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War Office, 22nd December, 1919.

With reference to the announcement of the undermentioned awards which appeared in the London Gazette of the 7th February, 1919, the following are the acts of gallantry for which the awards were made:—

AWARDED THE DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.

240207 A./C./S./M. W. Chisholm, 5th Bn., Gord. Highrs., and 2/2nd K. Afr. Rif. (Peterhead). (E. AFRICA)

For conspicuous gallantry in action and high devotion to duty. He has at all times displayed great determination and ability in action as a platoon leader, and has also performed some bold patrol work, rendering most useful service.

L/8076 Cpl. G. Hobday, 2nd Bn., R. Suss. R., and 1/2nd Bn., K. Afr. Rif. (Belfast). (E. AFRICA)

For gallantry at Medo on 12th April, 1918, in remaining at his post when wounded and thereby setting a fine example of courage to all ranks. In addition he has commanded a platoon with exceptional ability and courage, and has been of the greatest assistance to his company commander.

S.5 Cpl. Jeremani, Northern Rhodesia Police. (E. AFRICA)

German East Africa, August, 1915, to June, 1918. For having on numerous occasions whilst a scout undertaken missions of exceptional danger with marked success. He has done consistent good work.

290861 A./Sjt. J. McCallum, 2/7th Bn., R. Highrs., and 4/4th K. Afr. Rif. (Cowdenbeath). (E. AFRICA)

For constant display of the greatest gallantry and resource in action. On two occasions while firing a Lewis gun he fearlessly exposed himself under very heavy fire in order to bring his gun into action against a portion of the enemy's line which was enfilading his own firing line. Not only has

he set a very fine example, but he has been of the greatest assistance to his company commander.

4th Cl. Asst. Surgn. D. M. Mackay, Indian Sub-Med. Dept. (India). (E. AFRICA)

For the display of great courage and presence of mind at Medo on 12th April, 1918, when he repeatedly went out to collect wounded under heavy rifle and machine-gun His services on this occasion were admirable.

173622 Ftr./S./Sjt. E. Mason, R.G.A., attd. 22nd Derejat Mtn. Bty. (F.F.) (Stokeon-Trent). E. AFRICA)

On 1st May, 1918, at Koronje, Portuguese East Africa, when the battery was attacked by a field company with two machine guns, he, with two Indian N.C.O's., went out under heavy machine-gun fire and successfully brought in the breech of a howitzer which had been bucked off by its mule between the escort and the enemy. An act of great gallantry, as they were under fire from both sides; but for these three men the breech might have been captured.

835 Pte. Moto, Northern Rhodesia Police.

(E. AFRICA) From August, 1915, to June, 1918. Mpepo the machine gun to which this man was attached came into action 400 yards from the enemy position under enemy machine-gun fire. He was wounded, but remained at his post, and when the line retired he, with Cpl. Samsoni, brought the gun out of action safely.

127971 Spr. W. E. Oughton, R.E. (Signals) (Kensal Rise, N.W.). (E. AFRICA)

For consistent good service and devotion to duty in the face of the enemy. He has, owing to sickness among the drivers, taken cable to columns, often at great personal risk, and has likewise taken out linesmen when the line has been cut. He has twice been involved in ambushes, when he has on both occasions exhibited great personal gallantry and initiative.

479 Cpl. Samsoni, Northern Rhodesian Police. (EAST AFRICA)

From August, 1915, to June, 1918. At Mpepo the machine gun to which this man was attached came into action 400 yards from the enemy position under enemy machine-gun fire. He was wounded, but remained at his post, and when the line retired he, with Pte. Moto, brought the gun out of action safely.

1179 Cpl. Songandewo, Northern Rhodesia (E. AFRICA) Police, German East Africa, August, 1915, to June, 1918. For having on numerous occasions whilst a scout undertaken missions of

exceptional danger with marked success. He has done consistent good work.

570033 Sjt. G. Vanhinsbergh, 17th (R.) Bn., Lond. R. (Shepherd's Lane, N.E.).

(E. AFRICA) For conspicuous gallantry at Nkinjiri on 17th 'April, 1918, when he was twice wounded in endeavouring to render assistance to one of his company officers who was mortally wounded. He has at all times displayed great gallantry and initiative.

SOUTH AFRICAN FORCE.

