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WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 1919.

War Office, 26th May, 1919. His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the following awards to the undermentioned Officers, Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men in recognition of their gallantry and devotion to duty

#### AWARDED A BAR TO THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER.

in the Field :-

Capt. (T./Lt.-Col.) Thomas Hubert Harker, D.S.O., K.R.R.C., Spec. Res., Comdg. 1/7th Bn., R.W. Fus., T.F. (EGYPT) For conspicuous gallantry and able leadership on the night 19th/20th September, 1918. He led his battalion ten miles over difficult country, and surprised and captured a strong enemy position, taking over 200 prisoners, fifteen machine guns, and a battery of 4.2in. guns. It was entirely due to his bold and clever leadership that this extremely difficult night operation met with such complete success.

(D.S.O. gazetted 1st January, 1918.)

### AWARDED THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER.

Capt. Thomas Preston Aldworth, R.W. Kent R., Spec. Res., attd. 2nd Bn.

(MESOPOTAMIA) For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Sharqat on 28th October, 1918. During an attack he encountered an enemy strong point. He collected some twelve men, and by skilful manœuvring and dashing leadership rushed the position, capturing over 100 prisoners and six machine guns. He showed fine courage and leadership, and his splendid action greatly assisted in the success of the advance.

Capt. & Bt. Maj. Edward Rolleston Palmer Berryman, 2/39th Garwhal Rif., I.A. (Bde. Maj., 34th Inf. Bde.).

(MESOPOTAMIA) For most conspicuous gallantry and devo-tion to duty throughout the operations at Mushaq and Sharqat, 26th/30th October, 1918. He displayed the utmost zeal and determination, and, though early wounded, continued to carry out his duties most ably under heavy fire. Weakened by fever and his wounds, he nevertheless remained at duty for four days and rendered invaluable assistance to the brigade.

Lt.-Col. Gilbert Landale Cattell, 1/7th Gurkha Rif., I.A. (MESOPOTAMIA) For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at the Lesser Zab, 25th October, 1918. In command of an advanced guard he most skilfully reconnoitred, and then forced the Zab under heavy fire, finally seizing the enemy's position on the high ground on the high bank. His able dispositions and bold leadership enabled the objective to be taken with a minimum of losses.

### .Maj. Guy Channer, 14th Sikhs., I.A. (MESOPOTAMIA)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Mushaq on 25th October, 1918, and at Sharqat, 29th October. He was wounded whilst commanding his battalion, but refused to be evacuated until the battalion was drawn back to the reserve. It was largely due to his energy, courage, and resource that a determined enemy counter-attack was successfully repulsed.

Capt. Heerajee Jehangir Manockjee Cursetjee, M.B., Ind. Med. S. (attd. 14th Siks).

(MESOPOTAMIA) For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Mushaq, 26th/27th October, 1918, and at Sharqat, 29th October. Throughout the operations he displayed the greatest zeal and disregard for danger while tending the wounded under heavy fire, working unceas-ingly for forty-eight hours. He has previously rendered excellent service, and once was severely wounded.

Maj. Hugh Gray Martin, 337th Bde., 341st

Bty., R.F.A. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty north of Sharqat on 28th October, 1918. He showed marked ability in selecting positions for his guns under continuous and heavy fire, and organised a well-directed enfilading artillery support for the column with which he was operating. He exposed himself freely in the open until communications were established.

Capt. Arthur Irons Sargon, I.A.R.O., attd. 114th Mahrattas. (MESOPOTAMIA) For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in command of two companies at Mushaq on 26th October, 1918. Although early wounded and exposed to heavy fire, which caused many casualties, he maintained his position for a whole day and night. The excellent service rendered by his companies were in great measure due to his grit and determination.

T./Maj. William Llewellyn Thomas, M.C. 2nd Bn., British W.I.R. (EGYPT) For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 22nd September, 1918. at Mafid On learning that an officer's patrol Joseh. was fighting a rearguard action against vastly superior numbers, he took up a platoon and kept the enemy in check until the remainder of the battalion had arrived as reinforcements. The enemy were driven back. He

displayed great initiative in the subsequent attack, which resulted in the capture of Mafid Joseh and forty prisoners.

