

Descriptions of the boundaries of the areas (1) above were published in the London Gazette on Tuesday, the 27th April, 1937, and those of (2) in the London Gazette on Friday, the 28th January, 1938. Maps showing the areas concerned can be inspected on application to the Petroleum Department, Dean Stanley Street, Millbank, London, S.W.1.

Board of Trade,  
Mines Department,  
Dean Stanley Street,  
Millbank, London, S.W.1.  
2nd December, 1938.

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following honours and awards for officers and men of the Royal Navy and the Mercantile Marine in respect of services on the Yangtse river in December, 1937:—

*To be Companions of the Distinguished Service Order.*

Captain George Eric Maxia O'Donnell, Royal Navy. Late Chief Staff Officer to the Rear-Admiral, Yangtse.

This Officer was present in H.M.S. "Ladybird" during a bombing attack on British shipping at Wuhu on the 5th December, 1937.

Though painfully wounded in the right hand he placed himself under the orders of the Commanding Officer when the helmsman of H.M.S. "Ladybird" was hit, and took the wheel himself. Shortly afterwards, and with no regard for his own safety or his injury, he landed among hostile soldiery and proceeded to the shore Headquarters to protest, and was in time to prevent more than one round being fired at H.M.S. "Bee".

Lieutenant-Commander Harry Douglas Barlow, Royal Navy.

This Officer was in command of H.M.S. "Ladybird" during a bombing attack on British shipping at Wuhu on the 5th December, 1937. He was slightly wounded but acted with promptitude and decision in most trying conditions and used his ship and the Tug "Ohanyung" to the best advantage in attempting to save life and property.

In command of H.M.S. "Ladybird" during the attack on this ship and H.M.S. "Bee" at Wuhu on the 12th December, 1937, this Officer drew the fire of the shore batteries. He handled his ship ably, coolly, fearlessly and with resolution, showing complete disregard for his own safety, being only concerned with the safety of his ship and his ship's company.

*Distinguished Service Cross.*

Mr. Joseph William Hurst, O.B.E. Admiralty Pilot, Yangtse River.

On the morning of the 5th December, 1937, during the bombing of British shipping at Wuhu, Mr. Hurst took control of the Tug "Ohanyung", displaying remarkable powers of command over a panic-stricken native crew. By his seamanlike and fearless handling of the Tug he made possible the rescue of the ship's company of S.S. "Tuckwo" from a difficult and dangerous situation.

*Distinguished Service Medal.*

Officers' Steward First Class Yueng Chang Kaig.

In conjunction with Mr. Hurst he raised a scratch crew to man the Tug "Ohanyung" and was thereby instrumental in rescuing the crew of S.S. "Tuckwo".

*The following officer has been mentioned in despatches:—*

Rear-Admiral Reginald Vesey Holt, C.B., D.S.O., M.V.O. Rear-Admiral and Senior Naval Officer, Yangtse.

On learning of the sinking of the U.S.S. "Panay" on the 13th December, 1937, he immediately went to her assistance. During the 13th and 14th December Rear-Admiral Holt personally conducted the search for the "Panay" survivors, on many occasions exposing himself to personal danger, and his actions throughout were gallant, forceful and successful.

War Office,  
2nd December, 1938.

REGULAR ARMY.

Col. B. C. S. Clarke, D.S.O., retires on ret. pay 1st Dec. 1938, and is granted the hon. rank of Brig.

Col. H. F. Brace, D.S.O., M.C., retires on ret. pay. 1st Dec. 1938.

The undermentioned Cols. retire on ret. pay. 3rd Dec. 1938:—

A. G. Paterson, D.S.O., M.C.

R. M. Aylmer.

C. J. S. Le Cornu, O.B.E., M.C., on an Indian pension.

Col. C. La T. T. Jones, D.S.O., M.C., is granted the temp. rank of Brig. whilst empld. as Chief Engineer, W. Comd. (temp.). 7th Nov. 1938.

COMMANDS AND STAFF.

The undermentioned relinquish their appts. 1st Dec. 1938:—

Col. H. F. Brace, D.S.O., M.C., as O i/c Cav. Record and Pay Office, Canterbury.

Maj. J. A. Baillon, M.C., S. Stafford R., as G.S.O. for Weapon Trng., Aldershot Comd.

The undermentioned appts. are made:—

Maj. N. A. Bramwell, R.A., to be Instr. in Gunn., Ceylon. 18th Nov. 1938.

Lt. D. H. Walker, Black Watch, to be A.D.C. to the Govr.-Gen. & C.-in-C., Dominion of Canada. 8th Oct. 1938.

ROYAL REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY.

Maj. G. D. Holmes, M.B.E., remains sec'd. for serv. on the Staff. 27th Sept. 1938. (Substituted for the notfn. in the Gazette of 25th Nov. 1938.)

Maj. C. H. R. Wynne, M.C., is sec'd. for serv. on the Staff. 24th Oct. 1938.

Maj. A. B. de C. Dickinson is restd. to the estab. 7th Nov. 1938.

Maj. H. A. Hounsell is sec'd. for serv. on the Staff. 9th Nov. 1938.