

## MEDALS AND MEMORIES MINUTES



Lieut. Gordon M. Flowerdew  
Image: Veterans Affairs Canada

Lieutenant Gordon Muriel Flowerdew of "C" Squadron, Lord Strathcona's Horse, Canadian Cavalry Brigade led the charge at Moreuil Wood that so unnerved the enemy that the German spring offensive of 1918 turned into a retreat. The Victoria Cross citation read, "... Lt. Flowerdew saw two lines of the enemy, each about sixty strong, with machine guns in the centre and flanks, one line being about two hundred yards behind the other ... The squadron ... passed over both lines, killing many of the enemy with the sword, and wheeling about galloped at them again. Although the squadron had then lost about 70% of its numbers, killed and wounded, from rifle and machine gun fire directed on it from the front and both flanks, the enemy broke and retired ... Lt. Flowerdew was dangerously wounded through both thighs during the operation, but continued to cheer on his men. There can be no doubt that this officer's great valour was the prime factor in the capture of the position." Gordon Flowerdew died the next day; he lies buried in Somme, France.

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THE KING HANDS V.C. TO MOTHER OF DEAD CAVALRY OFFICER.



Lieut. Gordon M. Flowerdew, C.O., C.M.G., D.S.O.



Mrs. Flowerdew with her dead son's V.C.



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At the last breakfast, the King presented the V.C. won by the late Lieut. Flowerdew to the deceased officer's mother, and she presented other honours. Lieut. Flowerdew, of the Canadian Cavalry, led a brilliant charge through the enemy lines.

Newspaper account of V.C. presentation to mother of Lieut. Gordon Muriel Flowerdew Image: Cdn. Daily Record/Veterans Affairs Can.