T./Capt. Eric Hyde Villiers, 1st Bn., High. L.I. (MESOPOTAMIA) For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. His company, acting as advanced guard at night near Mushaq on 25th October, 1918, came under heavy fire at close range. He quickly rallied his men, and, with another company, charged through a double line of high wire and captured the enemy trench, with some prisoners. He penetrated and captured part of the enemy's second line. He displayed great dash and courage, and was instrumental in retrieving a critical situation.

Capt. James Hubert Williams, 1/10th (MESOPOTAMIA) Gurkha Rif., I.A. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to

duty at Mushaq on 26th October, 1918, and at Sharqat on 29th October. On two separate occasions he led his company over 2,000 yards of open and exceedingly difficult country to attack the enemy's position. By his courage and fine leadership he forced his way under heavy fire to within 400 yards of the position on the first occasion, and 300 yards on the second. His rapid advance greatly helped operations in other parts of the field.

Lt.-Col. Charles Edmund Hunter Wintle, 114th Mahrattas. (MESOPOTAMIA)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Sherqat, 29th October, 1918. He boldly led his battalion into action, and repelled a strong counter-attack. He was then left rather in the air, as the enemy had driven a salient into our line. In spite of this, and having sustained heavy casualties, he held his ground throughout the night, and reorganised his command under heavy fire in a most able manner.

Lt.-Col. Richard John Woulfe-Flanagan, 2nd Bn., R.W. Kent R. (MESOPOTAMIA)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Sharqat, 28th October, 1918. Throughout the action he commanded his battalion with great judgment, quickly selecting the salient points of attack. Although his numbers were considerably reduced, he. by making use of some machine gunners and a company of another regiment, eventually gained a complete sweep over the enemy, capturing 180 prisoners and nine machine guns. He did fine work.

### AWARDED A BAR TO THE MILITARY CROSS.

Lt. Harold Gordon Inglis, M.C., I.A.R.O., (EGYPT) attd. 2/151st Infy., I.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and brilliant leadership at Kusr Es Senameh. near Bidieh, on 20th September, 1918. In face of very heavy fire he led forward his company from the top of a ridge down a long forward slope and up to the next ridge. He then did the same thing again, capturing a second ridge under still closer and heavier fire. He displayed absolute fearlessness.

(M.C. gazetted 31st May, 1916.)

T./Capt. Thomas Jarvis Murray, M.C., 1/4th Bn., K.A.R. (E. AFRICA)

For marked gallantry and splendid leadership, with which he inspired the whole battalion, at Tumba, 6th November, 1918, and Maluna River, 12th November, 1918. Though twice wounded at Maluna River, he insisted on returning to command his company, remaining until dark. He has at all times ren'ered invaluable service.

(M.C. gazetted 26th March, 1918.)

Lt. (A./Capt.) William Mackay Sparke, M.C., 4th Bn., R. Scots, T.F., and 1/4th Bn., K.A.R. (E. AFRICIA)

A.R. At Tumba, 6th November, 1918, and Maluna River, 12th November, 1918. With no other officers of his company left, he led his men with marked ability and courage, and by rapid advances each day completely routed the enemy with the bayonet. He has always shown the greatest initiative and devotion to duty.

(M.C. gazetted 26th November, 1917.)

AWARDED THE MILITARY CROSS.

T./2nd Lt. Alfred George Absolon, 258th Coy., M.G. Corps. (MESOPOTAMIA)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Sherqat, 29th October, 1918. Exhausted after a forced march of sixty miles and suffering from ill-health, he conducted his section over 1,500 yards of shell-swept ground to a ridge exposed to heavy fire, rallying and taking with him on the way a Lewis gun team. He at once came into action and enfiladed the enemy's advancing line, thereby being largely instrumental in breaking up the hostile counter-attack.

2nd Lt. (T./Lt.) Henry Frederick. Ball, T.F. Res., attd. 2/4th D. of Corn. L.I., attd. 18th Div. Sig. Coy. (MESOPOTAMIA)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at the Lesser Zab, 25th October, 1918, and at Sharqat 28th and 29th October. He displayed marked initiative and resource under heavy fire in maintaining communication over difficult country throughout the operations. His untiring energy and coolness were a fine example to all.

Capt. John George Bennett, M.B., R.A.M.C., attd. 20th Bde., R.F.A. (MESOPOTAMIA)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Mushaq, 26th October, 1918. He worked day and night in the open under heavy fire, tending the wounded and superintending their evacuation. His energy and disregard of danger throughout were admirable.

