

SOUTH AFRICAN CONTINGENT.

3558 Sjt. W. J. England, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He displayed great courage and resource in dealing with an attempt to cut off his platoon by the enemy. His great coolness set a splendid example throughout.

2658 Sjt. G. S. Fernie, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With two men he pushed on to within twenty-five yards of the enemy trench. Here he found a machine gun in the hands of his wounded men; he brought this and all available rifles to bear on an enemy machine gun, and inflicted heavy losses on a party of the enemy who were digging in.

6165 Sjt. F. G. Hutchins, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Although wounded at the first objective, he advanced with his Company and assisted in forming the outpost line. His example to the men was invaluable.

2300 C.S.M. P. Keith, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was wounded in the attack, but remained with the Company, setting a fine example. He refused to leave until many hours after he was wounded and was assured that the position was secure.

9089 Sjt. T. Stafford, Inf.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He showed great skill and courage in taking command of his Company. He also brought in under heavy fire several wounded men who were lying in exposed positions.

His Majesty the KING-EMPEROR has been graciously pleased to approve of the undermentioned Rewards to Officers, Non-commissioned Officers and Men in the Indian Army for gallantry and devotion to duty in the Field:—

The date of award of the Indian Order of Merit is shown after each name in brackets:—

Awarded the Indian Order of Merit, 2nd Class.

2172 Hav. Salim Khan, Rif. (11th April, 1917.)

Jem. (now Sub.) Sher Akhmad, Punjabis, attd. Pathans. (14th April, 1917.)

3839 Naik Sher Baz, Rif. (11th April, 1917.)

Awarded the Indian Distinguished Service Medal.

Hav. (now Jem.) Mir Dast, Punjabis, attd. Pathans.

58 A. Lineman Mohamed Essef, Ind. Tel. Coy. Subadar Raghbir Singh, Sappers and Miners.

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