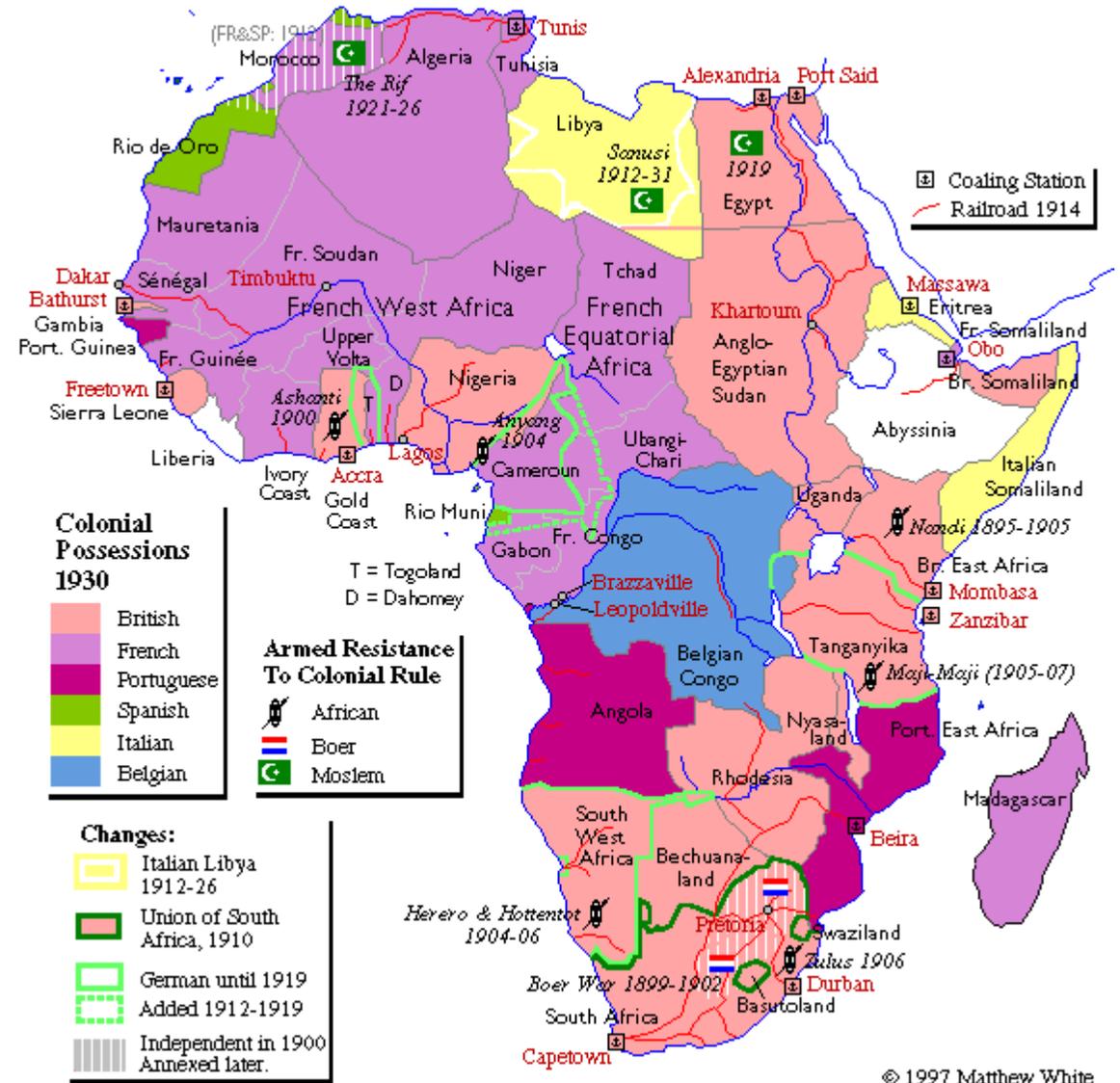


A 45 year collecting goal achieved

The AGS to East Africa, Central Africa, Uganda and Somaliland to European officers in or attached to local forces

