

assistance or for safety appliances, though they were fully aware of the cause of Brewer's collapse and consequently of the grave risk they were running. They were at once overcome by the noxious gases in the compartment, and when removed were in an unconscious condition.

Every endeavour was made to restore them to consciousness, but without success.

Amended Notice.—The original notice appeared in the London Gazette of the 21st May 1920.

Whitehall, July 14, 1920.

The KING has been pleased to award the Albert Medal to Lt.-Col. (Bt. Col.) Arthur Stedman Cotton, C.M.G., D.S.O., Royal Artillery, in recognition of his gallantry in saving life in the following circumstances:—

On the 14th October 1919, at Novorossisk, South Russia, an ammunition dump exploded, setting fire to the s.s. "War Pike," which was carrying a cargo of munitions, including shells. Colonel Cotton, as explosions were taking place both on the quay and on board the ship, cleared the bystanders from the neighbourhood, and assisted in casting off the hawsers from the vessel. He then organised a small party to follow the steamer in a tug, when it was towed out to sea, in order to render all possible assistance, and, although the vessel was burning fiercely, the hold and bunkers being well alight, he boarded her and endeavoured to get the fire under control. It was not until the fore part of the ship began to settle down that he and his party left the vessel.

Colonel Cotton's prompt action, which was attended by great personal risk, in all probability saved many lives.

Downing Street,
14th July 1920.

The KING has been pleased to appoint Admiral of the Fleet the Right Honourable Viscount Jellicoe, G.C.B., O.M., G.C.V.O., to be Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Dominion of New Zealand.

War Office,
13th July 1920.

With reference to the announcement of the undermentioned awards which appeared in the London Gazette of the 3rd February 1920, the following are the acts of gallantry for which the awards were made:—

Awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal.

MURMANSK COMMAND

S2SR/02993 S./Q.M./Sjt. J. H. Cawthorn, R.A.S.C. (Leicester).

For outstanding zeal, energy and ability in dealing with the supplies to the various

columns in the Forward Area. This Warrant Officer has carried out his duties with exceptional success, thereby setting a fine example to all those under his control. He has shown great devotion to duty and an entire disregard of personal safety.

ARCHANGEL COMMAND.

308011 Sjt. G. A. Hay, R.A.M.C., T.F. (Aberdeen).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the 5th April 1919. When the enemy attacked Sred-Mekrenya he organised a party of stretcher-bearers and took them out under heavy fire to collect wounded. He continued at this work for a considerable time, and was the means of saving several lives.

133007 Pte. J. Purdue, 45th Bn., R. Fus. (Victoria, Australia).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during operations, 7th to 11th August 1919. He carried a wounded officer for four hours through marsh and forest, and, when the enemy attacked, he showed great coolness while helping to repel the attack.

FINLAND AND BALTIC STATES.

308353 A./C./Q./M. Sjt. H. H. Attwood, Tank C. (Birmingham).

He has performed the duties of Quartermaster-Serjeant to the detachment in a very satisfactory manner; also when in charge of a 6-pounder gun he did good work in ferreting out machine-gun posts and dislodging the enemy.

War Office,
13th July 1920.

With reference to the announcement of the undermentioned awards which appeared in the London Gazette of the 12th February 1920, the following are the acts of gallantry for which the awards were made:—

Awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL KURDISTAN.

292273 Pte. (A./Sjt.) W. Axe, 1/9th Bn., Midd'x R. (Kilburn).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty throughout the 30th and the 31st May 1919, at Kara Anjir. He commanded his picquet in a most gallant manner, and on the 31st May displayed a fine example to his men when leading in an attack on the enemy.

6240 Sqdn. Q./M./Sjt. F. A. M'Bride, 13th Hrs. (Ontario).

For conspicuous gallantry on the 20th May 1919, near Sulia Aniyah, whilst with the Kurdish Levies in charge of a camp. When the camp was attacked and the men of his party dispersed, he collected the Indian and Armenian personnel and under heavy fire escorted them to a place of safety. His conduct throughout the operations was exemplary.