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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 Sakhrum 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., I.A. (MESOPOTAMIA)

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 judgment 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 courage. Although exposed to continuous and heavy fire he moved about fearlessly in order to direct the fire of his men, and by doing so set them a most inspiring 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.

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

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., attd. 32nd Lrs. (MESOPOTAMIA)

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 Bde., R.F.A. (T.F.). (MESOPOTAMIA)

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, re-rendering 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 his fine example of coolness and determination.