

sleeper bridge on the railway about a mile from the station. This N.C.O., in command of fifteen men, made very gallant attempts to extinguish the fire under heavy enemy sniping from a hill commanding the bridge. He showed marked ability in commanding his men in subsequent operations (Iraq).

MACHINE GUN CORPS.

7817467 Pte. (A./Cpl.) Hobday, F. E., No. 7 Armd. Mot. By. (East Ham).

For gallant conduct and devotion to duty on 21st April, 1921, at Hinis Tangi whilst in command of an armoured car. The car was attacked by a party of about 50 Mahsuds. Cpl. Hobday jumped into the turret and, although wounded in five places, worked the gun with considerable effect, eventually dispersing the enemy with many casualties. He continued to work the gun until he fainted from loss of blood. As the car was not in good running order, Cpl. Hobday's action prevented the enemy from overwhelming his party (Waziristan).

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the Meritorious Service Medal to the undermentioned Warrant Officer, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men in recognition of valuable services rendered with the British Forces in Iraq:—

To be dated 7th February, 1921.

ROYAL HORSE AND ROYAL FIELD ARTILLERY.

1037324 Gnr. Hills, J. [E] (Woolwich).
1048479 Dvr. Pettitt, E. R. [E] (Woolwich).
1053242 Gnr. Stocks, W. K. [E] (Woolwich).

THE WORCESTERSHIRE REGIMENT.

5244022 Sjt. Sanford, F., 9th Bn. (Portsmouth).

THE EAST SURREY REGIMENT.

6132262 Sjt. Wilson, G. H., 2nd Bn. [E] (Kingston-on-Thames).

THE KING'S ROYAL RIFLE CORPS.

6837242 Sjt. Childs, A. W., 3rd Bn. (Aldershot).

ROYAL ARMY ORDNANCE CORPS.

7578333 Pte. Pankhurst, G. (Brighton).

INDIAN ARMY.

Condr. Hartnett, G. W., Ind. Misc. List.

*War Office,
29th March, 1922.*

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the Meritorious Service Medal to the undermentioned, in recognition of devotion to duty and valuable services rendered while prisoners of war (Eastern Anatolia):—

MACHINE GUN CORPS.

7810248 Carter, Pte. H. (Denver Downham).
7809427 Leadbeater, Pte. R. (Chorlton-on-Medlock).

ROYAL ARMY SERVICE CORPS.

M/24819 L/Cpl. Ankers, H. D. (Maldon, Essex).

*War Office,
29th March, 1922.*

MENTIONS IN DESPACHES.

FRIANCE.

The names of the undermentioned Officers are to be added to those brought to the notice of the Secretary of State for War for gallant and distinguished conduct in the Field, by General Sir Douglas Haig, G.C.B., Commander-in-Chief, the British Armies in France, in his Despatch dated 30th April, 1916. (Published in London Gazette dated 15th June, 1916.) (No. 29623.):—

Brook, Maj. R. J., D.S.O., 3rd Infy. Bn., Canadian Forces.
Critchley, Maj. A. C., D.S.O., L.S. Horse, Canadian Forces.
Docherty, Maj. M., D.S.O., L.S. Horse, Canadian Forces.
Forde, Maj. E., D.S.O., 15th D.S. Coy. Engrs., Canadian Forces.

The name of the undermentioned Officer is to be added to those brought to the notice of the Secretary of State for War, for distinguished and gallant service and devotion to duty, by Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, K.T., G.C.B., G.C.V.O., K.C.I.E., in his Despatch dated 7th April, 1918. (Published in the London Gazette dated 28th May, 1918.) (No. 30706.):—

Strong, T./Maj. G. M., D.S.O., Forestry Corps, Canadian Forces.

The name of the undermentioned Officer is to be added to those brought to the notice of the Secretary of State for War, for distinguished and gallant service and devotion to duty, by Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, K.T., G.C.B., G.C.V.O., K.C.I.E., in his Despatch dated 8th November, 1918. (Published in the London Gazette dated 31st December, 1918.) (No. 31089.):—

Webb, Lt.-Col. R. H., D.S.O., M.C., W. Ont. R., Canadian Forces.

EAST AFRICA.

The name of the undermentioned Officer is to be added to those brought to the notice of the Secretary of State for War for meritorious service in the Field, by Lieutenant-General The Hon. J. C. Smuts, in his Despatch dated 22nd November, 1916. (Published in the London Gazette dated 8th February, 1917.) (No. 29933.):—

Ruel, Capt. (T./Maj.) W. G., D.S.O., S. & T. Corps, Indian Army.

BLACK SEA.

The name of the undermentioned Officer is to be added to those brought to the notice of the Secretary of State for War, for distinguished and gallant services, by General Sir