

## **JAMESON, TOM**

**RANK:** MAJOR GENERAL

**DECORATIONS:** DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER, COMPANION ORDER OF THE BATH.

**YEARS OF SERVICE:** 1912 -?

**OPERATIONAL SERVICE:** ANTWERP, GALLIPOLI, RUSSIA

**SHIPS:** HMS RESOLUTION, HMS KENT

**UNITS:** RM BRIGADE

Experiences in Russia in 1919, promoted Captain RM.

HMS Kent led into Vladivostok by ice breakers - Jan 1919. International force of naval and land forces from USA, Canada and Japan to support White Russians. Captain Jameson required to lead detachment of marines, sailors and Russians to travel to central Russia to man a tug and a barge as gunboats for river ops. On the barge RN 6 inch gun to be mounted, RN 12 pounders on tug. Long train journey from Vladivostok to Perm, thence to Volga River. Extensive conversion of vessels, completed in one week.

Part of international flotilla led by Admiral Smirnov. 500 miles down River Kama, engaged and put to flight Bolshevik flotilla. Just one detachment injury. Had to get past enemy held riverbanks and fight though Bolshevik occupied riverside town. Despite flotilla's success, had to withdraw to Perm, now surrounded by enemy. Jameson obtained train to evacuate to Vladivostok; achieved after slow and dangerous journey across pestilential Siberia. Jameson awarded DSO.