

25, George Street,
Newtown, Eastleigh, Hants.
June 28th, 1917.

Sir,—I enclose the yearly subscription for the *Regimental Journal*. Please forward it to my home address, which is above, and allow it to count from the date my subscription ran out. I was transferred to the Leicestershire Regt., April 11th, 1917, but I consider myself still one of the Hampshire boys, and only in the Leicesters *pro tem*. I was awfully put out, also all my people, through being transferred, after being in the Hampshire Regt. over ten years. But I am doing my best to keep up the reputation of the old corps. I find we have a battalion out here (Mesopotamia), and the Leicesters have fought side by side with them. They speak very highly of them, and say they are the strongest looking lot of men they have seen here. I am afraid this theatre of war is the scene of recent British fighting of which little is known. This makes the fourth front I have been on, and I consider our lads have had more to contend with here than on any other front; but they have borne it cheerfully, as they always do. I am enclosing a few verses which I think suitable for our *Journal*.* Wishing the old Regiment every success, I conclude.

Yours sincerely,

A. SMITH, Corpl.,
Leicestershire Regt.
Late 7694 Corpl. A. Smith,
Hampshire Regt.

PRISONERS OF WAR.

Castamouni, Turkey,

Dear Colonel Stilwell, 4/7/17.

I am writing for Lieut. Lacy to answer your p.c. about No. ———, Hants.

I have got down on my list that he died at a place called Dorak, but no date given, nor yet the cause of death. But the date was probably late in 1916, and most of our poor fellows have died either from dysentery or enteritis—the result of the siege and the consequent journey. I see he is said to be Hants, but as the No. is the same, I am afraid it is he.

I am answering this at once, but if I can find out any further details, I will write to you again. I would also like to write to his mother, if you could be kind enough to give me her address.

These men have been heroes, every one. I saw a lot of the Hants during the siege of Kut, and was struck not only by their *youth*, but by their

cheeriness. General Townshend told me that all the men with him had done splendidly, and he was extremely pleased with them all.

Should there be anyone else I can find out about, I shall only be too pleased to do my best.

Believe me, sincerely yours,

(Signed), HAROLD SPOONER,
Chaplain.

War Honours.

BRAVERY IN THE FIELD.

A Supplement to the *London Gazette* contains a War Office list of awards which have been made by the King to various officers, men, and nurses for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in the field.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER.

Major Francis William Earle, Hampshire Regiment.—For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During the assault he was in temporary command of the Battalion, and handled it with marked ability and determination. He succeeded in capturing and consolidating an enemy strong point containing four machine guns. His Battalion captured 150 prisoners.

BAR TO MILITARY CROSS.

Temp. 2nd Lieut. Belford Alexander Wallis Wilson, M.C., Hampshire Regiment.—While in charge of a party covering digging operations by his Battalion, he occupied and held a position within twenty-five yards of the enemy's sap, afterwards driving them back and repulsing all attempts to re-occupy the sap. His resolution and skilful dispositions enabled the very difficult task of entrenching close to the enemy's wire to be successfully carried out. (M.C. gazetted January 26th, 1917.)

MILITARY CROSS.

2nd Lieut. Francis John Whaley, Hampshire Regiment.—For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the final objective had been reached he pushed forward with a few men through our own barrage in pursuit of some of the enemy, who were trying to escape, and captured a number of them, showing great gallantry and initiative.

20209 Sergeant-Major Frederick Greenwood, Hampshire Regiment.—When the final objective had been gained he advanced through our own and the enemy barrage, with only one man, and captured twenty-three prisoners. His fearless conduct throughout the operations was an example to all ranks.

MESOPOTAMIAN CAMPAIGN.

SIR STANLEY MAUDE'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

A Supplement to the *London Gazette* of August 15th contains a list of names of officers, warrant and non-commissioned officers, and men, ladies and civilians, whose services have been brought to notice by Lieutenant-General Sir Stanley Maude, Commander-in-

* These verses appear on page 190.

Acting Captain Donald Thomas Gorman, M.C.

In the attack on the 7th June 1917 he displayed the greatest gallantry and resource when leading his Company, both in the attack and subsequent consolidation. During the latter he was wounded, making this the fourth occasion he has gone to Hospital from this cause.

Recommended. Bar to Military Cross.

Awarded Divisional Board.

2nd Lt. Francis John Whaley.

Behaved with the greatest gallantry during the operations on 7th June 1917.

When the final objective was reached he dashed forward with a few men through our own barrage in pursuance of some of the enemy who were trying to escape, capturing a number of them.

Recommended. Military Cross.

Awarded Military Cross.



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