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Lt. James Herbert Douglas Hunter, 94th Inf., I.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty between the 14th and 31st August 1920, at Quraghan. While in command of a bridgehead post he repelled several attacks from a greatly superior enemy, and saved the lives of over 300 non-combatants, in addition to much valuable Government property. Again, on the 27th August, when fighting a rearguard action, he took back a small party to extricate a Vickers gun team in an overturned Ford van. The gun had jammed, and, although the enemy were within one hundred yards, he drove them off and brought the van and gun team safely back.

Lt. Richard Victor Louis Hutchings, Foresters, attd. M.G.C.

For gallantry on the 12th October 1920, near Samawah. Though subjected to heavy fire at close range from the enemy, Lt. Hutchings led forward his machine-gun section to a point of vantage and inflicted severe casualties. This action very materially assisted the advance of the infantry and the success of the operations.

Lt. James Hay Graham Knox, attd. 35th Scinde Horse, I.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the night of the 24th/25th July 1920, south-west of Hillah. He commanded a squadron which was acting as rearguard to a column withdrawing at night, and, by his skilful dispositions, kept the enemy in check. Whilst leading his men he was wounded, but quickly rallied the squadron and repeatedly charged the enemy, thus enabling the rearguard to fall back.

Lt. Ronald Nicholas Moore, I.A.R.O., attd. 1/113th Inf., I.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the defence of Tuz. On the 19th August 1920, a party of the insurgents succeeded in reaching the barbed wire and were cutting a way through. He, together with a bomber, crawled out under heavy fire and bombed them, inflicting severe casualties. Throughout the subsequent attacks on his post he inspired all ranks by his coolness and courage.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Maurice Patrick O'Leary, attd. 122nd Inf., I.A.

For conspicuous gallantry, devotion to duty, and able leadership at Siah Rud on the 18th November 1920. He led his company over a difficult mountain track, through dense jungle, and, at the end of a trying six hours' march, delivered a vigorous attack, which completely drove in the enemy's right flank. His timely and energetic action proved a decisive factor in the capture of a very important position.

Lt. Gerald Tirah Palin, R.G.A., attd. 45th Pack Bn., I.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the 19th July 1920, at Fazal Tyah. When his battery was in action at 900 yards' range, and communication with the infantry was cut, he twice went up under heavy fire across open ground to the firing line, and thus enabled effective artillery support to be given.

Lt. Nicholas Edgar Innes Pocock, 1/4th (with 13th) Rajputs, I.A.

For gallantry on the 12th October 1920, near Tuwariz. When a bridge of boats, the destruction of which would have meant that the only means of communication across the river would be cut off, had been set on fire by the insurgents, this officer, regardless of all danger, at once rushed over at the head of his platoon and drove off the enemy. Whilst crossing the river, Lt. Pocock was subjected to heavy fire from the enemy at close range, and by his action not only saved the bridge from destruction, but also very materially assisted in the ensuing attack. Moreover, this sudden and unexpected assault so surprised the insurgents that they were compelled to retire, and fled in confusion.

Capt. Alfred Rea, 8th Rajputs, I.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the 1st August 1920, at Hillah. During an attack the Arabs broke through the line of a neighbouring unit. He decided to counter-attack, and though against far superior numbers, drove the enemy back, inflicting many casualties. By his initiative and leadership he restored the line and saved the situation. It was mainly due to his coolness and bravery that the counter-attack was successful, and his pluck and resource were an example to all.

T./Capt. Ivor Ridge-Jones, R.A.M.C., attd. 122nd Inf., I.A.

For conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty at Jubin on the 26th October 1920. During a five hours' fight he displayed great coolness and daring in bringing back the wounded from the front line under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire. Throughout he set an excellent example, and it was due to his pluck and resource that all the wounded were retrieved.

2nd Lt. William Eric Dixon Robinson, 35th Scinde Horse, I.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the 24th July 1920, south-west of Hillah. By skilful handling of his Vickers gun and by judicious control of fire, he prevented a very determined attempt to break through the line. His courage and initiative were a splendid example to his squadron. It was mainly due to his bold leadership and coolness in action that the enemy were driven back.