Lt. John Howard Berry, 337th Bde., C. Bty., R.F.A. (formerly 2/3rd Home Counties Bde., R.F.A. (T.F.). (MESOPOTAMIA) For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Huwaish, 29th October, 1918. Remaining on his horse under heavy fire in the centre of a river. he encouraged and directed the drivers of teams who were crossing. By his cool and courageous example he prevented the guns and wagons from being washed away, thus enabling five guns out of six to be brought into action at a critical time. 2nd Class Senior Sub-Assist. Surgeon Bhagwan-Singh, I.O.M., Ind. Med. Dpt.

(MESOPOTAMIA). For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Sherqat, on 29th October, 1918. When the regimental aid-post came under heavy fire, he displayed the utmost coolness in appeasing the wounded and alleviating their sufferings. Throughout the action his conduct was a fine example to his subordinates.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Alfred Leopold Butcher, attd, 45th Sikhs, I.A. (MESOPOTAMIA)

For conspicuous gallantry and determined courage at Sherqat, on 29th October, 1917. He was in command of the leading line when its left flank was heavily counter-attacked by the enemy. He immediately collected a small party with three Lewis guns, and firmly established himself, driving back the counter-attack and killing three of the enemy himself. Although wounded, he remained at duty, and refused to be evacuated until the regiment was withdrawn into reserve.

Lt. Edward John Cheeseman, 4th Bn., Dorset Rgt. (T.F.) and M.G.C.

(MESOPOTAMIA) For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Mushaq, on 26th October, 1918. Although wounded in five places, he succeeded in getting rations and ammunition to his company at night under heavy fire. He never spared himself, and his conduct throughout the operations was most admirable.

Capt. Eric Arthur Kaffin Crossfield, 1/10th Gurkha Rif. (MESOPOTAMIA)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Sherqat, on 29th October, 1918. He handled his company with marked skill and initiative, forcing his way forward to the left and rear of the enemy's position under heavy fire and over very difficult country. This bold and well-conceived advance played a prominent part in the ultimate success of the action.

Subadar Dhanajirao Khanvilkar, 114th Mahrattas, I.A. (MESOPOTAMIA) For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Mushaq, on 26th October, 1918. Although exposed to heavy fire, from which his command suffered many casualties, he moved about fearlessly amongst his men, encouraging them and directing their fire, until he himself was severely wounded. It was largely due to his fine example that his command rendered such excellent service.

Lt. Donald McLeod Douglas, 6th Bn., North'd Fus., T.F., attd. 129th Coy., M.G. Corps. (MESOPOTAMIA)

For conspicuous gallantry and ability at Sherqat on 29th October, 1918. In an attack on a strong enemy position he commanded a section which operated on the left of an infantry battalion. He placed his guns so skilfully that not only did he succeed in driving back the whole enemy right wing but silenced many hostile machine-gunswhich were harassing our advance. Capt. (A./Maj.) James Geoffrey Powys Drummond, 1/9th Punjabis, I.A.

(SALONIKA) For conspicuous gallantry on Bahram Ali Front on 16th January, 1919. When sent to reinforce our troops, who were being heavily shelled, he detrained his company under heavy fire, and promptly led them forward, though neither our own troops nor the enemy could be located owing to a thick mist. His prompt action and bold initiative and leading resulted in the enemy being driven off with heavy losses.

Capt. Maurice Dwyer, R.A.M.C., Spec. Res. (MESOPOTAMIA) For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 29th/30th October, 1918, at Sherqat. He displayed great disregard of danger during an attack on the enemy's position. He remained all day and night exposed to heavy fire searching for and dressing the wounded. In the dark he made his way forward to the firing line to see if his services were required, and stayed there attending to and superintending the evacuation of the wounded.

Lt John Ignatius Ennis, attd. 1/10th Gurkha Rif., I.A. (MESOPOTAMIA) For conspicuous gallantry and leadership at Mushaq, on 26th October, 1918, and at Sherqat, on 29th October, 1918. On three occasions he led strong patrols with great daring and initiative close up to the enemy's position in order to clear up obscure situations. His boldness and enterprise in leading the forward elements of the attack throughout the operations were most conspicuous.

