

leadership on the 27th October 1920, near Samawah. While covering the withdrawal of a small force, his squadron was heavily attacked by a large body of Arabs. By his quick grasp of the situation and by his bold leadership Capt. Cahusac repulsed the enemy and inflicted severe casualties. Throughout he set a fine example of courage and initiative, and skilfully withdrew his force with little loss.

Lt. Harold Desmond Corser, 1/55th Rif. with 3/23rd Inf.), I.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and determination on the 11th November 1920, during an attack on Falbah. In face of heavy fire from the enemy, who were entrenched in a series of water cuttings, he steadily pushed forward in spite of considerable losses, and it was mainly due to his coolness and example that the company finally established itself in the southern portion of the village. In the subsequent attack, though wounded, he returned to command his company, thereby showing a splendid example of devotion to duty.

Lt. William Gordon Crask, 5th Bn., Sea. Hghrs., attd. M.G.C.

For conspicuous gallantry and ability on the railway line south of Samarra on 1st September 1920. During operations against a party of insurgents his armoured car was held up by damage to the line. He left his car under rifle fire, effected repairs to the line, and was thereby able to proceed down the line and cut off the retreat of a party of insurgents, whom he held to their ground till our infantry delivered its attack and inflicted heavy casualties on them. But for his action the insurgents, who were mostly mounted, would have been able to escape before the infantry came up. It is largely due to his untiring energy and ability that the insurgents have been prevented from damaging the railway line between Samarra and Beled since it was repaired on the 6th September 1920.

2nd Lt. Edmund Frank Davies, 2nd Bn., R.U. Rif.

For bold and skilful leadership on the 7th October 1920, during the advance on the Nahr Shah Canal. During repeated Arab attacks this officer led his men fearlessly against greatly superior numbers. His courage, initiative and resource have been most marked throughout the campaign, more especially on this occasion, when he frustrated all attempts of the enemy to break through.

Capt. Dermot Michael Dowling, 108th Inf., I.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty whilst in command of the garrison of Kufah, which was besieged from the 20th July 1920 to the 17th October 1920. He was responsible for successfully resisting all attempts to take the town, and throughout the siege afforded a splendid example of courage and devotion to all ranks.

Ressaidar Fauja Singh, 11th Lrs., I.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the 11th August 1920, near Tel-Afar. While in command of the right flank guard his troop came under heavy fire from three sides. A number of horses were hit, including his gun team, and several casualties occurred among his men. With great coolness and skill he withdrew his troop and Hotchkiss gun, his own horse being shot under him during this operation. While still under fire he saw an officer fall, and at once took two horses to his assistance. One of these was shot and the other broke away, so he carried the officer to safety on his shoulders.

Capt. John Alexander Finlay, 45th Sikhs, I.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and military ability on the 6th and 7th July 1920, near Rumaithah. When commanding an advanced post he overcame, by his initiative and bravery, a determined attack from the Arabs and ensured the advance of the column without any opposition. His courage, determination and leadership were deserving of the highest praise, and the success of the operation was due to his disregard of danger and coolness in action.

Capt. Lionel Alfred Foster, attd. 2/1st (with 1/3rd) Gurkha Rif., I.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and marked ability during the attack on the pumping station at Samarra on the 11th September 1920. A small patrol, escorting a linesman repairing the telegraph line, having been held up about 400 yards from the pumping station, Capt. Foster, with 20 rifles and two Lewis guns, was sent to reinforce and extricate it. He advanced to its relief under heavy fire until forced to retire in order to prevent the insurgents, who were in greatly superior numbers, from outflanking him and cutting him off. Further reinforcements were sent, and Capt. Foster was then able to make a successful attack on the insurgents and drive them off, thus enabling the patrol to withdraw. The boldness and skill with which he handled his men and his personal example ensured the success of the operation.

Lt. John Joseph Healy, 1st S. & M. (frmlly. attd. 114th Mahrattas), I.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the 13th July 1920, at Rumaithah. He led two platoons of the besieged garrison in a sortie, and by his dash and skilful leading drove off the enemy and enabled the garrison to get food from the town. He displayed the greatest courage and initiative.

Capt. Edward James Hoare, 2nd Bn., R.U. Rif.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the 26th October 1920, at Kufah, when in command of a company in a perimeter camp, which was being heavily attacked. By his supervision of fire control and com-