Anthony Allen
OMRS 2595



The AGS Medal 1902-1952

- The Africa General Service medal was instituted in 1902, with retrospective awards to 1899.
- 44 different clasps were awarded
- It is the longest period British campaign medal
- 24 clasps were awarded for service in British Central Africa, (*Nyasaland now Malawi), East Africa (Kenya), Uganda and Somaliland.
- (*The clasp for Gambia awarded to men from British Central Africa is included in this total.)
- The clasps to this medal spanned the reigns of 5 British sovereigns, but the medal is found with obverses of only three

What started it all...Lt. J.B.R. Allen Kenya
Regiment 1971 (My father)



Capt. J.W.G. Cleverly 5/K.A.R., M.I.D. for Turkana
Expedition 1918
1972
(My Maternal Grandfather)



British Central Africa, (Nyasaland, now Malawi)

Clasp “*B.C.A. 1899-1900*”

Awarded for two separate punitive expeditions in British Central Africa, against the Yao chiefs Nkwamba and Mataka, October 1899 and against the Angoni in September-November 1899.

Approximately 23 clasps awarded to European officers.

Captain J.H.W. Guise

Captain John Henry Wingfield Guise was attached to the Central Africa Regiment. He died of blackwater fever.



British Central Africa, (Nyasaland, now Malawi)

- Clasp ***“Gambia”***
- **Awarded for the campaign against Fodeh Cabbah under Lt. Col. H.E.J. Brake, January to March 1901.**
- **Approximately 9 clasps awarded to European officers in or attached to 2nd C.A.R.**

Lieut. H. P. Bennitt, Devon Art. Mil. attached 2nd
Central Africa Regiment.



Captain H.P. Bennitt.

Harry Pynson Bennitt served in West Africa in 1901, attached to the Central Africa Rifles, and accompanied the expedition in the Gambia, and during operations against Fodi Kabba (Medal with clasp). He was promoted to Captain in January 1902, and served in East Africa in 1904, including the operations in Somaliland and the action at Jidballi (Two clasps). He died of wounds in France on 7 October 1915, and is buried in Etaples Military Cemetery. He was aged 45 and was the son of Pynson and Mabel Bennitt, of Pomeroy Lodge, Totnes, Devon.



British Central Africa, (Nyasaland, now Malawi)

- Clasp **“Nyasaland 1915”**
- **Many clasps issued to Europeans.**
- **An uprising in the Shire highlands by a Jehovah’s Witness John Chilembwe aimed at driving Europeans out of Nyasaland. 3 White planters were murdered on the first night of the rising, and two European women and their children taken hostage. They were released unhurt.**
- **The uprising was swiftly put down, and a number of the leaders of the rebellion hanged. Chilembwe was shot and buried in the bush. His church was blown up by the Nyasaland Volunteer Reserve.**

Capt. C. Thorburn Depot Coy. 1/K.A.R. Officer
Commanding the Nyasaland Volunteer Reserve.



Captain C Thorburn- Centre.



East Africa, today Kenya

- **Clasp "*Jubaland*". Awarded for the operations against the Ogaden Somalis between 16th November 1900 and 30th April 1901.**
- **Approximately 39 clasps awarded to European officers. (Including Indian Army)**

