

## 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.

- (b) Warrant Officers of the Royal Navy, Royal Marine Gunners, Warrant Officers of the Royal Marines, Petty Officers, Non-commissioned Officers and Men of the Royal Naval and Marine Forces who, not being included under the provisions of paragraph (a) above, have been discharged on account of disablement directly attributable to the action of the enemy, e.g., Zeppelin, Aeroplane, Naval or Military raids.
- (c) Warrant Officers, Petty Officers, Non-commissioned Officers and Men who, not being included under the provisions of paragraphs (a) and (b) above, were discharged prior to the transfer of the Royal Naval Air Service to the Royal Air Force, in consequence of wounds or sickness attributable to or aggravated by service as pilots or trained observers on aerial coast patrol work since 4th August, 1914, or on account of disablement directly caused or aggravated by service on flying duty in connection with operations against the enemy.

2. His Majesty has further approved of the award of a special distinction to members of the Naval and Marine Forces who, after qualifying for the award of the "King's Certificate on Discharge," have voluntarily re-entered for active service, and are again discharged for disablement. This special distinction, which will be designated "The King's Second Certificate on Discharge" will be awarded under the same conditions as those laid down for "The King's Certificate on Discharge" in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) above.

3. Any ex-member of the classes referred to who is eligible for the grant of a Certificate under the conditions specified should make application in writing as below; those beneath Warrant rank enclosing their Service Certificate, or, in the case of members of the Royal Naval Reserve, their Certificate of Discharge (R.V. 8).

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| ( I ) Royal Marines.  | To the Commandant of their Royal Marine Division.   |
| ( II ) Royal Naval Division.  | To the Officer in charge of Records, R.N. Division,<br>47, Victoria Street, London, S.W. 1. |
| ( III ) Royal Naval Reserve (with the exception of Malta and Newfoundland R.N.R.—see clause 4 below). | To the Registrar, R.N.R., nearest to their place of residence.                              |
| ( IV ) R.N., R.N.V.R. (except those in R.N. Division) and all classes not specified separately.       | To the Accountant General of the Navy, Admiralty,<br>London, S.W. 1.                        |
| ( V ) South African Naval Forces.   | To the Naval Secretary, Simonstown.   |

4. The issue of the Certificate to members of the Malta and Newfoundland Royal Naval Reserve will be made by the Accountant-General of the Navy and to ex-members of the Australian, Canadian and New Zealand Naval Forces by the respective Dominion authorities. Individual application in these cases will not be necessary.

### ROYAL AIR FORCE.

#### THE KING'S CERTIFICATE ON DISCHARGE.

His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of Certificates of a similar character to those to be issued to His Majesty's Naval and Military Forces to members of the Royal Air Force.

Particulars of these Certificates, corresponding to the particulars announced regarding the Certificates to be awarded to members of the Naval and Military Forces, will be made public at an early date.

A specimen of the certificate can be seen and further particulars obtained at the Colonial Secretary's Office.

A. G. M. FLETCHER,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

29th November, 1918.

No. 466.—It is hereby notified, under Section 6 of the Crown Lands Resumption Ordinance, 1900, Ordinance No. 10 of 1900, that the Board of Arbitrators, appointed to determine the amount of compensation to be paid in respect of the resumption of Lots Nos. 1 and 2, Matauchung, is constituted as follows:—

- Mr. CHARLES HENRY GALE, .....*Chairman.*  
 Mr. ERIC WILLIAM HAMILTON, .....Nominated by His Excellency the Officer  
 Administering the Government.  
 Mr. HERBERT WILLIAM BIRD, .....Nominated by the Owners.

It is further notified that the Chairman hereby appoints Tuesday, the 10th day of December, 1918, at 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon at the Office of the Assistant District Officer, South, Hongkong, as the time and place for the Board to commence its sittings.

C. H. GALE,  
*Chairman of the Board of Arbitrators.*

29th November, 1918.