T./Lt. James Andrew Gilmour, High. L.I. (MESOPOTAMIA)

For conspicuous gallantry on 25th October, 1918. His platoon was acting as point to a vanguard at night when they suddenly came under heavy fire at close range. He immediately attacked the enemy's position, penetrating a high barbed-wire fence and capturing the first line. He then pushed on and established a lodgment in the second line. His courage, ability and quick decision undoubtedly rectified an awkward position.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Cyril Percy Hancock, 114th Mahrattas, I.A. (MESOPOTAMIA) For conspicuous gallantry and initiative at Sherqat, on 29th October, 1918. When a portion of our front line had been forced back by a strong enemy counter-attack, he at once organised a line of resistance. He

brought a Lewis gun into action himself and materially assisted in breaking up the enemy's advance. His prompt action and courageous example at a critical moment were beyond praise.

Subadar-Maj. Hasturam Gurung, 1/7th Gurkha Rif., I.A. (MESOPOTAMIA) For conspicuous gallantry and ability near Huwaish, on the night of 28th/29th October, 1918. He was in charge of a raiding party on a portion of the enemy's position. He carried out the raid successfully, and, in spite of opposition, brought back very valuable information. Throughout the operations from 23rd to 30th October, 1918, he has displayed marked gallantry on all occasions and set a fine example to his men.

Lt. Edward James Hawes, R.F.A., attd. 25th Ind. Mountain Bty.

(MESOPOTAMIA) For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Mushaq, on 26th October, 1918. He took his section forward under heavy fire in close support of the infantry. He established himself some 800 yards in rear of our first line, and with great skill and accuracy successfully engaged the enemy's machineguns until he was severely wounded.

Lt. Robert Kent Henson, 25th Punjabis, attd. 45th Sikhs, I.A. (MESOPOTAMIA) For marked gallantry and devotion to duty north of Sherqat, on 29th October, 1918. During an attack at dusk on the enemy's position a heavy enemy counter-attack was delivered. He at once organised a party of scouts at battalion headquarters, and took up a position to stem the enemy's advance, maintaining his position with great determination until wounded. He has previously performed valuable services in carrying out reconnaissances.

Lt. Louis Sobaux Ingle, I.A.R.O., attd. 1/19th Punjabis. (SALONIKA)

For conspicuous gallantry on Bahram Ali Front on 16th January, 1919. He showed marked ability in handling three platoons with which he was opposing the enemy's attack. He continually led his platoon forward under heavy fire, though the enemy were enveloping his flank, to restore order on the right. His cool courage inspired his men during a critical period, and he kept his company commander informed of the situation.

Capt. Harold Jacques, R.A.M.C.

(MESOPOTAMIA) For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at the Lesser Zab on 25th October, 1918. When the artillery brigade to which he was attached was in action he displayed great disregard of danger in attending the wounded under heavy fire. Four battery wagons were exploded by shell fire, but he continued to work in close proximity, rendering most valuable assistance until all cases were successfully evacuated.

Subadar Jaimal Singh, 14th Sikhs, I.A. (MESOPOTAMIA)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Mushaq, on 26th October, 1918. After his platoon had suffered heavy casualties he led them to a more favourable position, from which he personally engaged the enemy with a Lewis gun. He showed the utmost coolness and skill under heavy fire, and his fine example had an inspiring effect on his men at a critical time.

Capt. (A./Maj.) Harry Francis Christopher Kempe, D./336th Bde., R.F.A.

(MESOPOTAMIA) For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at the Lesser Zab on 25th October, 1918. He brought his battery into action well forward in the open under heavy fire, and effectively supported the advance of SUPPLEMENT TO THE EDINBURGH GAZETTE, MAY 28, 1919.

another column by enfilade fire on the enemy's left flank. His timely assistance was invaluable.

Jemadar Keshao Talekar, 114th Mahrattas, **I.A**. (MESOPOTAMIA)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Sherqat on 29th October, 1918. When his own and another battalion were heavily counter-attacked he held on to his position with great determination and gallantry. He then advanced his platoon under heavy fire to some high ground, and driving the enemy out maintained himself there throughout the night until the enemy surrendered at dawn.

Capt. Berthold Wells Key, 45th Sikhs, I.A. (MESOPOTAMIA)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Shuraimiyah on 20th October, 1918. During a reconnaissance towards the Fathah position he was ordered to advance and secure a ridge held by the enemy. Although exposed to heavy fire the company successfully reached its objective, where he moved about fearlessly in order to make his dispositions to the best advantage. He was eventually wounded, but refused to undergo treatment until his company had been withdrawn to camp. His behaviour throughout was splendid.

