

G.S.(D).

Steps have been taken to register the name of the late *Major J. de L. Simonds, R.G.A.* for the award of the British War and Victory Medals, and the issue will be made to you in due course. No further communication on this subject is necessary unless your address is changed.

The rank held by an individual and the unit to which he belonged on the date of his entry into a theatre of War is stamped on the star, as that is the date on which he became eligible for its award.

Instructions for wearing Oak-leaf Emblems.

The larger size, to be worn with the Victory Medal when issued, will be affixed to the centre of the riband at an angle of 60 degrees from the inside edge of the riband, leaves pointing upwards towards the left shoulder. ~~The smaller will be worn, when in undress or khaki uniform, transversely across the riband, the leaves pointing towards the left shoulder.~~

His Majesty's Service.

Mrs. L. de L. Simonds.

Audley Wood.

Basingstoke

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Re-Jack's medals.



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Any further communication should  
be addressed to—  
The Secretary,  
War Office,  
27, Pilgrim Street,  
Ludgate Hill,  
London, E.C.4,  
and the following number quoted.

WAR OFFICE,  
27, PILGRIM STREET,  
LUDGATE HILL,  
LONDON, E.C.4.

Tel. : Central 4021.

7W/8/480

(Medal Branch, A.G. 10.)

20 December 1919

Madam,

With reference to your letter of the 16<sup>th</sup> Instant  
I am directed to inform you that according to the particulars  
supplied by you, of the late *Major J de L Simmonds D.S.O.*  
*Royal Garrison Artillery*  
his service would appear to have entitled him to the  
awards of the *1914 Star, British War & Victory*  
*Medals.*

I am to state that the production and issue of these  
medals are likely to be spread over a prolonged period,  
but, when ready for issue, they will be forwarded by  
this Department to the person legally entitled to receive  
them, and further application will be unnecessary, unless  
to notify change of address.

I am,

Madam,

Your obedient Servant,

*Mrs L de L Simmonds*  
*Audley Wood*  
*Basingstoke*

*Ch Frith L Col*  
Director of Personal Services.

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War Office (A.G. 10.)  
27, Pilgrim Street  
London, E.C.4  
7th September 1920.

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying  
"1914-15 Star"  
which would have been conferred upon Major

J. de L. Simonds, Royal Garrison Artillery,  
had he lived, in memory of his services with the  
British Forces during the Great War.

In forwarding the Decoration I am commanded  
by the King to assure you of His Majesty's high  
appreciation of the services rendered.

I am to request that you will be so good as to  
acknowledge the receipt of the Decoration on the  
attached form.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,  
Lieutenant-Commander H. D. Simonds,  
Audley's Wood,  
Basingstoke.

P. H. W. Maedonogh  
Adjutant-General.



War Office (A.G. 10.)  
27, Pilgrim Street  
London, E.C.4  
21st February 1921.

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying  
"British War & Victory Medals"  
which would have been conferred upon

Major J. de L. Simonds  
had he lived, in memory of his services with the  
British Forces during the Great War.

In forwarding the Decorations I am commanded  
by the King to assure you of His Majesty's high  
appreciation of the services rendered.

I am to request that you will be so good as to  
acknowledge the receipt of the Decorations on the  
attached form.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,  
Lieutenant Commander  
H. D. Simonds, R.N.,  
Audley's Wood,  
Basingstoke.

P. H. W. Maedonogh  
Adjutant-General.



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*Instituted 6th September, 1886.*

## Victoria R. & I.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, Empress of India, to all to whom these presents shall come, greeting ;

Whereas we have taken into Our Royal consideration that the means of adequately rewarding the distinguished services of Officers in Our Naval and Military Services who have been honourably mentioned in despatches are limited ; now for the purpose of attaining an end so desirable as that of rewarding individual instances of meritorious or distinguished service in war, We have instituted and created and by these presents, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, do institute and create a new Naval and Military Order of Distinction—to be designated as hereinafter described—which We are desirous should be highly prized by the Officers of Our Naval and Military Services, and we are graciously pleased to make, ordain, and establish the following rules and ordinances for the government of the same, which shall henceforth be inviolably observed and kept ;

Firstly : It is ordained that this Order shall henceforth be styled and designated the “ Distinguished Service Order.”

