

APPOINTMENTS, &c.

No. 464.—His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to appoint Mr. ERIC WILLIAM HAMILTON to act as Assistant District Officer in the New Territories, in addition to his other duties, in succession to Mr. FREDERICK PEEL ELDON LEONARD POTTER, resigned, with effect from the 27th November, 1918.

28th November, 1918.

NOTICES.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

No. 465.—The following is published for general information:—

WAR OFFICE,
11th May, 1918.

THE KING'S CERTIFICATE ON DISCHARGE.

His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of a special certificate of honour, to be called "The King's Certificate on Discharge," to soldiers discharged through wounds, or disabilities incurred on active service, or directly attributable to the action of the enemy, *e.g.*, Air or Naval raids.

This Certificate has been drawn up by command of the King, who considered that a fitting memento of the soldier's services, to be treasured as a family record should be given to him. His Majesty has taken the keenest interest in the design, which was entrusted to Mr. Bernard Partridge.

The Certificate will be awarded to all Warrant Officers, Non-commissioned Officers and Men of His Majesty's Imperial Forces who have served since 4th August, 1914, and who have been discharged from the Service under para. 392 (xvi.) or (xvii.) King's Regulations, on account of disabilities contracted under the following circumstances:—

- (a) After service overseas in a theatre of operations with an Expeditionary Force in the present war, on account of disablement, certified under the authority of the Army Council, to have been caused or aggravated by Military service.
- (b) On account of disablement certified under the authority of the Army Council, to be directly attributable to the action of the enemy, *e.g.*, Air or Naval raids.
- (c) Previous to the transfer of the Royal Flying Corps to the Royal Air Force, on account of disablement certified, under the authority of the Army Council, to have been caused or aggravated by Military service while engaged on flying duty in connection with operations against the enemy, other than in a theatre of operations.

Officers in charge of Records have been entrusted with the distribution of the King's Certificate, but there may be difficulty in tracing the whereabouts of all who are eligible, and those who do not receive Certificates in due course should apply to the Record Office of their Regiment, etc., giving their full address, regimental number, unit from which discharged, and the date and cause of discharge.

A "King's Certificate on Discharge," of appropriate design and lettering, for award to soldiers of His Majesty's Indian Forces, has also been approved by His Majesty.

His Majesty the King has further approved of the award of a special distinctive certificate to Warrant Officers, Non-commissioned Officers and Men who after the award of the King's Certificate on Discharge voluntarily serve again, and are again discharged as disabled in the war.

- (a) This special distinction will be entitled "The King's Second Certificate on Discharge."
- (b) The conditions governing its award will be the same as those laid down for the award of "The King's Certificate on Discharge."

THE KING'S CERTIFICATE ON DISCHARGE.

CONDITIONS OF ISSUE TO NAVAL AND MARINE FORCES.

By His Majesty's Command a certificate of a somewhat similar character, but portraying certain features applicable to the Royal Navy has also been designed by Mr. Bernard Partridge for issue to those members of the Naval and Marine Forces of the Crown whose discharge is due to wounds or sickness contracted on service. The Certificate, which has been submitted to the King for his personal approval, and incorporates various suggestions made by His Majesty, is to be awarded to:—

- (a) Warrant Officers of the Royal Navy, Royal Marine Gunners, Warrant Officers of the Royal Marines, Petty Officers, Non-commissioned Officers and Men of the Naval and Marine Forces who have served at sea or abroad since 4th August, 1914, and have been discharged for wounds or sickness attributable to or aggravated by Naval service, provided their disablement or ill-health was not due to misconduct.