Subadar Labh Singh, 45th Sikhs, I.A.

(MESOPOTAMIA) For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty north of Sherqat on 29th October, 1918. When his battalion was strongly counter-attacked on two sides he took up a position on a flank and eventually succeeded in driving back the enemy with considerable losses. He then went to the assistance of a garrison which was holding up the frontal attack and again drove the enemy back. A critical situation was thus saved by his gallant action.

Lt. (A./Capt.) James Evan Lloyd-Williams, I.A.R.O., attd. 32nd Lancers.

(MESOPOTAMIA) For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to During the pursuit of the enemy duty. from the Fathah position 27th/28th October, 1918, and at Sherqat on 29th October, 1918, he commanded his squadron with marked courage and daring, and considerably assisted the advance of another column. Despite the fact that his squadron was constantly under heavy fire and on short rations owing to their having to operate in the desert, he by his fine example inspired his men to put forward their best efforts.

Capt. William Miles Logan-Home, 1/112th

Inf., I.A. (MESOPOTAMIA) For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Sherqat on 29th/30th October, 1918. With the greatest coolness he worked up to the enemy's position under heavy fire and over difficult country. Then finding himself out of touch with the battalion he made a close personal reconnaissance, eventually re-establishing communication. Later, he rendered a valuable report on the local situa--tion.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Eric Henry de Carteret Martin, 1/113th Infy., I.A.

(MESOPOTAMIA) For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Fathah on the 22nd October, 1918 When his company came under heavy enfilade fire and were suffering many casualties the front line began to withdraw. He immediately came up from the second line and by his fearless example rallied his men and re-established the line. His cool conduct and disregard of danger instilled confidence in those around him.

Capt. William Clement Douglas McFarland, 1st Bn., High. L.I. (MESOPOTAMIA) For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Sherqat on 29th October, 1918. During an attack he brought up his company from the reserve with marked coolness and determination under heavy fire. He then pushed forward and endeavoured to outflank the enemy. By his bold enterprise he assisted greatly in enabling our line to hold fast against repeated counter-attacks.

Lt. (A./Capt.) David Jackson McGeorge, Ind. Army R. of O., attd. 1/10th Gurkha Rif. (MESOPOTAMIA)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He displayed marked initiative and energy in keeping the battalion supplied with food and water under exceptionally difficult circumstances. On several occasions he brought the rations forward under heavy fire. During an unexpected counter-attack against Bn. H.Q. on the 29th Oct. 1918, at Sherqat, he hastily collected a small party and assisted most gallantly in repelling the enemy's advance.

Capt. Paul Anthony Meade, 1/112th Inf., I.A. (MESOPOTAMIA)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the operations at Sherqat on 29/30th Oct. 1918. It was largely due to his ability to command that an important position of the enemy's flank was gained successfully. Later, he drove the enemy out of two lines of trenches to secure some high ground of tactical importance, and held on there all night. He handled his company throughout with skill and resource.

Capt. George Wigram Pocklington Money, 1/3rd Gurkha Rif., I.A. (MESOPOTAMIA) For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership near Sherqat, on the 28th October, He afforded great assistance to a 1918. He led his column trying to cross a river. company with courage and ability under heavy fire to occupy the important tactical points covering the ford. These he entrenched and held with the small force under his command throughout the night until relieved. He rendered most valuable services throughout the operations.

Subadar Narayan Singh, I.D.S.M., 14th khs. (MESOPOTAMIA) Sikhs.

For conspicuous gallantry and ability to command at Mushaq, on 26th Oct. 1918, and at Sherqat on 29th Oct. 1918. When his company commander was wounded early in the attack, he assumed command and displayed great coolness and resource in handling his men at a critical period. He set a splendid example of courage and determination.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Keith Wilfred Robert O'Reilly, 1/119th Infy., attd. 28th Punjabis, I.A. (EGYPT)

For most conspicuous gallantry and initiative after being severely wounded near Tabsor on 19th September, 1918, in command of a company. Finding that the leading company was held up in front of the enemy's second line of wire, he went through the foremost waves and crawled alone through the uncut wire and threw hand grenades into the enemy's trench. Though wounded he returned for more grenades and then went and jumped into the trench. His magnificent example encouraged the men to break through the wire, and the enemy's trench was captured.