A/70 Cpl. J. L. Beith, British S.A. Police. (E. AFRICA)

German East Africa, August, 1915, to June, 1918. He has been in the field since August, 1915, and has performed continuous good work in action throughout, more especially in the fight at Mkapira in October, 1916, where he was wounded. He had previously been wounded at Bismarckburg in June, 1916.

3704 Condr. J. A. Brummer, S.A.S.C.

(E. AFRICA) On 26th and 27th June, 1918, at the crossing of the Lurio River, Portuguese East Africa, he swam this crocodile-in-fested river five times with horses, narrowly escaping seizing by a crocodile the third time, and swimming twice across next day and getting all his animals over. During the whole operation he showed great courage and devotion to duty.

1120 Cpl. W. A. T. Humphries, S.A. Sig. (E. AFRICA)

For constant good work, devotion to duty, and gallantry under fire. Also for conspicuous gallantry at Masanje, Portuguese East Africa, on 1st January, 1918.

1645 Sjt. G. H. Stafford, British S.A. Police. (E. AFRICA) German East Africa, April, 1916, to June, 1918. Has always been very cool under fire, and has accounted for several of the enemy. Through his good work as an Intelligence Agent and Scout the of the enemy.

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Liwuka Wireless Post was saved.

AWARDED THE DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.

362045 B./Q./M./S. J. Burke, 14th Sge. Bty., R.G.A. (Liscard).

During the past six months he has shown great energy and resource, and has performed most excellent service. By his gallant conduct and example during several heavy gas concentrations in the Nieppe Forest in May and June, 1918, he kept his men well in hand, and so enabled them to carry on under very trying conditions.

26698 Sjt. W. Simms, 58th Bn., M.G.

Corps (Littlehampton).

He has performed the duties of Section Serjeant with marked gallantry and ability; rendering invaluable assistance to his sec-

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tion officers. On one occasion during an advance, when his section officer had become a casualty, he carried on and led the section through a heavy barrage, consolidated, and kept his guns in action for three days, and gave much invaluable covering fire to the attacking infantry.

700712 Dvr. W. Spedding, B/291st (Lond.) Bde., R.F.A., T.F. (Blackburn).

For continued good service, courage and devotion to duty during the whole of 1918, particularly during the period 3rd/8th August, on the Bray-Corbie road, when packing ammunition. The column was very heavily shelled each night. He succeeded in bringing back his own animals, and on two occasions brought back another pair. He set a very fine example to his comrades by assisting N.C.O.'s to round up animals that had been dispersed by enemy fire.

266806 Sjt. J. Sullivan, 6th Bn., Welsh

R. (Abergavenny).

At Vermand, on 16th September, 1918, he was in charge of scattered working parties. After leaving a party of four men and having reached another part of the village, he heard shells bursting in the place he had just left. He at once ran to the spot, when more shells burst, killing and wounding three of the party. As there was no stretcher-bearer present, he personally rendered first aid to the wounded under fire, at great danger to himself.

2357 Sjt. P. C. Howell, 6th Bn., Rif. Bde., and Nigeria Regt. (Toronto, Canada).

(NIGERIA)

On 3rd August, 1918, Serjeant Howell, when proceeding to the town of Gumlanja, was attacked, and had to order his escort to open fire in self-defence. In the fighting that ensued it is estimated that seven natives were killed and four wounded.

CORRECTIONS.

The following are the correct descriptions of non-commissioned officers and men who have been awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal:—

2086 Pte. G. L. Davis, 1/6th Bn., L'pool R., T.F.

(London Gazette dated 14th Jan. 1916.) (Not as amended in London Gazette of the 2nd Dec. 1919.)

72082 Sjt. J. Cahill, XXIst Corps Sig. Coy., R.E.

(London Gazette dated 11th Apr. 1918.)

402006 C./Q./M./Sjt. G. Hardie, 404th (High.) Fd. Coy., R.E., T.F. (London Gazette dated 1st Jan. 1918.)

P/4732 Sjt. L. T. Marsom, M.M.P. (London Gazette dated 1st Jan. 1918.)

317320 Gnr. (A./Bdr.) F. T. Waters, R.G.A. (London Gazette dated 1st Jan. 1919.)

DM2/180263 Sjt. C. G. Thomson, 784th M.T. Coy., R.A.S.C. (MESOPOTAMIA) (London Gazette dated 1st May 1918.)

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