

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-infested river five times with horses, narrowly escaping seizure 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. Service.

(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 Liwuka Wireless Post was saved.

With reference to the announcement of the undermentioned awards, which appeared in the Edinburgh Gazette of the 25th March 1919, the following are the acts of gallantry for which the awards were made :—

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 section 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.

(Edinburgh Gazette, dated 17th Jan. 1916.)
(Not as amended in Edinburgh Gazette of the 4th Dec. 1919.)

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

(Edinburgh Gazette, dated 16th Apr. 1918.)

402006 C./Q./M./Sjt. G. Hardie, 404th (High.) Fd. Coy., R.E., T.F.

(Edinburgh Gazette, dated 2nd Jan. 1918.)

P/4732 Sjt. L. T. Marsom, M.M.P.

(Edinburgh Gazette, dated 2nd Jan. 1918.)

317320 Gnr. (A./Bdr.) F. T. Waters, R.G.A.

(Edinburgh Gazette, dated 2nd Jan. 1919.)

DM2/180263 Sjt. C. G. Thomson, 784th M.T. Coy., R.A.S.C. (MESOPOTAMIA)

(Edinburgh Gazette, dated 3rd May 1918.)

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

St. James's Palace, S.W. 1,
22nd December 1919.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointment to the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, in