Lt. Henry Charles Osborne, R.F.A., Spec.

Res., attd. 337th Bde. (MESOPOTAMIA) For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Lesser Zab, on the 25th October, 1918. When his battery was in action in the open and being heavily shelled, he set a fine example of cool courage. Later, when two ammunition wagons were exploded and the whole place was ablaze with burning debris, he returned and extinguished the fire in another wagon. Lastly, he organised his men and ran the remaining guns and wagons away so as to prevent their destruction.

Subadar Sakhram Powar, 114th Mahrattas, I.A. (MESOPOTAMIA) For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Sherqat, on 29th October, 1918. When his company commander had been killed he assumed command and led his company forward in the face of heavy fire, driving the enemy back and restoring the situation. He was eventually wounded himself. He did fine work.

Subadar Santabir Rai, 1/10th Gurkha Rif., (MESOPOTAMIA) I.A. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to

duty at Mushaq, on 26th October, 1918, and at Sherqat, on 29th October, 1918. During two strenuous days of hard fighting he commanded his platoon with marked ability and initiative. He was never at a loss what to do, and invariably acted with great judg-ment and coolness. His fine leadership inspired his men with the utmost confidence.

Subadar Shiu Ram Singh, 1/112th Infy., I.A. (MESOPOTAMIA) For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Sherqat on the night 29th/20th October, 1918. Throughout the operations he handled his platoon with the greatest Although exposed to continuous courage. and heavy fire he moved about fearlessly in order to direct the fire of his men, and by doing so set them a most inspiriting example.

Capt. Richard Granville Somerset, 337th Bde., R.F.A. (MESOPOTAMIA). For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Lesser Zab on 25th October, 1918. When his battery was in action in an open plain he showed great coolness and resource in manœuvring his wagon line horses under

heavy fire. Although no cover was available he brought them through without casualties and kept constant touch with the battery. Later, when the fire on the battery became so intense that the detachments had to be withdrawn he remained at the telephone in communication with the O.P.

Lt. Hugh Vernon Spankie, 14th Sikhs, I.A. (MESOPOTAMIA).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At Mushaq, on 26th October, 1918, after the first two hours of an attack he was. the only company commander left. With great zeal and ability he reorganised his men under heavy fire and frequently crossed exposed ground to visit various portions of his front. He later rendered valuable service during the night of 29th October, 1918, at Sherqat, encouraging his men, who were almost worn out from lack of sleep. His gallant conduct at a most critical period had a splendid effect on all ranks.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Mushaq on the 26th October, 1918. When separated from his British Officers he displayed great initiative and judgment in handling his platoon under difficult circumstances. Throughout the operations he exhibited qualities of able leadership and courage until he fell severely wounded.

Lt. Donald Carles Essery Tozer, I.A.R.O., (MESOPOTAMIA). attd. 32nd Lrs.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On 26th October, 1918, near Humr, when reconnoitring the enemy's position, his horse was shot under him, but he completed his reconnaissance on foot and returned with valuable information. On the 25th October, near Lesser Zab, he went back under heavy fire and took up behind him on his horse a wounded man, whom he carried to safety. Throughout the operations he set a fine example of coolness and determination.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Philip Frederick Hood Wilson, 4th, attd. 1st, Bn., High. L.I.

(MESOPOTAMIA). For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Mushaq on 25th/26th October, 1918, and at Sherqat on 29th October, 1918. He made every effort to push forward the attacks, moving from point to point under heavy fire with the utmost zeal and energy. He was of valuable assistance in consolidating the positions gained and in reorganising the battalion. He never spared himself during a long and trying period.

Capt. (A./Maj.) Sidney Andrew Wise, 220th (MESOPOTAMIA) Bde., R.F.A. (T.F.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Mushaq on 26th October, 1918, and at Sherqat on 29th October, 1918. Throughout a trying period of marching and fighting he maintained close touch with the infantry, renedering all possible support and valuable assistance at a most critical time. The efficiency and morale of his battery, although it suffered serious losses, were enhanced by hisfine example of coolness and determination.