Kenneth MacDougall

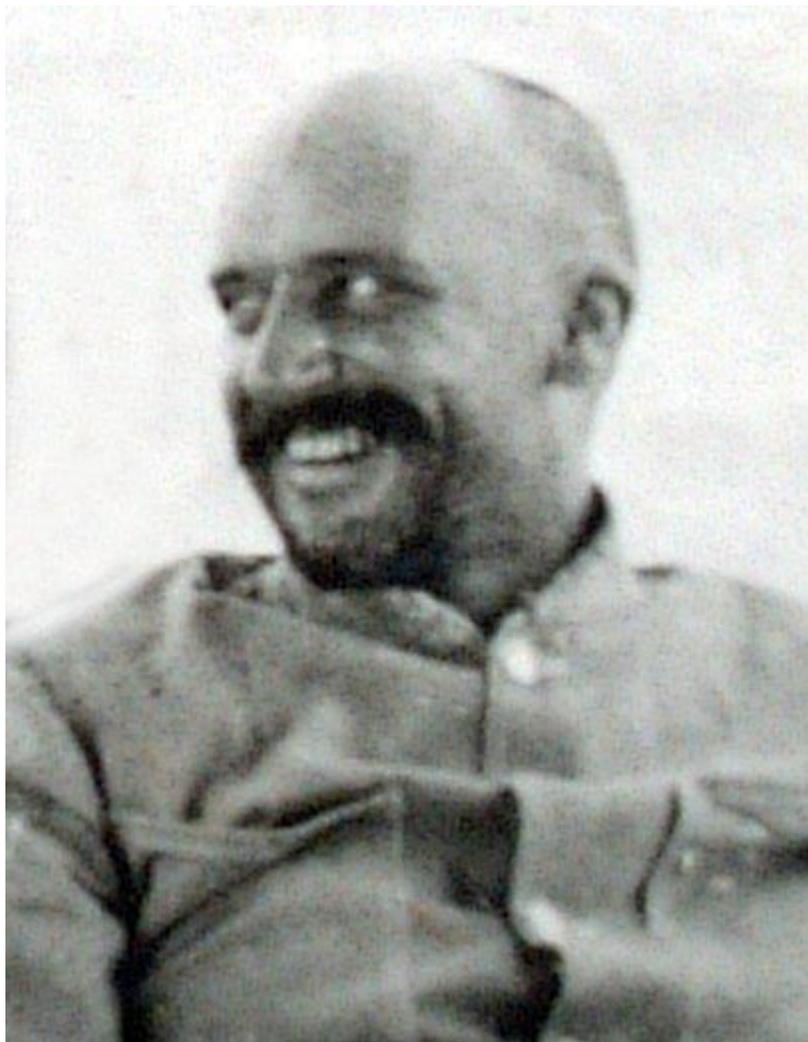


MacDougall is the reason the Juba River 1893 clasp to the East and West Africa Medal was awarded.

Him and Capt. Tritton were stranded on the SS Kenia on the Juba River. A naval rescue mission saved the two Englishmen and resulted in the award of the clasp.

MacDougall also has the East and Central Africa Medal, with clasp 1898, the Imperial British East Africa Medal, and Zanzibar Order of the Brilliant Star 2nd class.

Sub-Commissioner K. MacDougall



East Africa, today Kenya

- **Clasp “*East Africa 1902*”** For service on the Maruka patrol in Kikuyu country, between 4th September 1902 and 25th October 1902.
- **Approximately 9 clasps awarded to European officers.**

Lt. Col. J. Ainsworth C.B.E., C.M.G., D.S.O.

And the Imperial British East Africa Medal



East Africa, today Kenya

- **Clasp “*East Africa 1904*” For the Iraini patrol between 13th February 1904 and 17th March 1904.**
- **Approximately 10 clasps awarded to European officers.**

Political Officer H.R. Tate



East Africa, today Kenya

- Clasp “East Africa 1905”. Awarded for two different punitive expeditions, the first being operations in and near Sotik, 31st May to 12th July 1905, under Captain and Brevet-Major L.H.R. Pope-Hennessy, and the second, under Captain E.V. Jenkins, D.S.O. in the Kisii country between 1st September 1905 and 9th October 1905.
- Approximately 26 clasps awarded to European officers.

Major L.H.R. Pope-Hennessy C.B., D.S.O. (Sotik Patrol)



Major (later Major-General) L.H.R. Pope-Hennessy, C.B., D.S.O.



Major E.V. Jenkins D.S.O., (Kisii Patrol)



“At Ogak’s September 1905.” Major E.V. Jenkins in centre.



East Africa, today Kenya

- **Clasp “*Nandi 1905-06*”**
- **A punitive expedition against the Nandi, between 18th October 1905 and 6th July 1906.**
- **In this campaign, the Nandi Liabon (Chief) Koitalel was gunned down by the maxim of Lieut. S.S. Butler when meeting Lt. R. Meinertzhagen to discuss peace terms. This was covered up at the time but is now believed to be what happened.**
- **Approximately 82 clasps awarded to European officers.**

Secretary (later Sir) A.C. Hollis, G.C.M.G., C.B.E.

