

No. 134.—His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr. ARTHUR GEORGE MURCHISON FLETCHER, C.B.E., to act as Colonial Secretary during the absence on leave of the Honourable Mr. CLAUD SEVERN, C.M.G., LL.D., or until further notice, with effect from this date.

11th March, 1920.

No. 135.—His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr. WILLIAM JAMES CARRIE to act as Assistant Colonial Secretary and Clerk of Councils, with effect from this date, and until further notice.

11th March, 1920.

No. 136.—His Excellency the Governor has been pleased, provisionally and pending the receipt of instructions from His Majesty's Government, to recognise Mr. ANTONIO LUIZ CERVEIRA DE ALBUQUERQUE as being in charge of the Consulate for Portugal in Hongkong.

12th March, 1920.

NOTICES.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

No. 137.—The following Admiralty Fleet Orders dated the 10th December, 1919, regarding the award of the British War Medal and the "Victory Medal", are published for general information.

M.O. 3973.—British War Medal.

(C.W. 26721—10.12.1919.)

His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve the issue of a Medal to record the bringing of the War to a successful conclusion, and the arduous services rendered by His Majesty's Forces.

1. The Medal will be in silver.
2. The riband will be orange (watered) in the centre with stripes of white and black on each side and with borders of Royal blue.
3. Provided the claims are approved by the Admiralty, the medal will be granted to those of the undermentioned classes who performed 28 days' mobilised service, or lost their lives in active operations before completing that period, between the 5th August, 1914, and 11th November, 1918, both dates inclusive :—

- (a) Officers, Warrant Officers, Petty Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the Royal Navy Marines, Royal Naval Air Services, Royal Indian Marine, Royal Naval Reserve (including Trawler and Fishery Sections), Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, and Dominion and Colonial Naval Forces.
- (b) Mercantile Marine Officers and men serving in His Majesty's Commissioned Ships and Auxiliaries under Special Naval Engagements (T.124 and its variants, including T.299).
- (c) Officers and enrolled members of the Women's Royal Naval Service who proceeded and served overseas.
- (d) Members of Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service and Royal Naval Nursing Service Reserve, and recognised official nursing organisations, who served in a hospital ship at sea or proceeded overseas and served in a Naval Hospital abroad.

- (e) Canteen Staffs who have served in a ship of war at sea.
- (f) Non-nursing members of medical units, *e.g.*, dispensers, storekeepers, clerks, wardmaids, &c., who served in a Hospital Ship at sea or proceeded overseas and served in a Naval Hospital abroad.

4. Desertion or dismissal with disgrace since the date of the qualifying service forfeits the decoration.

5. The decorations earned by Officers and men deceased will be issued to their legatees or next-of-kin entitled to receive them.

6. A further announcement as to the issue of the medals and riband will be made in due course, and no applications should be made pending such notification.

M.O. 3974.—“Victory Medal”—Award.

(C.W. 35482.—10.12.1919.)

His Majesty the King having been pleased to recognise by the grant of a distinctive medal the services rendered by His Majesty's Forces in operations of war since the 5th August, 1914, the following regulations for the award of the medal as regards the Navy are issued for information :—

1. The medal, which will be designated the “Victory Medal,” will be similar in design to that issued by the other Allied and Associated Powers for corresponding services, and will obviate the interchange of Allied Commemorative War Medals. It will be in bronze and will be attached to the riband by a ring. No clasp will be issued with it.

2. The riband will be red in the centre, with green and violet on each side shaded to form the colours of two rainbows.

3. Provided the claims are approved by the Admiralty, the medal will be granted to the under-mentioned classes who were mobilised and rendered approved service either (i) at sea between midnight the 4-5th August, 1914, and midnight 11-12th November, 1918, or (ii) on the establishment of a unit *within a theatre of military operations* :—

- (a) All Officers and men of the R.N., R.M., R.N.A.S., R.I.M., R.N.R., R.N.V.R., R.N.A.S.B.R., and Dominion and Colonial Naval Forces. Trained pilots and observers and men of the R.N.A.S. employed in actual flying from Naval Air Stations at home on oversea patrols will be eligible.
- (b) Mercantile Marine Officers and men serving under special Naval engagements (Form T. 124 and its variants, including T. 299) in H.M. Ships of War and Commissioned Fleet Auxiliaries.
- (c) Members of Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service, and Royal Naval Nursing Service Reserve.
- (d) Officers and enrolled members of the W.R.N.S.
- (e) Canteen Staffs who served in a Ship of War at sea.

4. The following services are not approved as qualifying :—

- (a) Service in Depot Ships, except those which go to sea; Boom Defence Vessels, Examination Vessels, and other craft employed on harbour service.
- (b) Service at Shore Bases and Depôts, except those within theatres of active military operations.
- (c) Services of a temporary and special nature at sea, or in theatres of military operations, *e.g.*, casual inspections and enquiries, purchase of material, trials, passage, &c.
- (d) Service at sea, subsequent to midnight 11-12th November, 1918, except in certain specified cases, with regard to which a further announcement will be made.