Subadar Surbir Limbu, 1/10 Gurkha Rif., I.A. (MESOPOTAMIA)

### AWARDED THE DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.

8069 Sjt. L. Barnes, 2nd Bn., Som. L.I. (Crewkerne). (INDIA)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the siege of Abadah on 2nd July 1918, the enemy attempted to destroy the mud wall defence by a stream of water. Sjt. Barnes accompanied a R.E. officer in a sortie to divert the water. The officer was mortally wounded and carried back. Sjt. Barnes remained at work under heavy fire until the water was diverted. Later, he on two occasions went out reconnoitring alone at night to locate mine shafts the enemy were digging.

G/5776 Sjt. W. Burnham, 2nd Bn., R.W. .Kent R. (Penge). (MESOPOTAMIA)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Sherqat, on 28th Oct. 1918. Although wounded in the chest at an early stage of an attack, he remained at duty and continued to lead his platoon, refusing to be evacuated until the end of the action. Throughout he showed great coolness and perseverance.

19/797 Rfn. J. Gibson, 12th Bn., R. Ir. Rif. (Castlewellet, Co. Down).

For exceptional gallantry and devotion to duty during the operation between Deerlyck and the river Gaverbeck on 20th Oct. 1918. He was acting as company runner. He carried at least ten messages under intense machine-gun and shell fire over open country. Although wounded, he remained at his post and continued to carry messages. His pluck and devotion to duty were splendid.

38984 Sjt. E. R. Gilbert, R.E., attd. 18th Div. Sig. Coy. (Rugby).

(MESOPOTAMIA) For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Tel Adh Dhaab, on the night of 25/26th October, 1918. He carried important despatches at night across unknown and difficult country under heavy fire. Again, on 28th October, 1918, near Sakr an Nami, he rendered equally valuable service in carrying urgent messages between Divnl. and Bde. H.-Qs. under fire. Throughout the operations he showed great courage and energy, setting a fine example to the despatch riders of his company.

L/10857 L./C. C. James, 2nd Bn., R.W. Kent R. (Halifax).

(MESOPOT'AMIA)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Sherqat, on 28th October, 1918. During an attack when the enemy's fire was greatly impeding our advance, he was sent up the side of a spur to locate hostile machine guns. On reaching the top he found one gun, which he immediately charged, killing or capturing the entire team. His prompt and daring action materially relieved the local situation.

L/8349 C./S./M. L. G. L. Kemp, 1st Bn., R.W. Kent R. (Ashford).

(MESOPOTAMIA) For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Sherqat, on 28th October, 1918. When all the officers of his company had become casualties, he assumed command and led his men to the attack with great ability and initiative. His conduct throughout the engagement was splendid.

14669 Sjt. G. Ramage, 1st Bn., H.L.I. (Glasgow). (MESOPOTAMIA)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Mushaq, on 25/26th October, 1918. During two days of hard fighting he displayed the greatest coolness and courage. When an attack was held up by heavy fire, he was of the utmost assistance in reorganising the men and affecting a withdrawal from a difficult situation. His behaviour throughout was splendid.

### AUSTRALIAN FORCE.

5 Sjt. H. Creek, 1st Aust. Arm. Car. Sec. (EGYPT)

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative. On 20th Sept. 1918, at Ajule, he cut off three enemy motor lorries full of men and material, causing them to surrender. The lorries were afterwards driven into the town intact and undamaged, and all occupants taken prisoners.

AMENDMENTS.

The following are the correct descriptions of Warrant Officers, Non-commissioned Officers and Men who have been awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal:—

2239 Sjt. T. V. Camm, M.G. Corps (Motors). (MESOPOTAMIA) (London Gazette dated 19th April, 1919.)

56527 Pte. W. M. Cooke, 18th Bn., K.R.R.C. (London Gazette dated 18th February, 1919.)

528042 Sjt. J. Duff, 14th Bn., Lond. R.

(London Gazette dated 5th December, 1918.)

20247 Sjt. F. J. Jackson, 49th Bn., M.G. Corps.

(London Gazette dated 3rd October, 1918.)

7785 A./C./Q./M./S. S. Mart, 2nd Bn., Bedf. R.

(London Gazette dated 30th June, 1915.)

15618 C./S./M. S. W. Mead, 11th Bn., Suff. R.

(London Gazette dated 3rd October, 1918.)

