

Lt. (A./Capt.) Walter Sherrard Smith, I.A.R.O., attd. 1/55th Coke's Rif., Ind. Army.

For gallantry and devotion to duty at Kaniguram on the 6th March, 1920, when he searched the village under heavy sniping fire. He then assisted, under heavy fire, to establish a piquet on the hill beyond, suffering many casualties. On the 7th March he again showed great determination, under heavy fire, in his endeavours to complete the defence of the piquet and to ration it. Finally, on the 8th March, he succeeded in his endeavours, but was severely wounded. He set a fine example of courage and endurance.

Capt. John George Smyth, V.C., 15th Ludhiana Sikhs, Ind. Army, Hdqrs., 43rd Infy. Bde.

For gallantry and initiative at Khajuri, Tochi Valley, on the 22nd October, 1919, when, having been sent forward from Idak to clear up the situation, his quick appreciation, dispositions and leadership averted a serious disaster and contributed largely towards the saving of a valuable convoy attacked by the enemy. He showed great gallantry under heavy fire, inspired his command, and brought the convoy safely to Idak.

Lt. William Robert Thomson, 1/109th Infy., Ind. Army.

For gallantry on Black Ridge, near Palosina on the 21st December, 1919. After the troops on his left had been withdrawn, this Officer held on to the left flank with a few men until forced to retire by superior numbers of the enemy. Again rallying his party, he advanced by bombing to his original position, which he held till ordered to withdraw. He showed great coolness in a difficult situation, and set an excellent example to his men.

Capt. Cecil Wotton Toovey, 82nd Punjabis, Ind. Army.

For gallantry on the 21st December, 1919, at Palosina camp, on Black Hill Ridge. When in command of the battalion, which was driven off the ridge by the enemy, he gallantly organised and led a counter-attack under heavy fire, though himself wounded. He displayed conspicuous coolness and set a fine example to his command.

Lt. (A./Capt.) Archibald Dargue Weir, I.A.R.O., attd. No. 6 A.M. By., M.G. Corps.

For gallantry and initiative at Khajuri, Tochi Valley, on the 22nd October, 1919. He commanded his battery with skill, and thereby saved many lives and a large part of a valuable convoy.

Lt. Richard Harvey Wycherley, 3/34th Sikh Ptns., Ind. Army.

For gallantry and devotion to duty on the 19th December, 1919, at Palosina, when, during the retirement of two units, he seized a Lewis gun, ran up a small hill alone, and though practically surrounded, kept up a heavy fire on the enemy and checked their advance. Again, on the 21st December, 1919, when a working party had been forced to retire, this Officer rendered valuable services in collecting stragglers and organising a counter attack, during which he was

wounded. He showed great coolness and initiative throughout.

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the undermentioned rewards for distinguished service in the Field in Mesopotamia:—

AWARDED THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER.

Maj. and Bt. Lt.-Col. Donald Elphinstone Robertson, 11th Lrs., Ind. Army.

For gallantry and skilful leadership near Quirayah, on the 9th June, 1920, when, having been attacked by superior forces, he was forced to retire. His dispositions were most judicious, and he inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy, and, when reinforced, his vigorous offensive was most effective.

AWARDED THE MILITARY CROSS.

Lt. Richard Eric James Holmes, 1/39th Garhwal Rif., Ind. Army.

For gallantry and good leading near Mosul on the 9th June, 1920, when in command of a small detachment operating against Arab raiders. He handled his men with such skill and dash through a series of small actions that he scattered with heavy losses several mounted bands which were collecting to attack our convoys. It was due to his vigorous action that the convoys system on that section of the road suffered no serious interference.

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of a Bar to the Military Medal to the undermentioned Non-Commissioned Officer and Man:—

79443 Gnr. Porter, R., M.M., R.F.A. (Liverpool). (BALKANS)

(M.M. gazetted 18th June, 1917.)

South of Doiran on the 6th May, 1918, Gnr. Porter showed exceptional bravery by assisting to repair a broken telephone wire in an exposed position, and later by keeping a trench mortar in action despite the risk and exposure entailed by him in dismounting the gun. At the conclusion of firing he proceeded in the open to fetch a stretcher for the removal of casualties.

553914 Sjt. A. Stokes, M.M., R.E. (Catterford). (FRANCE)

(M.M. gazetted 12th June, 1918.)

For able direction and courage during the attack on Favreuil on the 25th August, 1918. Sjt. Stokes successfully laid and maintained telephone lines under heavy fire, which it was imperative should be established without delay.

His Majesty the KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the Military Medal to the undermentioned Non-Commissioned Officers and Men for bravery in the field:—

FRANCE AND FLANDERS

(except where otherwise stated).

ROYAL FIELD ARTILLERY.

46597 Sjt. Saunders, G. C. ([E] Woolwich). On 16th September, 1916, near Martin-