

the Garter ; One of Our Most Honourable Privy Council ; Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George ; Knight Grand Cross of Our Royal Victorian Order, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Our Dominion of Canada.

At Our Government House, in Our City of OTTAWA, in Our said Dominion, this THIRTIETH day of NOVEMBER, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, and in the seventh year of Our Reign.

By Command,

JAMES G. FOLEY,
Clerk of the Crown in Chancery
for Canada.

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CANADA.

GEORGE THE FIFTH, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas KING, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

To all to whom these presents shall come, or whom the same may in anywise concern.—GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

E. L. NEWCOMBE, } **W**HEREAS by Our Deputy Minister of Justice, } Proclamation bearing date the twenty-fourth day of November in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen We did declare and proclaim that all soldiers of the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force absent from their units without leave, should be pardoned from such offence provided they surrendered themselves to the officer commanding the unit to which they belonged if that unit should be in Canada, or if it be not, to the district officer commanding any military district in Canada not later than the fifteenth day of December in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen for the purpose of completing their engagements, and We did further by Our said Proclamation direct, declare and proclaim that those soldiers of the said Force undergoing sentence of imprisonment for desertion or absence without leave should be pardoned from such offence and released from imprisonment or detention and be handed over to the officer commanding the unit to which they belonged or to the officer commanding the military district in which they are, for the purpose of being returned to some other units of the said Expeditionary Force in order to complete their engagements ;

AND WHEREAS it has since become apparent that owing to existing circumstances such as the removal of the absentees to distant and out-of-the-way parts of Canada and the United States which Our said Proclamation in that behalf could not soon reach many of the absentees would not been apprised in time to enable them to surrender by the said fifteenth day of December,—

NOW KNOW YE that We do of Our Royal Will and Pleasure ordain, direct, declare and proclaim that the time limit for surrendering under the terms of Our said Proclamation is and shall be extended to the fifteenth day of January in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

Of all which Our loving subjects and all others whom these presents may concern, are hereby required to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Canada to be hereunto affixed. WITNESS : Our

Right Trusty and Right Entirely Beloved Cousin and Counsellor, Victor Christian William, Duke of Devonshire, Marquess of Hartington, Earl of Devonshire, Earl of Burlington, Baron Cavendish of Hardwicke, Baron Cavendish of Keighley, Knight of Our Most Noble Order of the Garter ; One of Our Most Honourable Privy Council ; Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George ; Knight Grand Cross of Our Royal Victorian Order, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Our Dominion of Canada.

At Our Government House, in Our City of OTTAWA, in Our said Dominion, this FOURTEENTH day of DECEMBER, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, and in the seventh year of Our Reign.

By command,

THOMAS MULVEY,
Under-Secretary of State.

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DESPATCHES, ETC.

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WAR OFFICE,

14th November, 1916.

HIS Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the appointments of the undermentioned officers to be Companions of the Distinguished Service Order, in recognition of their gallantry and devotion to duty in the field:—

CANADIAN FORCE.

Maj. Howard Lionel Bodwell, Pioneers.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He, with a small party, built a roadway under intense fire, displaying the greatest courage and initiative. He has on many previous occasions done very fine work.

Capt. Charles Edgar Atheling Bredin, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He led his company in attack and captured an enemy strong point, which was holding up the attack, under intense artillery, rifle and machine gun fire. Later he took over the companies of the whole line and consolidated the position with great skill and determination.

Temp. Maj. Charles Edward Fairweather, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. With his company, he dug a trench 200 yards in front of the front line under intense fire, and thereby rendered the support necessary to ensure the safety of the ground gained by a flanking battalion. He displayed the greatest courage and initiative throughout.

Lt.-Col. Ethelbert Brown Hardy, A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations. He controlled the evacuation of the sick and wounded, and by his energy and courage kept up the spirits of the stretcher-bearers when they were much exhausted.

Capt. (temp. Maj.) John Brunton Harstone, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He led his company with great dash in the attack, and when he had lost touch with his battalion com-