Secondly : It is ordained that the Order shall consist of the Sovereign, and of such Members or Companions as We, Our Heirs or Successors, shall appoint.

Thirdly : It is ordained that We, Our Heirs and Successors, Kings and Queens, Regnant of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Emperors and Empresses of India, are and for ever shall be Sovereigns of this Order.

Fourthly : It is ordained that no person shall be eligible for this distinction who doth not actually hold, at the time of his nomination, a Commission in Our Navy, in Our Land Forces, or Marines, or in Our Indian or Colonial Naval or Military Forces, or a Commission in one of the Departments of Our Navy or Army, the holder of which is entitled to Honorary or relative Navy or Army rank, nor shall any person be nominated unless his services shall have been marked by the especial mention of his name, by the Admiral or Senior Naval Officer Commanding a Squadron or detached Naval Force, or by the Commander-in-Chief of the Forces in the Field, in despatches for meritorious or distinguished service in the Field, or before the enemy.

Fifthly : It is ordained that Foreign Officers who have been associated in Naval and Military operations with our Forces shall be eligible to be Honorary Members of this Order.

Sixthly : It is ordained that when We, Our Heirs and Successors, shall be pleased to appoint any person to be a Member of this Order, such appointment shall be made by Warrant under Our Sign Manual, and countersigned by one of Our Principal Secretaries of State.

Seventhly : It is ordained that the decoration of the Order shall be and shall be worn as hereinafter set forth.

Eighthly : It is ordained that an Officer shall be appointed to this Order, that is to say, a Secretary and Registrar.

Ninthly : It is ordained that the Secretary and Registrar of this Order shall be appointed by Us, Our Heirs and Successors, and shall have the custody of the archives of the Order. He shall attend to the service of the Order and shall execute such directions as he may receive from Our Principal Secretary of State for War.

Tenthly : It is ordained that this Order shall rank next to and immediately after Our Order of the Indian Empire, and that the Companions thereof shall in all places and assemblies whatsoever have place and precedence next to and immediately after the Companions of Our said Order of the Indian Empire and shall rank among themselves according to the dates of their respective nominations.

Eleventhly : It is ordained that the Badge of the Order, which shall consist of a gold cross, enamelled white, edged gold, having on one side thereof in the centre, within a wreath of laurel enamelled green, the Imperial Crown in gold upon a red enamelled ground, and on the reverse, within a similar wreath and on a similar red ground, Our Imperial and Royal cypher V.R.I., shall be suspended from the left breast by a red riband, edged blue, of one inch in width.

Twelfthly : It is ordained that the names of those upon whom We may be pleased to confer the decoration shall be published in the *London Gazette*, and a registry thereof kept in the office of Our Secretary of State for War.

Lastly : We reserve to Ourselves, Our Heirs, and Successors, full power of annulling, altering, abrogating, augmenting, interpreting or dispensing with these Regulations or any part thereof by a notification under the Sign Manual of the Sovereign of the Order.

Given at Our Court at Balmoral this sixth day of September, in the fiftieth year of Our Reign, and in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six.

By Her Majesty's Command,  
W. H. SMITH.

Edward R. & J.

EDWARD, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, Sovereign of the Distinguished Service Order, to all to whom these presents shall come, greeting ;

Whereas Her late Majesty, Our Beloved Mother, Queen Victoria, by a Warrant under Her Royal Sign Manual, countersigned by one of Her Principal Secretaries of State, and bearing date at Her Court at Balmoral the sixth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six, in the fiftieth year of her reign, did institute and create a new Naval and Military Order of Distinction, to be styled and designated the "Distinguished Service Order";

And whereas, by the said Royal Warrant it was, among other things, ordained that the said Order should rank next to, and immediately after, Our Order of the Indian Empire, and that the Badge of the Order should have on the reverse Her late Majesty's Imperial and Royal Cypher, V.R.I. ;

And whereas, We have thought fit to signify Our Royal Will and Pleasure that the said Order shall rank next to, and immediately after, Our Royal Victorian Order, and that the Badge shall have on the reverse Our Royal Cypher, E.R. VII. \* ;

