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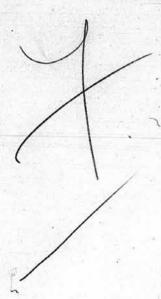
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Reference Daily Orders, Part II
No. 5C, 31/1/17, para. 3: Kindly
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is stated to be the D.S.O. The
London Gazette of 1/1/17 on file
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PAY AND RECORD OFFICE.

58. VICTORIA STREET,

LONDON, S,W.

24th May, 1918 .

Hon. Minister of Militia,

St. John's,

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REPLY

Dated

June 20th, 1918,181

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Prime Minister's Office, St. John's, Newfoundland. 4th. March 1918.

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I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of

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I should be very glad to receive a copy of the letters when they are ready.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) W.F. Lloyd

Prime Minister.

J.R.Bennett, Esq.,
Acting Minister

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Copy

February 85,1918.

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The work of these Officers is well known to you and to
all members of the Government, and I think a letter either
direct from the Co ernment or from this department on
behalf of, and as the Military Representative of the
Govern/ment would be a graceful act and would be appreciated
by the Officers to whom they would be addressed.

I have the honour to be, Sit,

Your obedient Servant.

(fa) J.R.B.MUNTT. --

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Extract of Daily Orders Part 11.

By Lieut.Col.ALL.Hadow, C.M.G., Comdg.Nfld.Regt. 26/8/17.

Strength Major J. Forbes-Robertson, D.S.O., M.C., late 2nd i/c, having taken over command of 16th Middlesex Regt.is struck off the strength of this Regt.from Aug.17th, (auth.29th Division, C.D. 93 of 23/8/17.)

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Extract of elegram from Major Timewell, received May 20,1917.

Public investiture takes place June 2nd, Hyde Park by H.M. The King, will include.

Major Forbes Robertson.

Distinguished Service Order, Military Cross, Original in M-37.

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MENTIONS IN DESPATCHES.

LT. Col. J. Forbes-Robertson.

Authority. London Gazette. 22/5/17

A W A R D. June 5, 1917.

By Lieut.Col.Sir. W.E.Davidson, K.C.M.G., Officer Comdg.

Major (Tempt.Lt.Col) Forbes Robertson

Has been awarded Distinguished Service Order

and Military Cross.

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Extract of Regimental Order dated Expils2., 1917.

By Lieut.Col.Sir. W. E. Davidson, K.C.M.G., Officer Comdg.

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Daily Orders 1st Bn. 5/5/17

Reference.

London Gazette 18/6/17

"For conspicious gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of his battalion during an enemy attack He collected all the men he could find and taking up a position on the out-skirts of the village brought the hostile advance to an end by his fire. He undoubtedly saved a very critical saturation by his promptness, bravery and example."

88th Brigade Lists.

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For information.

Governor.

4 January 1917.

No. 774.

Code Telegram from Major Timewell. (reed. 4 January 1917)

Military Cross awarded Major Forbes Rebertson in London Gazette January 1st, for distinguished service in the field.



C.R. C. D.

PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, ST JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND. November 23rd, 1916.

Dear Sir Walter Davidson,

I have to thank you for your confidential communication of this morning, in relation to Major Forbes Robertson.

Yours faithfully,

His Excellency Sir W. E. Davidson, K. C. M. G., Governor.

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Paymaster & 0.1/c Records.

For information.

31 Oct. 1916.

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Code Telegram from Capt. Timewell. (reed. 81 October 1916)

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Please advise if suitable for present position ends.

Newfoundland Contingent, Pay & Record Office, 58, Victoria St., S.W. 5th January, 1917.

Dear Forbes-Robertson,

I enclose Railway Warrants
(A.B.422), Cheltemham to Ayr and
Ayr to London as requested.

There are one or two matters which I would like to ask you about and would be glad to see you when convenient.

So far as I am aware Colonel Whitaker is at Ayr, and I note that you are telegraphing to ascertain.

Glad to hear that the
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Extract of Regimental Order dated July 18, 1916.

By Lieut.Col.Sir.W.E.Davidson, K.C.M.G., Officer Comdg.

IST. BATTALION NOTE FROM ARTHUR STEEL MAITLAND, ESQ.,
"Dear Sir. Walter:- You will be glad to know that Inhave just
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