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To accompany List of Appointments, Commissions, Rewards, &c. No.117,
dated 18th April, 1916.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER.

Major WILLIAM HENRY SCOTT, 9th Light Horse Regiment, Australian
Imperial Forces.

On the Sinai Peninsula, April 11th to 13th, Major Scott
carried out the following highly successful operation :--

Starting on April 11th, in command of a small column,
consisting of a squadron with Engineers, Wireless Detachment and
Camel Transport, he conducted a reconnaissance of the Turkish Post
at Jifjaffa, 58 miles east of the Suez Canal. Arriving within
eight miles of his objective, on the night of the 12/13th, he decided
to attack the Post on the morning of the 13th. His arrangements
for the attack were so well conceived, and so well executed that,
with the loss of only one man and one horse killed, he accounted for
the whole of the Turkish garrison, with the exception of two
unwounded, mounted men who escaped. He brought back as prisoners
the Austrian Lieutenant in command of the Post, and four wounded and
thirtythree unwounded prisoners, leaving six of the enemy dead on
the scene of action. In carrying out the above operation Major Scott
displayed the highest possible qualities of a leader of Mounted
troops. He has previously been mentioned in despatches for good
work on the Gallipoli Peninsula.

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