

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 rendered 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. AFRICA)

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 Huwaih, 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, 1918. 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  
Maharattas, 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-guns which were harassing our advance.