36501 Sjt. C. O'Neill, 145th Coy., M.G. Corps. (London Gazette dated 26th May, 1917.)

#### CANADIAN FORCE.

788632 Cpl. J. Billings, 38th Bn., E. Ont. R. (London Gazette dated 12th March, 1919.)
500572 Cpl. A. Pym, 3rd Bn., Can. Engrs.

(London Gazette dated 12th March, 1919.) 525230 Pte. H. L. Oakes, 7th Bn., Can. Infy.

(London Gazette dated 12th March, 1919.)

The following are the correct descriptions of Officers and Nurses upon whom awards have recently been conferred :---

Lt. Charles John Allbon, M.C., 25th Infy. Bn., Nova Scotia R.

(M.C. gazetted 8th March, 1919.)

- 2nd Lt. Rowland Edmund Burke, M.C., 5th Bn., Essex R., T.F., attd. 10th Bn. (M.C. gazetted 2nd April, 1919.)
- 3/3049 C.S.M. (A./R.S.M.) George Edward Cattermole, M.C., 13th Bn., Essex R. (M.C. gazetted 27th July, 1916.)
- Capt. Joseph Culloden Eager, M.C., C.A.M.C., attd. 78th Bn., Can. Infy. (M.C. gazetted 2nd December, 1918.)
- 2nd Lt. Harold Gardner, M.C., 6th Bn., W. York. R., T.F., attd. 13th Bn., Durh. L.I. (M.C. gazetted 2nd April, 1919.)
- T./2nd Lt. James Reginald Heggs, M.C., 2nd Bn., Tank Corps.
   (M.C. gazetted 1st February, 1919.)
- T./Lt. Fred Furze Kennedy, M.C., K. Afr. Rif., Comdg. 2nd W. India Regt. (M.C. gazetted 7th February, 1919.)
- T./Lt. James Patrick McKenzie, M.C., 35th
   L. Ry. Operating Coy., R.E.
   (M.C. gazetted 4th February, 1918.)
- T./Capt. Walter Beveridge Morgan, M.C., 9th Bn., R. Welsh Fus.
  (M.C. gazetted 1st January, 1919.)
  (Bar to M.C. gazetted 2nd April, 1919.)
- Lt. Hilary Aidan St. George Saunders, M.C., W. Gds., Spec. Res., attd. 1st Bn. (M.C. gazetted 2nd April, 1919.)
- Lt. James Scott, M.C., Sea. Highrs., Spec. Res., attd. 156th Coy., M.G. Corps. (M.C. gazetted 26th March, 1918.)
- Lt. Harry Arthur Spencer, M.C., "W" By., R.H.A. (MESOPOTAMIA) (M.C. gazetted 2nd April, 1919.)

- 2nd Lt. Alexander Beville Gibbons Stanier, M.C., 1st Bn., W. Gds. (M.C. gazetted 2nd April, 1919.)
- T./Lt. Russell Varley, M.C., 2nd Bn., R., Lanc. R.

(M.C. gazetted 2nd April, 1919.)

- Capt. (T./Maj.) Edmund George Wheeler, M.C., Hamps. R. & Gold Coast R., West African F.F. (M.C. gazetted 7th February, 1919.)
- Miss Annie Isabel Coombes, Sister, Aust. Army Nursing Service. (A.R.R.C. gazetted 9th April, 1919.)
- Miss Clarice Elizabeth Green, T./Head Sister, Aust. Army Nursing Service. (A.R.R.C. gazetted 9th April, 1919.)
- Mrs. Agneta M. Osmond, Sister, Hatfield Aux. Hpl., Hatfield, Herts. (A.R.R.C. gazetted 4th April, 1919.)

The announcement of the award of the M.C. to T./Capt. Brian Willoughby Bond, 5th Bn., Conn. Rangers, published in London Gazette dated 8th March, 1919, is cancelled, and a "Bar to the Military Cross" is substituted, the award of the Military Cross being notified in London Gazette dated 22nd March, 1919.

The second announcement of the award of the Military Cross to T./Lt. Edward James Gleeson Kelly, 5th Bn., Conn. Rang., published in the London Gazette dated 2nd April, 1919, is cancelled, and a "Bar to the Military Cross" is substituted.

The announcement of the award of the Royal Red Cross, 2nd Class, to Miss Annie Margaret Peel, Matron, 53, Cadogan Square, London, which was published in the London Gazette dated 4th April, 1919, is cancelled, this award having been previously announced in the London Gazette dated 21st June, 1918.

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