Dated 29th February, 1916.

Royal Naval Division.

Temporary Serjeant-Major Thomas Walsh (pensioner), R.M.L.I., is granted a temporary Commission as Lieutenant in the Royal Marines. Dated 24th February, 1916, for duty as Assistant Provost-Marshal at Blandford Camp.

The resignation of temporary Lieutenant Melville Johnstone, R.M., Divisional Train, is accepted to date 26th February, 1916.

War Office,

3rd March, 1916.

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to award the Victoria Cross to the undermentioned Officer and Men:—

Second Lieutenant Alfred Victor Smith, 1/5th Battalion, The East Lancashire Regiment, Territorial Force.

For most conspicuous bravery. He was in the act of throwing a grenade when it slipped from his hand and fell to the bottom of the trench, close to several of our officers and men. He immediately shouted out a warning, and himself jumped clear and into safety; but, seeing that the officers and men were unable to get into cover, and knowing well that the grenade was due to explode, he returned without any hesitation and flung himself down on it. He was instantly killed by the explosion. His magnificent act of self-sacrifice undoubtedly saved many lives.

1053 Private (Shoeing-Smith) Charles Hull, 21st Lancers.

For most conspicuous bravery. When under close fire of the enemy, who were within a few yards, he rescued Captain G. E. D. Learoyd, whose horse had been shot, by taking him up behind him and

galloping into safety. Shoeing-Smith Hull acted entirely on his own initiative, and saved his officer's life at the imminent risk of his own.

No. 10210 Private Harry Christian, 2nd Battalion, Royal Lancaster Regiment.

For most conspicuous bravery. He was holding a crater with five or six men in front of our trenches. The enemy commenced a very heavy bombardment of the position with heavy "minenwerfer" bombs, forcing a temporary withdrawal.

When he found that three men were missing, Private Christian at once returned alone to the crater, and, although bombs were continually bursting actually on the edge of the crater, he found, dug out, and carried one by one into safety all three men, thereby undoubtedly saving their lives.

Later he placed himself where he could see the bombs coming, and directed his comrades when and where to seek cover.

War Office,

3rd March, 1916.

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to confer the Royal Red Cross, 2nd Class, on the undermentioned Ladies, in recognition of their valuable services and devotion to duty from August to November, 1914, whilst working under the Belgian Red Cross in Flanders:—

Miss C. E. A. Thorpe, Matron.

The Honourable Angela Manners, Sister (organizer of the "Manners Ambulance").

War Office,

3rd March, 1916.

REGULAR FORCES.

COMMANDS AND STAFF.

The undermentioned appointments are made:—

PERSONAL STAFF.

Aide-de-Camp—

Temporary Lieutenant J. C. Bush, The Duke of Edinburgh's (Wiltshire Regiment), and to be transferred to the General List. Dated 25th February, 1916.

GENERAL STAFF.

General Staff Officers—

1st Grade—

Lieutenant-Colonel Reginald St. G. Gorton, Royal Artillery, vice Colonel L. R. Carleton, D.S.O. Dated 18th February, 1916.

2nd Grade—

Lieutenant-Colonel Edward J. Buckley, The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, vice Major H. A. L. H. Wade, Reserve of Officers. Dated 19th February, 1916.