Now, therefore, We do by these presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, ordain and appoint : Firstly, that the Distinguished Service Order shall rank next to, and immediately after, Our Royal Victorian Order, and that the Companions thereof shall, in all places and assemblies whatsoever, have place and precedence next to, and immediately after, the Members of the Fourth Class of Our said Royal Victorian Order, and shall rank among themselves according to the dates of their respective nominations. Secondly, that the Badge of the Order, which shall consist of a gold cross, enamelled white, edged gold, having on one side thereof in the centre, within a wreath of laurel, enamelled green, the Imperial Crown in gold, upon a red enamelled ground, and on the reverse, within a similar wreath, and on a similar red ground, Our Royal Cypher, E.R. VII., shall be suspended from the left breast by a red riband, edged blue, of one inch in width.

The Warrants given under Our Sign Manual on the 24th July, 1902, and 2nd July, 1903, are accordingly hereby cancelled.

Given at Our Court of Saint James's, this fifteenth day of October, in the third year of Our Reign, and in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and three.

By His Majesty's Command,

H. O. ARNOLD-FORSTER.

\* By command of His Majesty King George V., dated 17th September, 1910, the Royal Cypher G.R. v. was substituted for the Royal Cypher E.R. VII.

George R. & J.

WHEREAS We are desirous of providing for the recognition of further distinguished services in the case of Officers who have been awarded the "Distinguished Service Order."

It is Our will and pleasure and We do hereby ordain that anyone who, after having performed services for which the Distinguished Service Order is awarded, subsequently performs an approved act of gallantry which, if he had not received the Order, would have entitled him to it, shall be awarded a Bar to be attached to the riband by which the Order is suspended, and for every additional such act an additional Bar may be added.

Given at Our Court at St. James's this twenty-third day of August, 1916, in the seventh year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,

D. LLOYD GEORGE.

All further communications on  
this subject should be addressed  
to—  
The Secretary,  
War Office,  
London, S.W. 1,  
and the following number quoted.

WAR OFFICE,  
LONDON, S.W. 1.

C.2.(047).

27th August 1917.

Madam,

In reply to your letter of the 23rd inst., I am directed  
to inform you that Capt. J. de S. Simonds was awarded the  
Distinguished Service Order in recognition of his gallantry and  
devotion to duty in the Field, and not for any one specific act.

I am,

Madam,

Your obedient Servant,

*H. Caudby*

Mrs. L. de L. Simonds,  
Audleys Wood,  
Basingstoke.



*The War of 1914-1918.*

*Royal Flying Corps  
Capt. J. de L. Simonds, R.F.C.*

*was mentioned in a Despatch from*

*General Sir Douglas Haig, G.C.B., K.C.I.E., K.C.V.O., A.D.C.  
dated 13<sup>th</sup> November 1916*

*for gallant and distinguished services in the Field.  
I have it in command from the King to record His Majesty's  
high appreciation of the services rendered.*

*Liaison L. Churchill*

*Secretary of State for War.*

*War Office  
Whitehall, S.W.  
1<sup>st</sup> March 1919.*

George R. I.

George the Fifth, by the Grace of God  
of the United Kingdom of Great Britain, and  
Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond  
the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor  
of India, Sovereign of the Distinguished Service  
Order, to our Trusty and Well beloved  
John de Laze Simonds, Esquire.  
Captain in Our Royal Artillery.

Greeting

Whereas We have thought fit to  
Nominate and Appoint you to be a Member  
of Our Distinguished Service Order We  
do by these Presents Grant unto you the  
Dignity of a Companion of Our said Order  
And we do hereby authorize you to Have,  
Hold and Enjoy the said Dignity as a  
Member of Our said Order, together with  
all and singular the Privileges thereunto  
belonging or appertaining.

Given at Our Court at St. James's  
under Our Sign Manual this First  
day of January 1917 in the  
seventh Year of Our Reign.

By The Sovereign's Command.

*Curly*

Captain J. de L. Simonds.  
Royal Garrison  
Artillery and Royal  
Flying Corps.

The Principal Secretary of State  
having the Department of War  
for the time being.