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SOUTH AFRICAN MEDALS THAT MAHATMA RETURNED.

PUT ON VIEW AT GANDHI MANDAP EXHIBITION.

NEW DELHI, March 5 .- Two medals awarded to Mahatma Gandhi, apparently by the British War Office on the recommendation of the South African Government, for meritorious services in the Boer and Zulu Wars have been put on view at the Gandhi Mandap Exhibition at Rajghat.

The correct nomenclatures of the two medals are (1) Queen's South African Medal (1899-1902) and (2) King's Medal of Zulu Rising in Natal (1906). The inscriptions on the edges of the medals respectively are "Mr. M.K. Gandhi, Natal Volunteer Indian Ambulance Corps", and "Sergeant-Major M.K. Gandhi, Indian Stretcher-Bearer Corps."

It is found from available records that the two medals, which were in the possession of the Medal Section of the Ministry of Defence of the Government of India, were returned by the Mahatma towards the end of 1920 in pursuance of his non-co-operation movement. There is also a mention about the surrender earlier by the Mahatma of the Kaiser-i-Hind Medal of the First Class and the consequent removal of his name from the list of recipients of that decoration.

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