

500 hostile tribesmen. Capt. Beales attempted to enter the village by the main street, but met with such opposition that he was compelled to withdraw. He then endeavoured to force an entrance by another route and after two hours' heavy fighting reached the platoon. Though under close fire of the enemy, he so inspired his men by his determination and absolute disregard of danger that the insurgents were forced to retire. When the officer commanding the platoon was severely wounded he carried him under fire to a place of safety about 400 yards in rear, and then directed the retirement of his force. Had it not been for his pluck and the skilful handling of his men in face of overwhelming odds it is doubtful whether the troops engaged would have been extricated.

Capt. & Bt. Maj. Edward Bradney, K.E.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Tuwariz, on the 12th October, 1920, whilst in command of a Field Company of Sappers and Miners, during an attempt to save a bridge from destruction by the insurgents and in the saving of another. This officer, by his daring and coolness under heavy fire at close quarters, inspired his command to a rigid determination, which was rewarded by a success of considerable importance. On all occasions he has set a fine example of fearless leadership.

Maj. Roy Neil Boyd Campbell, O.B.E., 1/23rd Pnrs. (with 3/23rd Inf.), I.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the 11th November, 1920, during an attack on Falbah, when his men were becoming disheartened owing to the shortage of ammunition. They were in an unfavourable position and being heavily counter-attacked at very close quarters. Regardless of danger, Maj. Campbell sprang out from cover and, shouting the Sikhs' war cry, led a successful bayonet charge with the most beneficial results. The success of this operation was mainly due to his fine example.

Maj. Harry Ernest Connop, 35th Scinde Horse, I.A.

For bold and skilful handling of two squadrons at Kufa, on the 17th October, 1920. He led two mounted attacks against the insurgents, sabreing three himself. He then seized an important tactical feature, from which considerable loss was inflicted on the enemy, and supported the main advance by machine-gun fire. Throughout his handling of the cavalry showed marked ability and power of command.

Lt. Arthur Leslie Hanna, 11th Lrs., I.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the 11th August, 1920, at Shaik-Ibrahim. He was sent up with a troop to reinforce a squadron which was heavily engaged. While passing over the open he saw a dismounted man wave to him. He at once galloped over and found a wounded man who had been stripped of his clothing and equipment by the Arabs. While endeavouring to lift the man on to his horse the enemy opened heavy fire, one bullet passing through his coat. Lt. Hanna got the man on to his horse and brought him safely in.

Maj. Arthur Sidney Hay, 31st Lrs., attd. 114th Mahrattas, I.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the siege of Samawah, from July to September, 1920. The situation was often critical, and the conditions under which the troops had to live were most trying owing to the intense heat and shortage of rations. Maj. Hay, by his cheerful endurance and unremitting zeal, not only overcame the many difficulties with which he had to contend, but also set a fine example of courage and devotion to duty.

Maj. Paul FitzGerald Norbury, 34th Poona Horse, I.A., attd. Political Dept.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the siege of Kufah from the 20th July to 17th October, 1920. On one occasion, when a corner of the defences had been set on fire by the insurgents, Maj. Norbury and one other officer, with a small party, broke through the defences to discover the place from which the fire was originating. This party was heavily fired on by the enemy, and the other officer was killed, but Maj. Norbury remained outside until he had obtained the necessary information to enable the garrison to successfully extinguish the fire. Throughout the siege his cheerfulness and disregard of personal danger afforded a fine example to the garrison.

*Awarded a Bar to the Military Cross.*

Capt. Walter Harley Crawford-Clarke, M.C., R.E. (S.R.), empld. Mes. Rlys.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Nail on the 18th July, 1920. During the advance of a column which was acting as escort to a train, he walked in front of the engine in order to see that the line was intact, and often came under heavy fire. It was very greatly due to the courage and resource of this officer that the column was able to make a successful march.

(M.C. gazetted 26th July, 1917.)

Lt. Edward Neufville Crosse, M.C., R.F.A.

For conspicuous gallantry in action on the night of the 24/25th July, 1920, near the Rustimiyeh Canal. During a rear-guard action at night, when the infantry and cavalry were cut off from the rest of the column by Arabs, he repeatedly brought his section into action and drove off the enemy, who were attacking in superior numbers. When five of his men were wounded he acted as one of the detachment, and thus enabled the gun to remain in action. Throughout the operations he showed the greatest courage.

(M.C. gazetted 3rd June, 1918.)

Capt. Alfred Cyril Curtis, M.C., 45th Sikhs, I.A.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the 20th July, 1920, during the relief of Rumathah and the subsequent withdrawal. During an attack by a numerically superior force of Arabs, this officer, though severely wounded early in the operations, commanded the whole force of cavalry and infantry engaged. The enemy were constantly driven off and checked