

War Office,

5th May, 1916.

It has come to the knowledge of the Army Council that, notwithstanding the notice that was issued by the Home Office in May, 1915, firms and individuals in the United Kingdom are still receiving from Neutral countries requests to act as intermediaries or agents for the receipt and re-transmission to other Neutrals of postal and cable correspondence.

In the case of postal correspondence, the question of misleading the censors as to who are the actual parties to the correspondence does not arise, since the letters themselves are self-explanatory in that respect, but in the case of cables the practice is often very misleading.

In both cases the re-transmission of correspondence by an intermediary is dangerous to the intermediary himself, since, as a rule, he has little or no knowledge of the transaction he is indirectly assisting to carry out, and may, unknowingly, become implicated in enemy trade or in the transmission of undesirable information, thereby causing his own legitimate correspondence to be regarded with suspicion.

All persons in the United Kingdom are therefore hereby warned to refuse to act as intermediaries for the re-transmission of telegraphic or postal correspondence, and all such intermediary correspondence will be specially liable to detention.

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REGULAR FORCES.

COMMANDS AND STAFF.

The undermentioned appts. are made:—

PERSONAL STAFF.

A.D.C.—Lt. M. J. A. O'Connell, R. Fus., and to be sec'd. 5th Dec. 1915.

Temp. 2nd Lt. C. R. Wodehouse, Bedf. R., and to be transf'd. to Gen. List, vice Lt. T. A. Franklin, Bedf. R., T.F. 26th Dec. 1915.

Temp. Lt. T. G. Spinney, A.S.C. 27th Mar. 1916.

Temp. Lt. H. Woods. 28th Mar. 1916.

GENERAL STAFF.

G.S.O.s.—

1st Grade.—Maj. G. W. V. Holdich, D.S.O., R.A., and to be temp. Lt.-Col. whilst so empl'd. in succession to Bt. Col. (temp. Col.) G. E. Tyrrell, D.S.O., R.A. 28th Mar. 1916.

The date of appt. of Maj. (temp. Lt.-Col.) R. E. Solly-Flood, Rif. Brig., is 19th Mar. 1916, and not as in the Gazette of 11th Apr. 1916.

2nd Grade.—Maj. V. A. Nye, Ches. R., vice Maj. E. A. Plunkett, Linc. R. 24th Mar. 1916.

Maj. L. F. Arthur, 26th Light Cav., Ind. Army, vice Maj. (temp. Lt.-Col.) J. G. Browne, 14th Hrs. 26th Mar. 1916.

A.G.'s AND Q.M.G.'s STAFF.

D.A. and Q.M.G.—Lt.-Col. (temp. Brig.-Gen.) R. Ford, C.M.G., D.S.O., A.S.C.,

and to retain his temp. rank whilst so empl'd. in succession to Bt. Col. (temp. Brig.-Gen.) G. F. MacMunn, C.B., D.S.O., R.A. 28th Mar. 1916.

A. A. and Q.M.G.—Maj. D. K. E. Hall, Dorset R., Spec. Res.; and to be temp. Lt.-Col. whilst so empl'd., vice Maj. (temp. Lt.-Col.) E. S. D. Goldschmidt, ret. pay. 5th Feb. 1916.

D.A.A.G.s.—Capt. R. C. Seys, R.A. 18th Feb. 1916.

Maj. B. H. W. Taylor, S. Staff. R. 31st Mar. 1916.

A.Q.M.G.—Capt. M. G. Taylor, R.E., and to be temp. Lt.-Col. whilst so empl'd. 24th Mar. 1916.

D.A.Q.M.G.s.—Capt. K. E. B. Mackenzie-Kennedy, N. Staff. R., vice Maj. (temp. Lt.-Col.) J. W. Hope, D.S.O., R.A. 29th Mar. 1916.

Lt. C. O. Harvey, 38th Horse, Ind. Army, and to be temp. Capt. whilst so empl'd. 31st Mar. 1916.

Temp. 2nd Lt. A. A. Baillie, and to be temp. Capt. whilst so empl'd. 1st Apr. 1916.

Maj. R. L. Macalpine-Leny, 16th Lrs. 16th Apr. 1916.

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS.

Insp.-Gen. of Communications.—Bt. Col. (temp. Brig.-Gen.) G. F. MacMunn, C.B., D.S.O., R.A., and to retain his temp. rank whilst so empl'd. 16th Apr. 1916.

(Graded for purposes of pay as a G.S.O., 2nd Grade).—Maj. P. R. C. Groves, Shrop. L.I. 21st Mar. 1916.

(Graded for purposes of pay as a G.S.O., 3rd Grade).—2nd Lt. H. D. Patterson, 9th Hamps. R., T.F., and to be temp. Capt. whilst so empl'd. 18th Apr. 1916.

(Graded for purposes of pay as Staff Capts.).—

Capt. T. W. MacDonald, Bord. R., to remain sec'd., and to be temp. Maj. whilst so empl'd., vice Maj. E. D. Pickard-Cambridge, ret. pay. 10th Jan. 1916.

Capt. Geoffrey de M. H. Orpen-Palmer, Leins. R., and to be sec'd. 15th Apr. 1916.

(Graded for purposes of pay as Staff Lts., 2nd Cl.).—Temp. 2nd Lt. James M. Lawrie relinquishes his appt. and commn. on ceasing to be empl'd. 6th Apr. 1916.

Temp. 2nd Lt. H. A. Nisbet. 26th Apr. 1916.

ATTD. TO HEADQUARTER UNITS.

Comdr.—Col. (temp. Brig.-Gen.) H. W. Hodgson, C.V.O., and to retain his temp. rank whilst so empl'd. 1st Apr. 1916.

Brig. Comdr.—Maj. M. H. Henderson, 26th Light Cav., Ind. Army, and to be temp. Brig.-Gen. whilst so empl'd., vice Maj.-Gen. W. A. Watson, C.B., C.I.E. 31st Mar. 1916.

Brig. Majors.—Maj. O. C. Niven, R.A., and to be sec'd. 23rd Mar. 1916.