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Unable to support award of D.C.M. to three N.C.O.s but will consider award of Military Medal, as well as Honorary MBE to Effendi Mbaruk Bukheit

Mr. Bottomley, Mr. Ennis.

Please see minutes on 28550. It appears that General Horthey took a personal interest in these cases, and it certainly seems to me that the deeds of gallantry described in 28550 would justify the award by the P. of S. for the Colonies of the K.A.R. D.C.M. to the three n.c.o.s mentioned. As you point out in your minute on 28550 there are precedents in the case of the Somaliland Camel Corps. <sup>for giving</sup> They gave <sup>to</sup> the K.A.R. D.C.M. to East African <sup>native</sup> soldiers who did not actually belong to the K.A.R. I think the K.A.R. D.C.M. should therefore be given in these three cases. The only objection is that we always claim that the K.A.R. D.C.M. is equivalent in its way to the Imperial D.C.M. and that to give it in cases where the W.O. have declined to approve the Imperial D.C.M. would look as if we had abandoned this attitude. But there is no reason why we should let it be known that the W.O. have declined to approve the Imperial D.C.M. to these three men.

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In that case we must tell the W.O. not to award



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2nd June, 1919.

Sir,

I am commanded by the Army Council to acknowledge your letter of the 23th May, 1919, enclosing certain recommendations submitted by the Governor of the East Africa Protectorate for the award to one officer and three Non-commissioned officers of the Arab Bites of Honorary Member of the British Empire Order and Distinguished Conduct Medal respectively.

I am to state in reply that the Army Council are unable to support the award of the Distinguished Conduct Medal to the three Non-commissioned officers mentioned, but will consider their names for the award of the Military Medal, together with the recommendation for Honorary Member of the British Empire Order to Effendi Murrak Bukheit, Arab Bites.

I am,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

W. H. G.

Secretary of State,  
Colonial Office,  
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war office not to award military medal  
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