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War Office,

23rd April, 1918.

With reference to the awards conferred as announced in the London Gazette dated 17th December, 1917, the following are the statements of service for which the decorations were conferred.

AWARDED A BAR TO THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER.

Maj. Philip Jacobus Pretorius, D.S.O., E. Afr. Protectorate Forces, attd. Intell. Dept.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He remained continuously behind the enemy's lines, and made valuable use of the services of the enemy's natives. He burned several of the enemy's food depôts, causing considerable havoc among their supply arrangements, and killed or captured several of the enemy. His personal courage and initiative were quite exceptional.

T./Capt. (T./Lt.-Col.) Charles Derwent Pye-Smith, D.S.O., M.C., M.B., F.R.C.S., R.A.M.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of the three field ambulances of the division during ten days' operations. Though the weather conditions were abnormally bad and a large number of the wounded of another division had not been evacuated, owing to his constant presence and influence all the wounded were got away promptly and without assistance from the Infantry.

T./Maj. (A./Lt.-Col.) Hugh Thomas Kay Robinson, D.S.O., R. Suss. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in command of his battalion during three days' operations. In the assembly of his troops, in launching them for the attack, in the attack itself, and in holding the position, he displayed high qualities of leadership and courage.