Stamford Street, London, S.E. 1. Such applications (except in the case of Commissioned Officers) should be accompanied by Certificates of Service.

Admiralty, 4th March, 1921. R.N.R.

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the Royal Naval Reserve Officers' Decoration to the following Officers:—

Payr. Lieut.-Cdr. Thomas Samuel.
Payr. Lieut.-Cdr. Duncan C. Wallace.
Payr. Lieut.-Cdr. William V. Heayberd,
O.B.E.

R.N.V.R.

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve Officers' Decoration to the following Officer:—

Surg. Cdr. Edward J. Steegman, O.B.E., M.B., D.P.H.

Admiralty, 25th February, 1921. R.N.R.

Payr. Lieut.-Cdr. Henry Roche, R.D., placed on Retd. List, with rank of Paymaster Commander. 22nd Nov. 1920.

The following Officers have been placed on Retd. List-

Payr. Lieut. George Richardson, R.D. Payr. Lieut.-Cdr. John Ramsey. 30th Sept. 1920.

Act. Lieut. John S. Biscoe to be Lieut. 1st Aug. 1918.

Act. Lieut. William C. A. Robson to be Lieut. 17th Nov. 1919.

Engr. Lieut. Patrick D. Flannigan, D.S.C., placed on Retd. List. 28th Feb. 1921.

Admiralty, 28th February, 1921.

Lieut. Noel P. Machin transferred to Emergency List. 15th Feb. 1921.

Act. Lieut, Frederick J. Boswell to be Lieut. 28th Feb. 1920.

Lieut. Francis J. A. Coleby, seniority antedated to 15th Oct. 1918.

R.N.R.

Lieut. Cdr. Harold E. Jackson placed on Retired List with rank of Cdr. 4th Feb. 1921.

Payr. Lieut. Robert Duncan placed on Retired List. 3rd Feb. 1921.

Act. Lieut. William F. Jackman to be Lieut. 4th Sept. 1918.

Mr. Walter F. Andrewes, formerly Sub-Lieut., R.N.R., reinstated on Retired List in rank of Lieut. 30th Nov. 1916.

Admiralty, 1st March, 1921.

Surg. Cdr. Edwin Folliott placed on Retd. List at own request. 1st Mar. 1921.

Pay. Cdr. John E. A. Brown placed on Retd. List. 1st Mar. 1921.

The Rev. Tudor Jeffreys granted commission as Chaplain. 1st Mar. 1921.

Act. Engr. Lieut. Ernest R. Barwise to be Engr. Lieut. 7th May 1919.

Engr. Lieut. Lionel Self placed on the Retired List. 19th Jan. 1915. (In substitution for previous notification.)

Lieuts. to be Lieut.-Comdrs.— Charles L. Evan-Thomas. Patrick B. Lawder. Ralph Handcock. John W. A. Waller. 28th Feb. 1921.

R.N.R.

Payr. Lieut. Cdr. Henry Roche, R.D., placed on Retired List. 22nd Nov. 1920. (In substitution for previous notification.)

Admiralty, 2nd March, 1921.

Cd. Shipt. Samuel Bounsall granted rank of Shipt. Lieut. on retirement. 2nd Mar. 1921.

Admiralty, 3rd March, 1921.

Comdr. Engr. Harry Smith, A.M., to be Engr. Lieut. 3rd Mar. 1921.

War Office,

4th March, 1921.

The Colonial Office has forwarded for publication the following Despatch* on military operations in the Somaliland Protectorate:—

From the Governor and Commander-in-Chief, Somaliland Protectorate,
To the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Governor's Camp, Sheikh,

30th April, 1920.

My Lord,-

I have the honour to submit the following report on the continuous minor operations and patrols carried out by the troops in this Protectorate against the Dervish forces of the Mullah, Mohammed bin Abdulla Hassan, from the time of the action at Shimber Berris described in my despatch of the 20th February, 1915, and published in the London Gazette of the 2nd August, 1916, to October, 1919, when His Majesty's Government decided upon offensive operations with a view to the final overthrow of the Dervish power.

2. It will be within your Lordship's recollection that the period in question was one of many difficulties in Somaliland. The advance of the Turks in the Aden hinterland in 1915,

^{*}Please see Despatch published in the London Gazette of 1st November, 1920, No. 32107.