



It is important that an early decision should be made as the local authorities in F.A. have been requested to send home rolls for the 1914-15 star and service chevrons, and they have been instructed by telegram to suspend sending the rolls pending decision as to definition of sphere of operations in F.A.

That as the operations were carried out under the control of the F.C., the definition of the sphere is primarily a matter for them, but that the S. of S. has no objection to the suggestion made at II.

(a) and (b) of Major-General Sheppard's Minute, provided it is understood that

(1) all <sup>parts of</sup> towns actually on the Uganda Railway ~~including the parts just north of it~~ should be regarded as qualifying for the war medal, i.e. it will be practicable to regard <sup>as in and</sup> ~~as~~ <sup>and</sup> as inside, and

(2) that in any case the operations against native tribes for which the African General Service Medal has been given during the war, viz. the Nyasaland native rising, the Turkana expedition and the recent operations against the Anlian, should not as such be regarded as qualifying for the war medal.

*This is the same question*

Ask for an early intimation of the decision of the A.C. in the matter.

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A.C. decision is known.

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The Director of Military Intelligence presents his compliments to the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, and, with reference to Sir G. Fiddes' letter of the 17th April, 1919, on the subject of the award of the 1914-15 Star and service chevrons for the German East African Campaign, begs to inform him that he considers it undesirable to consult the East African Government, and suggests that it would be better to work on Major General Thompson's suggestions (copy enclosed), subject to the observation that the 14th parallel is not a good boundary for administering the medal, and that he would prefer a boundary following physical features.

## NOTE on "SPHERE of ACTIVE OPERATIONS IN EAST AFRICA"

by

Maj.-Gen. G.H. SHEPPARD (late B.G.G.S. E.A. Ex. Force).

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An enquiry on this subject was made by the War Office in November, 1918.

Our answer (from Dar-es-Salaam) was as follows :-  
G.734. 30.11.18.

Your 70924 Cipher D.M.O. of 16.11.18. Suggest following be defined as spheres of active operations in East Africa.

Outbreak of War	)	G.E.A. including	MAFIA.
to	)	B.E.A.:	" ZANZIBAR.
June 30th 1916.	)	UGANDA.	
July 1st 1916	)	G.E.A.	
to	)	B.E.A. Operations in	JUBALAND and TURKHANA only.
of Operations	)	P.E.A.	
period of	)	N.E. Rhodesia	) North
	)	and	) of
of	)	Nyassaland.	) 10 degs. South.

This differs from Minute 3 in only the following particulars.

Minute 3 does not include the TURKHANA expedition of /14/15 or operations in JUBALAND in /15, /16, /17, /18. I seem to remember, however, that the African G.S. Medal was given for these operations - in which case it would not be necessary to give the Great War Medal as well.

Minute 3 is more liberal as regards N.E. Rhodesia and Nyassaland, this is, apparently, in order to include the small native rising mentioned in para (b) of letter 263 from the Governor of Nyassaland.

Should it be desired to give one definition for the whole instead of the two definitions given in our telegram G.734 of 30.11.18, I would suggest :-

That all operations north of the Uganda railway; and the "Great War Medal" should be given the African G.S. Medal and not the "Great War Medal".

That the theatre of operations for the "Great War Medal" should be :-

The area bounded:

on the N. by the Uganda railway from the sea to Port Florence and (the line itself inclusive), thence along the N. shore of Lake Nyasa to the mouth of the Katonga River, thence along the line of the Katonga River to Lake Albert.

On the west by the western shores of Lake Albert, Lake Kivu, Lake Tanganyika (to Moliro), thence by the N. Rhodesian - Congo boundary to Lake Mweru, thence by the LUAPULA river to the 12th parallel, by the 12th parallel to Lake Nyasa, along the western side of Lake Nyasa to Port Johnston, thence by the SHIRE River to the Zambezi River, and by the Zambezi River to the Sea.

(Sgd.) G.H. SHEPPARD,

Major-General.

In continuation of my "Note" on "Spheres of active operations in East Africa".

Re the grant of the /14 /15 Star.

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If, as suggested by me, the African G.S. Medal is given for minor operations such as TURKHANA, JUBALAND, and the "CHILEMBWE rising", the following would appear to be a fair boundary for the /14 /15 Star.

a) On the North by the Uganda Railway from the sea to Port Florence and Kisumu (the line itself inclusive) thence along the north shore of Lake Victoria to the mouth of the Katonga River, thence along the line of that river to Lake George.

b) On the west by the western shores of Lake George, Lake Tanganyika, Lake Kivu, Lake Tanganyika (To Molino), thence by the Rhodesian - Congo border to Lake Mweru, thence by the line of the 12th parallel, by the 12th parallel to Lake Tanganyika and Lake Nyassa itself (so as to include the crews of the Lake Nyassa).

It will be seen that this excludes Entebbe in Uganda, Nyassaland. Of course a great deal of work was done in both places for the campaign, especially in /14 & /15. If Malta or such places get the "Star", perhaps the claims of the above might be considered. In this case, the Uganda boundary for the "Star" should run along the Nile to Lake Edward, instead of to Lake George. Nyassaland is difficult to defend, and should be taken in en bloc.

(Sgd.) G.H. SHEPPARD.

Major-General.

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221<sup>th</sup> June 1919

Dear Sir,  
I am glad to ask the rest of the  
note from the D.C.C.

~~Shall be left for the C.C. for June 1919.~~

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(27 June 1919)

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