

## HONORS AND REWARDS.

Captain P. P. Acland, who recently won the Military Cross, has received his majority.

Lieut. James Joseph Stock, who has received the Military Cross, belongs to the topographical surveys branch and was in Saskatchewan on field work when war broke out, but came to Ottawa and enlisted with the Canadian Engineers. He went to the front with the second Canadian Division. The deed for which he was given the M.C. was carrying out preparations for three assaults with great judgment under heavy fire, and for carrying on, although he was hit in the chest by a bomb which failed to explode. He has a brother, Sergt.-Maj. Frank J. Stock, now at the front with the 38th Battalion. The Stock family lived formerly in Stratford.

More details have been received concerning the special services of Flight Sub.-Lieutenant Horwood James Arnold, R. N. A. S., during the operations against the "Konigsberg," for which he was awarded the D. S. O. The Admiralty announcement in the *Times* reads, in part, as follows:—

"Flight Commander Cull and Sub-Lieut. Arnold were spotting on the 11th of July under fire in a biplane, when the enemy's fire damaged it so that it descended in a quarter of an hour from 3,200 feet to 2,000 feet. During this time no attempt was made to return to headquarters at Mafia, although it was obvious that this could not be done unless a start was made at once.

"Flight Sub-Lieut. Arnold continued his spotting signals the whole time, and when a quarter of an hour later the machine was again hit and forced to descend, Flight Commander Cull controlled the machine and Flight Sub-Lieut. Arnold continued to send spotting corrections to the last, after warning the monitors that they were coming down and would endeavour to land near them. The aeroplane finally came down in the river, turning over and over. Flight Commander Cull was nearly drowned, but was assisted by Flight Sub-Lieut. Arnold, and both were rescued by a boat from the *Mersey*."

Readers of *The Civilian* are already aware that Flight Sub-Lieut. Arnold is

a civil servant,—a wireless operator of the Radiotelegraphs Branch of the Department of the Naval Service. The kind of stuff that is in him was demonstrated before the war gave opportunity for such distinguished service as that for which he has now been decorated. When he was an operator at Triangle Island, B. C., a gale carried away the aerial halyards and he "shinned" up a 200 feet mast to replace them. He was at Ikeda, on the Queen Charlotte Islands, when the war broke out and immediately he conceived the ambition of "wirelessing" from an aeroplane. Accepted for service, he crossed Hecate Strait and Queen Charlotte Sound alone in a 16-foot motor boat in order to make connections with a ship for England. He is only twenty-three years of age.

Major Hector B. Verret has been appointed a lieutenant-colonel. News of his promotion on the battlefield has been received in Ottawa. He is with the 4th Entrenching Regiment of the 4th Division.

## THE 74th BATTERY.

In the last issue of the *Civilian*, announcement was made of the initial steps being taken by, and on behalf of, the recruiting agency of the 74th Battery Canadian Field Artillery. This campaign, conducted in a manner that has reflected credit upon all concerned therein, has been a fruitful one and the results thereof are in themselves a striking tribute to the methods employed.

To go out into Ottawa at this stage of the war game and secure as recruits forty of the very best of the Capital's young manhood is in itself no mean task. All honour to the splendid chaps who have made it possible; all honour too, to those who in the next few days make the 74th up to full strength. Petewawa is a pretty good place for a MAN to spend a few weeks in, preparatory to taking the greatest trip to the old lands that it has ever been any Canadian's privilege to take.