

under heavy machine-gun fire, located gaps in the enemy wire, and afterwards led a night attack, progressing some 1200 yards. He then led parties to clear up isolated posts, himself capturing a light T.M. crew. Next day he did good work placing his Lewis guns, thereby assisting the advance on the right. On October 1st he and his serjeant-major went forward to make a reconnaissance, during which they rushed a machine-gun post, killing the crew. He showed splendid courage, and his example inspired all ranks.

Awarded a Bar to the Military Cross.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Maurice Leonard Harper, M.C., 19th, attd. 2/2nd Bn., Lond. R.

For most gallant conduct and devotion to duty whilst commanding an outpost company at Travecy, March 21/23rd, 1918. His example inspired the remnants of his company to a desperate resistance when surrounded and without hope of relief. In addition to beating off several heavy attacks, he dispersed enemy transport battalions in close order, and rendered excellent service.

(M.C. gazetted 17th Dec. 1917.)

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Capt. Frederick Brooke Darling, M.C., Aust. Fd. Arty., attd. V/Aust. Hy. T.M. By.

At Vortavern, on 10th April 1918, after having to retire from his position, all his guns having been buried by enemy shell, he, with three men, brought into action under exceptionally heavy fire a mortar belonging to another unit, and fired several rounds into the enemy when practically surrounded by them. He was severely wounded, two of his three men were killed, while the third managed to fight his way back to his battery. The conduct of Captain Darling was of a high order, showing great courage and determination.

(M.C. gazetted 22nd Sept. 1916.)

Awarded the Military Cross.

Lt. Herbert Frederick Boon, 1st., att. 2/2nd Bn., Lond. R.

For conspicuous gallantry near St. Firmin on March 21st, 1918. As intelligence officer he ascertained the situation with two separate platoons. In each case he had to pass through parties of the enemy. He also secured identification and brought in prisoners. He was severely wounded in the afternoon.

T./Capt. John Campbell, M.B., R.A.M.C.
(MESOPOTAMIA)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty north of Sherqat, on 27/28th October 1918. He showed great skill and a total disregard of danger in tending the wounded under fire. On several occasions, owing to the intensity of the enemy's fire, he had to move his aid post, but in spite of all difficulties he managed to evacuate all cases successfully.

Lt. (T./Capt.) Charles Wyndham Carles, 4th Bn., E. Kent R., T.F., sec'd. 6th Bn., Tank Co.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Rumilly on November 21st, 1917. He was ordered to proceed with his own and three other Tanks to crush the wire in front of the enemy trenches defending Rumilly. He led the way in his Tank, inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy in face of intense fire, and, when forced by direct hits to evacuate his Tank, he formed a Lewis Gun post with his crew in a stable, after capturing three prisoners there.

Lt. Edward William Croucher, I.A.R.O., attd. 32nd Lrs.
(MESOPOTAMIA)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Sherqat, on the 24th October 1918. He commanded the leading squadron in the pursuit under heavy fire with marked ability and judgment. His personal courage and fine example inspired his men at a critical time, when the advance was temporarily checked by heavy enfilade fire.

T./Capt. Arthur Adams Dalby, 2nd Bn., Tank Corps.

For conspicuous gallantry and initiative as Tank Commander on 20th November 1917, near Marcoing. It was of great importance to hold the bridges over the canal, and, in face of heavy fire, he made straight for the main railway bridge in time to prevent the enemy running out a wire and blowing it up. He shot the man with the wire, and beat off a counter attack. Later, in the attack on Fontaine, he fought most gallantly against heavy odds until his Tank was knocked out and the crew killed or wounded. He did fine work.

Lt. Benjamin William Pedley Dodds, I.A.R.O., attd. 34th Ind. Mtn. Bty.
(MESOPOTAMIA)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 25th Oct. 1918, at Mushaw. He fought his section in an open position with coolness and skill, engaging the enemy's guns most successfully. Later, at Sherqat, on the 29th October 1918, he directed the fire with great determination from an exposed observation post, and throughout set a magnificent example to his men.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Frederick John Foxlee, I.A.R.O., attd. 2nd Wireless Sig. Sqn.
(MESOPOTAMIA)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the evacuation of Baku, on 14th September 1918, he displayed marked gallantry in carrying messages throughout the day between headquarters and the wireless station, a distance of three miles, along a shell-swept road. He finally remained behind after our troops had embarked in order personally to assist in destroying the apparatus.

Lt. Percival David Gibson, 2/2nd Bn., Lond. R.

At Travecy on March 21/22, 1918, when his platoon was surrounded by overwhelming numbers, he showed great courage and devo-