A unique European AGS with Nandi 1905-06 and Jubaland.



East Africa, today Kenya

- Clasp **“East Africa 1906”**
- Awarded for service on the Embo patrol between 18 June 1906 and 19 July 1906. Embo country is on the slopes of Mt. Kenya.
- **Approximately 11 clasps awarded to European officers.**

Captain (later Maj-Gen.) S.S. Butler, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.



Major General S.S. Butler, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.
Buckingham Palace 1936- Awarded C.B.



East Africa, today Kenya

- **Clasp “*East Africa 1913*” Awarded for service against the Didinga tribe between 17th June 1913 and 7th August 1913.**

- **Approximately 6 clasps awarded to European officers.**

Major R.H. LEEKE Rifle Brigade and 4/K.A.R.



Leeke on a Serengetti patrol.



Major R.H. Leeke, Rifle Brigade, 4/K.A.R.



East Africa, today Kenya

- Clasp **“East Africa 1913-14”** For services against the Marehan tribe.

- **Approximately 27 clasps awarded to European officers.**

Capt. J. McKinnon E.A.M.S.



East Africa, today Kenya

- **Clasp “East Africa 1914” Awarded for service against the Turkana tribe between 2nd April 1914 and 7th July 1914.**
- **Approximately 5 clasps awarded to European officers.**
- **Two officers received both “East Africa 1913” and “East Africa 1914”**

Major. R.H. Leeke, Rifle Brigade, 4/K.A.R.



Ralph Leeke, (Rifle Brigade) passes.

East Africa, today Kenya

- **Clasp “*East Africa 1915*” for services against the Turkana tribes between 4 February 1915 and 20 May 1915.**
- **Approximately 17 clasps awarded to European officers (Including 2 to Sudan Forces).**

Bimbashi (later Lt.-Col) D.A. FAIRBAIRN
O.B.E., W. Riding R. and 9th Sudanese



9th Sudanese in Turkanaland 1915, (Captain D.A. Fairbairn centre.)



Captain (later Lt. Col.) R.F. Rainsford I.S.O., East African Police and 5/K.A.R.



Family connection

- Superintendent R.F. Rainsford arrested my grandfather C.W. Allen in 1927 for the murder of a Kikuyu, one Mathoo.
- “The jury retired at 4.55 p.m. and re-entered a crowded court at 5.40 p.m. Amid a tense silence the Chief Justice asked: “Gentlemen, in considering your verdict, have you given the accused the benefit of any reasonable doubt?” The Foreman of the jury: “We have my Lord”
- The Judge “What is your verdict?”
- The Foreman of the jury: “On the first charge of murder, not guilty my lord”
- The Judge: “and on the second charge?”
- The Foreman of the jury, “On the second charge of culpable homicide, not guilty my Lord”
- The Judge: “And that is a unanimous verdict?”
- The Foreman of the jury: “That is unanimous my Lord”.”

East Africa, today Kenya

- Clasp **“Jubaland 1917-18”**
- **Approximately 29 clasps awarded to European officers.**
- **Captain J.F. Wolseley-Bourne was awarded the only MC for this campaign, Kenya Gazette 2 Oct 1918 - "In connection with operations in the Wajheir area, Northern Frontier, East Africa Protectorate."**

Captain J.F. Wolseley-Bourne M.C., East African Police and 5/K.A.R.



East Africa, today Kenya

- Clasp **“East Africa 1918”**
- **Approximately 33 clasps awarded to European officers.**
- **(~24 to East African force, ~9 to Sudan)**

Capt. J.E.T. Phillips M.C., Uganda Police



East Africa, today Kenya

- Clasp “Kenya” (1952-1956)
- **For 90 days service in the qualifying areas of Kenya engaged in the campaign against the “Mau Mau”, an uprising aimed at driving the European out of Kenya. This campaign is remembered for extremes of brutality perpetrated by both the “Mau Mau” terrorists and the security forces.**
- **Many clasps awarded to European officers.**

Captain R.I.M. Campbell, 23/K.A.R.