5. Desertion or dismissal with disgrace since the date of the qualifying service forfeits the decoration.

6. The decorations earned by Officers and men deceased will be issued to their legatees or next-of-kin entitled to receive them.

7. A further announcement as to the issue of the riband will be made in due course, and no application should be made pending such notification.

8. For the purposes of this Order the definition of "theatres of military operations" is as in Appendix A.

APPENDIX A.

For the purpose of this order, "theatres of Military Operations" are defined as under:—

1. *Western European Theatre*.—To include all operations in
 - (a) France and Belgium, between midnight 4-5th August 1914 and midnight 11-12th November 1918.
 - (b) Italy, between midnight 17-18th April 1917 and midnight 4-5th November 1918.
2. *Balkan Theatre*.—To include all operations in
 - (a) Greek Macedonia, Serbia, Bulgaria and European Turkey, between midnight 4-5th October 1915 and midnight 11-12th November 1918.
 - (b) Gallipoli and islands of Aegean Sea, between midnight 24-25th April 1915 and midnight 9-10th January 1916.
Officers and men of the Plymouth and Chatham Battalions, R.M.L.I., who took part in the landing at Seddul Bahr and Kum Kale on the 4th March 1915 are eligible.
3. *Russian Theatre*.—To include all operations in Russia since midnight 4-5th August 1914.
4. *Egyptian Theatre*.—To include all operations
 - (a) In Egypt, between midnight 4-5th November 1914 and midnight 18-19th March 1916, but excluding operation for which the Sultan's Sudan Medal has been awarded.
 - (b) Conducted by the Egyptian Expeditionary Force between midnight 18-19th March 1916 and midnight 31st October-1st November 1918, but excluding operations for which the Sultan's Sudan Medal has been awarded.
5. *African Theatre*.—To include all operations as set forth below but excluding local military operations against native tribes or rebels for which the African G.S. Medal is awarded—
 - (a) In British, German, and Portuguese East Africa, Nyasaland and Northern Rhodesia, between midnight 19-20th August 1914 and midnight 25-26th November 1918.
 - (b) In German South-West Africa and on the adjacent borders of the Union of South Africa between midnight 19-20th August 1914 and midnight 9-10th July 1915.
 - (c) In Kamerun and on Eastern and Northern Frontiers of Nigeria between midnight 23rd-24th August 1914 and midnight 18-19th February 1916.
 - (d) In Nigeria between midnight 4-5th January 1917 and midnight 15-16th May 1917.
 - (e) In Togoland between midnight 6-7th August 1914 and midnight 26-27th August 1914.
6. *Asiatic Theatre*.—To include all operations
 - (a) In Hedjaz, between midnight 4-5th November 1914 and midnight 13-14th January 1919.

- (b) In Mesopotamia from midnight 5-6th November 1914.
- (c) In Persia and in the Persian Gulf, from midnight 5-6th November 1914.
- (d) In trans-Caspia, from midnight 18-19th July 1918.
- (e) At Shaik Said (South-West Arabia), on 10th and 11th November 1914 and at Perim on 14th and 15th June 1915.
- (f) Conducted by the Aden Field Force, between midnight 2nd-3rd July 1915 and midnight 13-14th January 1919.
- (g) In the Frontier regions of India, carried out by forces which actually took the field between 5th August 1914 and the 31st October 1918.
- (h) At Tsing-Tau, between midnight 22nd-23rd September 1914 and midnight 7-8th November 1914.

7. *Australasian Theatre*.—To include all operations against the German Pacific Dependencies as follows:—

- (a) New Britain, from midnight 10-11th September 1914 to midnight 21st-22nd September 1914.
- (b) New Ireland, from midnight 15-16th September 1914 to midnight 18-19th October 1914.
- (c) Kaiser Wilhelm-Land, on 24th September 1914.
- (d) Admiralty Islands, on 21st November 1914.
- (e) Nauru, on 6th November 1914.
- (f) German Samoa, on 29th August 1914.

To the Owner of Lot No. 2551 in Survey District IV.

No. 138.—It is hereby notified, under section 4 of the Crown Lands Resumption Ordinance, 1900, Ordinance No. 10 of 1900, that His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to nominate Mr. ARNOLD HACKNEY HOLLINGSWORTH to be a member of the Board of Arbitrators to determine the amount of compensation to be paid in respect of the resumption of Lot No. 2551 in Survey District IV.

In the event of your failing to nominate a member to represent you on the said Board within seven days from the date of publication of this notice, the Chairman of the Board will appoint a person on your behalf.

A. G. M. FLETCHER,
Colonial Secretary.

12th March, 1920.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS DEPARTMENT.

No. 139.—The attention of merchants is drawn to the fact that Full Trade Returns for the year 1919 have been compiled by the Statistical Branch of this Office and are now obtainable from the Government Printers, Messrs. NORONHA & Co., No. 14A Des Vœux Road Central, at the price of \$3 a copy.

C. W. BECKWITH, Commander, R.N.,
Superintendent.

12th March, 1920.