

War Office released from military duty for the purpose of working at their trades on or in connection with the production of munitions of war and are so employed accordingly:

And whereas it appears to the Ministry of Munitions, being a Government Department within the meaning of the sub-section referred to above, after consultation with the Army Council, that such work on or in connection with the production of munitions of war is of national importance, and that exemption for the purpose of such work comes within the sphere of the Minister of Munitions, and that certificates of exemption in the case of such members of the Territorial Force can be more conveniently granted by the Minister of Munitions than by the Local Tribunal:

Now, therefore, the Minister of Munitions, after consultation with the Army Council under and by virtue of the provisions recited above, hereby certifies that the work upon which the said members of the Territorial Force so released as aforesaid are employed or engaged is work of national importance:

And the Minister of Munitions hereby further certifies after such consultation as aforesaid that the said members of the Territorial Force so released as aforesaid are as a class exempted from the provisions of the Military Service Act, 1916, until in the case of any one of them the War Office recall him to military duty or the Minister of Munitions informs the War Office that he has no further use for his services on munitions work which ever first happens.

Signed on behalf of the Minister of Munitions.

*W. H. Beveridge,*

Assistant General Secretary.

1st March, 1916.

6, Whitehall Gardens, S.W.

*Admiralty, 1st March, 1916.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the appointment of Lieutenant-Commander Gerald Lord Hodson, R.N., to be a Companion of the Distinguished Service Order.

The KING has further been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the Distinguished Service Cross to Acting Lieutenant Francis Tweedie, R.N.R.

*Award of Distinguished Service Medal.*

The name of Serjeant John Wall, R.M.L.I., Ply. 11072, which appeared in the Supplement to the London Gazette, 19th November, 1915, should read Serjeant Herbert George Wall, R.M.L.I., Ply. 12847.

*Royal Naval Air Service.*

Squadron Commander Harold Larpent Woodcock has been promoted to the rank of Wing Commander. Dated 29th February, 1916.

*Admiralty, 2nd March, 1916.*

The undermentioned Paymasters have this day been promoted to the rank of Staff Paymaster in His Majesty's Fleet:—

Francis Weldon Walshe.  
Thomas Ryder Waterhouse.  
John Siddalls.  
Bernard Arthur Shaw Bromley.

*Royal Naval Reserve.*

Sub-Lieutenant Harold Percy Grindrod to be Lieutenant. Dated 22nd July, 1915.

Temporary Sub-Lieutenant Herbert Thomas Sawyer to be temporary Lieutenant. Dated 28th June, 1915.

Acting Sub-Lieutenant Charles Gordon Noel Laidlaw to be Sub-Lieutenant. Dated 22nd February, 1916.

*Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.*

To be temporary Lieutenants:—

Gilbert Dirk Nelson. Dated 29th February, 1916.

Cecil Birch. Dated 2nd March, 1916.

To be temporary Sub-Lieutenants:—

Walter Nicol Duthie. Dated 1st March, 1916.

Leonard Ratcliffe. Dated 2nd March, 1916.

*Admiralty, 3rd March, 1916.*

The undermentioned Commissioned Telegraphists have been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in His Majesty's Fleet:—

George Frederick Howell.  
Harry Simpson.

Dated 29th February, 1916.

The undermentioned Warrant Telegraphists have been promoted to the rank of Commissioned Telegraphists in His Majesty's Fleet:—

Percival Carter.  
Robert Henry William Westcott.  
Harold Blanden.

Dated 29th February, 1916.

The notice which appeared in the London Gazette of the 11th February, 1916, relative to the grant of a commission as an Assistant Paymaster in the Royal Naval Reserve to Joe Turner is hereby cancelled.

*Royal Naval Reserve.*

To be temporary Sub-Lieutenant:—

Edward Herbert Athol Scales. Dated 1st March, 1916.

To be temporary Engineer Lieutenant:—

Cecil Alexander Wade. Dated 25th February, 1916.

To be temporary Engineer Sub-Lieutenants:—

Llewellyn Powell Williams. Dated 25th February, 1916.

John Shaw. Dated 26th February, 1916.