- Bob Campbell was a Kenya Regiment officer seconded to 23/K.A.R.
- He was awarded the Commander in Chief's commendation. The citation concludes ***“he has himself accounted for no small number of the enemy”***.
- Campbell was the National Geographic photographer who accompanied Diane Fossey into the jungles of central Africa to photograph the Gorillas. His part in “Gorillas in the mist” was played by the Australian actor Bryan Brown.

Captain R.I.M. Campbell Kenya Regiment- attached 23/K.A.R.





EAST AFRICA

SECOND LIEUTENANT E. I. M. CAMPBELL

THE KENYA REGIMENT

Your name has been brought to my notice. I am authorised to signify by the award to you of this Certificate my appreciation of the good service which you have rendered.

I have given instructions that a note of your devotion to duty shall be made on your Record of Service.

Date 1 January 1955

Prof. P. S. K. S. General.
Commander-in-Chief.
East Africa.

“General” Batu Batu gets his! Shot by Capt. R.
Campbell



Uganda

- Clasp **“Uganda 1900”**. Awarded for service against the Nandi between the 3rd July 1900 and October 1900.
- **Approximately 27 clasps awarded to European officers.**

Mr. (later Sir Frederick Jackson) , K.C.M.G.,
C.B.



Jackson the hunter



Uganda

- **Clasp “Lango 1901”** This clasp was awarded for the final operations against the Lango people and the Sudanese mutineers, between the 24th April 1901 and 24th August 1901.
- **Approximately 7 clasps awarded to European officers.**

Capt.(Later Lt. Col.) F. H. Walker, N. Staff. Rgt.

Walker gained extra regimental employ in the Uganda Protectorate in December 1899, and it was in this capacity, on attachment to the 4th King's Africa Rifles, that he was actively employed in the punitive expedition into Lango country under Major C. Delme-Radcliffe, Connaught Rangers, in 1901 (Medal & clasp). It was a tough campaign, fought amidst thick forest and elephant grass up to nine feet high, and in the rainy season. The Field Force suffered casualties of 21 killed and 16 wounded but managed to capture '1,485 prisoners, 10,000 cattle, goats and sheep, 3,000 spears and 88 firearms.'



Lieutenant-Colonel F. H. Walker, North Staffordshire Regiment



Lt.-Col. F. H. Walker, N. Staff. Rgt.

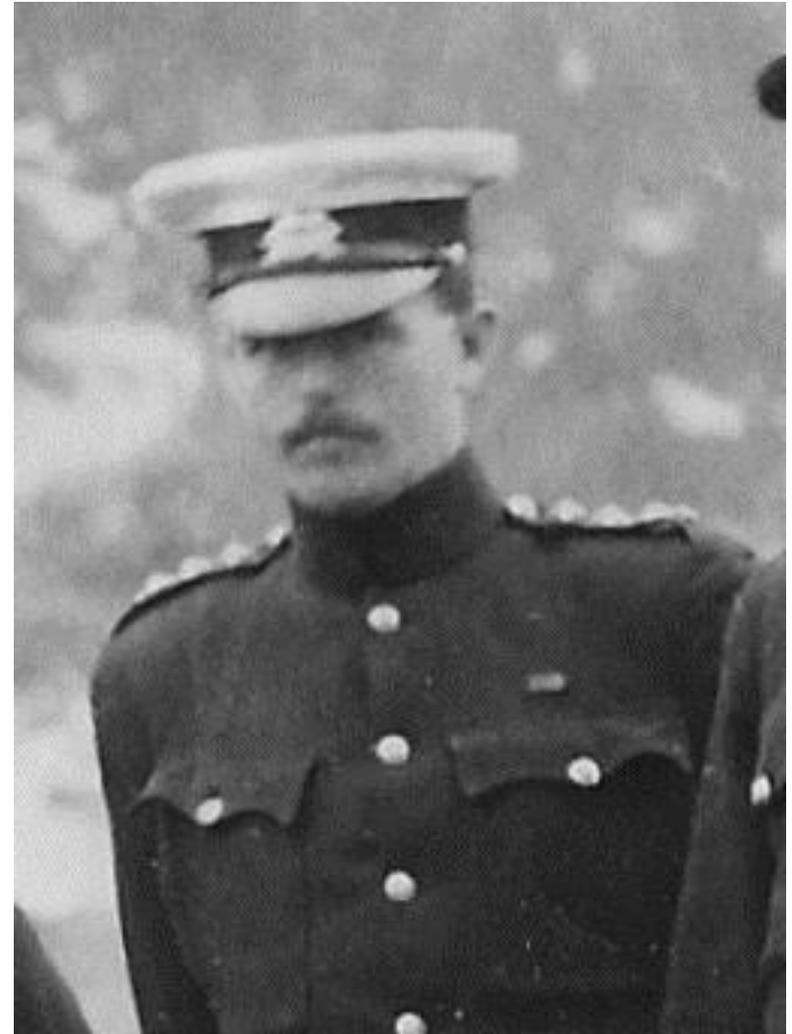
- **Lieutenant-Colonel F. H. Walker, North Staffordshire Regiment, a veteran of operations on the North-West Frontier and the Lango Expedition of 1901, who, as C.O. of the 7th Battalion, was the last officer to be killed in action in Gallipoli**
- To these war diary entries may be added a letter sent to Walker's widow, by Captain John Robinson:

'During all the bombardment your husband was in the firing line. Then the Turks attacked. Their trenches were, at one corner only, from 10-15 yards away. Some four Turks got onto the parapet of our trench here and Colonel Walker finding the bay empty collected three or four and rushed into the bay, into which the Turks were firing. I believe he shot two with his revolver and was himself shot. But the Turks were driven off. That I think is the plain unvarnished tale. He fell down into the bottom of the trench and two of our men fell dead on the top of him. I feel sure he did not speak and that he felt no pain.'

Somaliland

- **Clasp “*Somaliland 1901*”. Awarded for the operations in Somaliland against the Mullah Muhammed-bin-Abdullah between 22nd May 1901 and 30th July 1901.**
- **Approximately 37 clasps awarded to European officers.**

Capt. T.G. Salmon West Yorks. Regiment



Somaliland

- **Clasp “*Somaliland 1902-04*”.** Awarded for three separate expeditions against the forces of Mullah Muhammed-bin-Abdullah, the first under Col. E.J.E. Swayne, the second under Brig. General W.H. Manning and the third under Major General Sir E.E. Egerton.
- **Many clasps issued to European officers.**

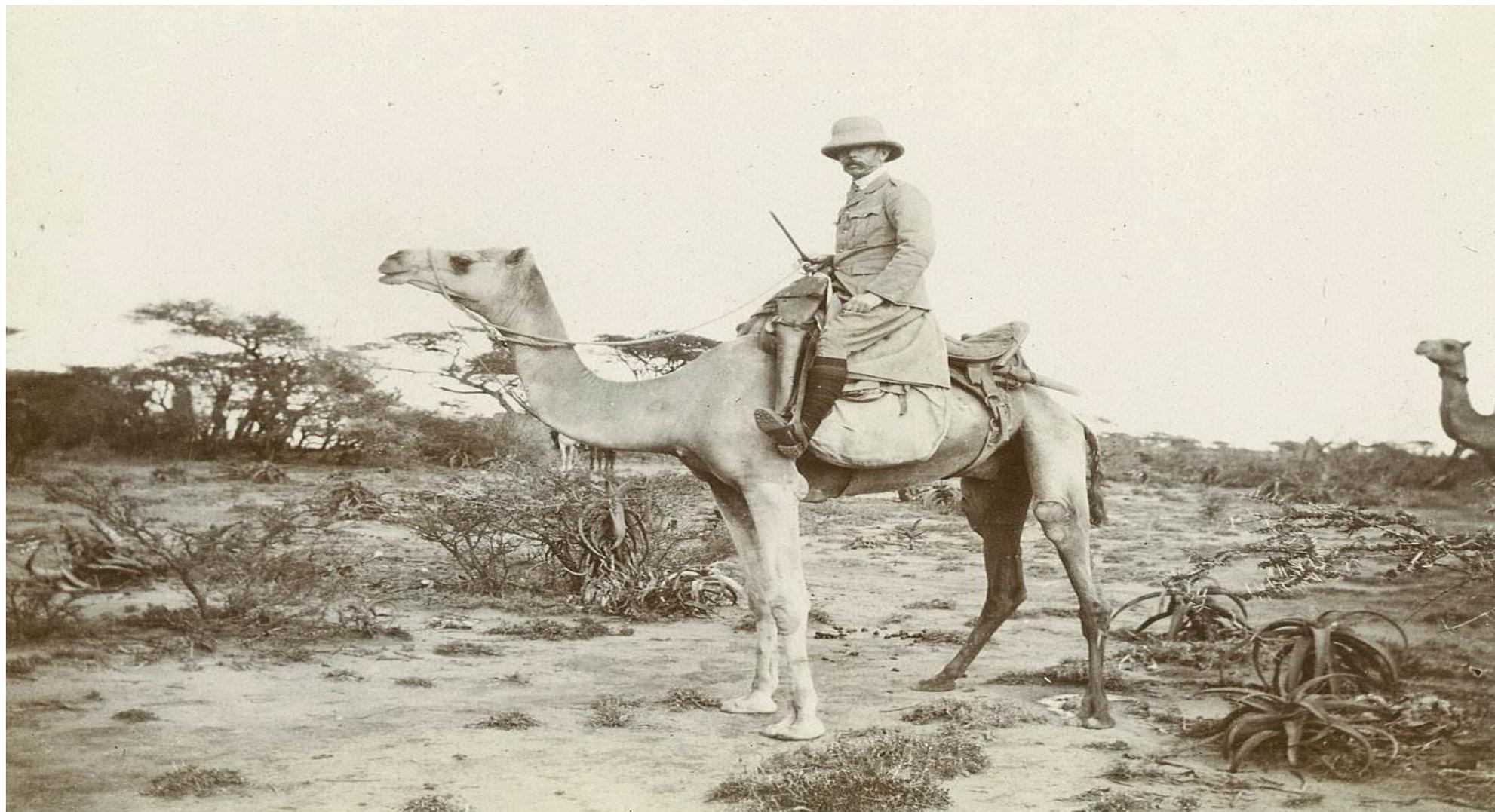
Sir William Henry Manning. G.C.M.G., K.B.E.,
C.B.



Somaliland

- **Clasp "*Jidballi*".** Awarded for participation in the battle of Jidballi on 10th January 1904. Approximately 7000 dervishes attacked the British square, suffering an estimated 700 dead. British lost 27 killed and 37 wounded.
