

Lt. (A./Capt.) James Michael Roche, R.F.A. (S.R.), attd. I.W.T.

For gallantry and devotion to duty as commander of the defence vessel "Greenfly." He maintained the defence of this vessel whilst it was aground in the Euphrates, six miles above Khidr, against continual assaults from numerous insurgents, from 10th to 20th August 1920.

Lt. Alexander Alfred Russell, 43rd Regt. (with 122nd Inf.), I.A.

For conspicuously good leadership when sent out with his company on reconnaissance at Jubin, on the 26th October 1920. About three miles out he met with strong opposition, and, taking advantage of the high ground, attacked the enemy, who were about a thousand to fourteen hundred strong, with field guns in front and at flank. After an engagement lasting for five hours he withdrew his company, bringing back his wounded, after obtaining very valuable information regarding the strength and dispositions of the enemy. By his initiative he thoroughly disheartened the enemy, and was largely responsible for their retreat on the following day.

Capt. Clifford Fredrick Scott-Ruffe, I.A.R.O., attd. 2nd S. & M., I.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the operations in the Quraitu-Qisil Robot area, between the 21st August and the 30th September 1920. On the 25th August 1920, while in command of sixty sappers engaged in constructing a strong post, he was attacked by three hundred insurgents, but by his personal example and good dispositions he held them off for two and a half hours until a relief column arrived. During the action he inflicted considerable casualties on the enemy with but slight loss to his own force.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Edward Samuel Storey-Cooper, attd. 114th Mahrattas, I.A.

For gallantry and devotion to duty during the evacuation of a railway station near Samawah, on the 3rd September 1920. By his quick grasp of the situation and by his able control of fire he successfully checked a vastly superior enemy who were within a hundred yards of his position, and thus ensured the safe withdrawal of his company. His skill and determination enabled the whole of the railway garrison to withdraw with comparatively few casualties.

T./Capt. William Henry Suffolk, Gen. List, empld. I.W.T.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the 27th and 28th August 1920, whilst in command of the Euphrates Defence Flotilla. He displayed initiative and leadership, firstly in relieving the crew of a vessel which had run aground on an invisible sandbank, and secondly in making a determined effort to refloat this vessel whilst subjected to heavy fire from the insurgents. His coolness and courage were a fine example to his crew.

Capt. John Reginald Howard Tweed, M.B.E., 1/94th Inf., I.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the defence of the Serai at Kifri on the 19th/20th August 1920. He was in command of one platoon, which was garrisoning the Serai, and was attacked by a force of approximately 500 insurgents. Capt. Tweed at once led bombing parties against them in a most dashing manner, inflicting heavy casualties. Although wounded in the head early in the proceedings he carried on and conducted the defence with great skill, suffering few casualties. On the arrival of the relieving force he arranged the evacuation of the wounded until he was wounded a second time. His pluck and initiative were a fine example to his men.

Capt. Geoffrey Bayaton Williams, 8th Rajputs, I.A.

For conspicuous gallantry during the attack on the Taziah Canal, south-west of Hillah, on the 7th October 1920. Though opposed by far superior numbers he turned the enemy's position by capturing the head of the canal. From this point he was able to enfilade the insurgents, who were holding a strong position. Throughout the operations Capt. Williams has shown himself to be a bold and skilful leader, especially on this occasion, when he was severely wounded for the third time.

War Office,  
10th August 1921.

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the undermentioned rewards for distinguished service in the Field with the Waziristan Force, India :—

*Awarded the Military Cross.*

2nd Lt. Jack Selwyn Jenkins, 1/9th Inf., attd. 58th Rif., I.A.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. Near Rogha Kot, on the 17th March 1921, this officer was in command of the advanced platoon of the road protection troops. The head of the convoy had just reached the area which he was protecting when the enemy, estimated at 40 rifles, opened heavy close-range fire. The convoy was thrown into great confusion, several camel drivers were killed and wounded, and the remainder took cover. Lt. Jenkins, with his orderly and a few men, under heavy and accurate fire, got the convoy under cover. This officer thereafter made excellent dispositions to prevent the convoy being rushed, and, notwithstanding accurate enemy fire, carried off both his own wounded and those camel sowers who had been killed and wounded. He later went forward under heavy fire, established communication with an officer of the Tanai mobile troops, and made arrangements for the withdrawal. By his coolness, example and good dispositions this officer saved the convoy from capture.