- **Many clasps issued to European officers**

Brig. General W. H. Manning in Somaliland



Somaliland

- Clasp "***Somaliland 1908-10***". Awarded for military operations between 19th August 1908- and 31st January 1910.
- Many clasps issued to European officers.

Brig. Gen. Pope-Hennessy C.B., D.S.O.



Somaliland

- Clasp ***“Shimber Berris 1914-15”***. This clasp was awarded for two expeditions against the Dervishes at Shimber Berris, between 19th and 25 November 1914, and 2nd to 9th February 1915.
- **Approximately 19 clasps awarded to European officers.**

Captain. W.A.H. Bird, O.B.E. 23rd. Pioneers.



CAPTAIN W.A.H. BIRD, O.B.E., 23Rd PIONEERS



The end of the fort....



“We had been told by the expert that the explosion would probably do no more than stun the defenders, and that we must be ready to rush them at once. But he had under-estimated. The whole building seemed to rush skywards and collapse in a tangled mass of enormous boulders, and all our efforts to dig out the defenders were in vain. I was sorry. They had fought well.” Ismay papers.

Somaliland

- **Clasp “*Somaliland 1920*”** For military operations against Mullah Muhammed-bin-Abdullah between 21st January 1920 and 11th February 1920.
- **Maybe 15 clasps to European officers**

Lieut. J. C. Lamont Seaforth Highs. Att. 6/K.A.R.
Clasp "Somaliland 1920"



Thanks.