M.T. IN MESOPOTAMIA

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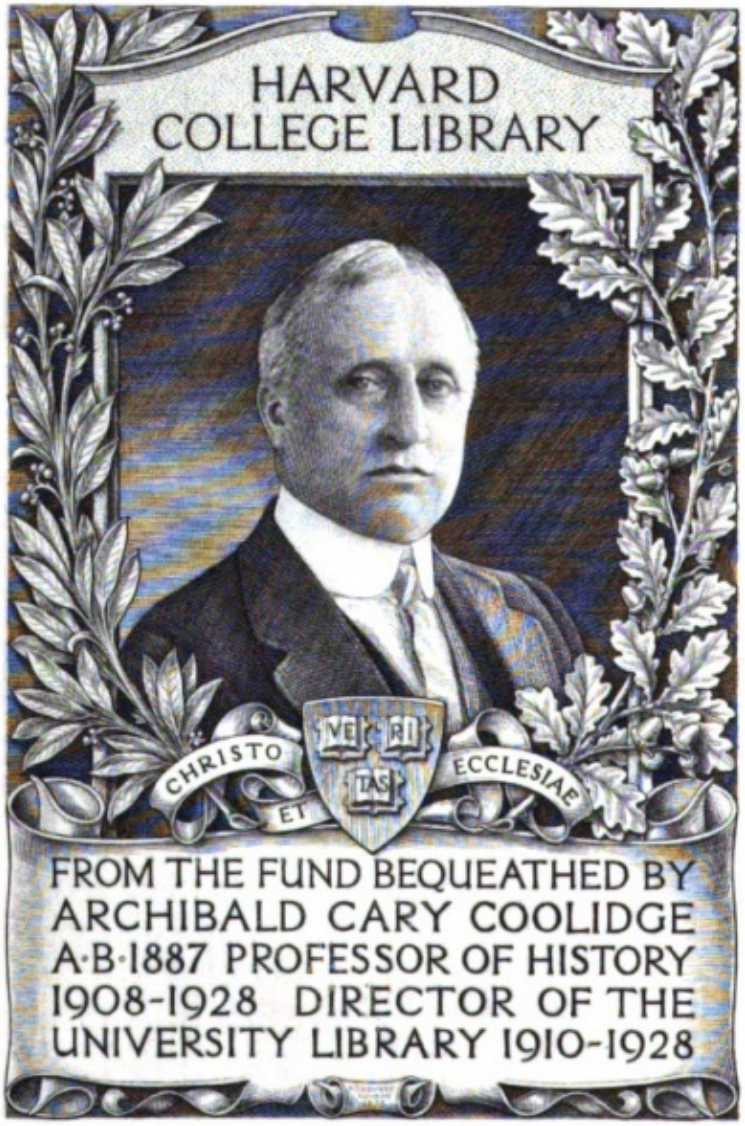

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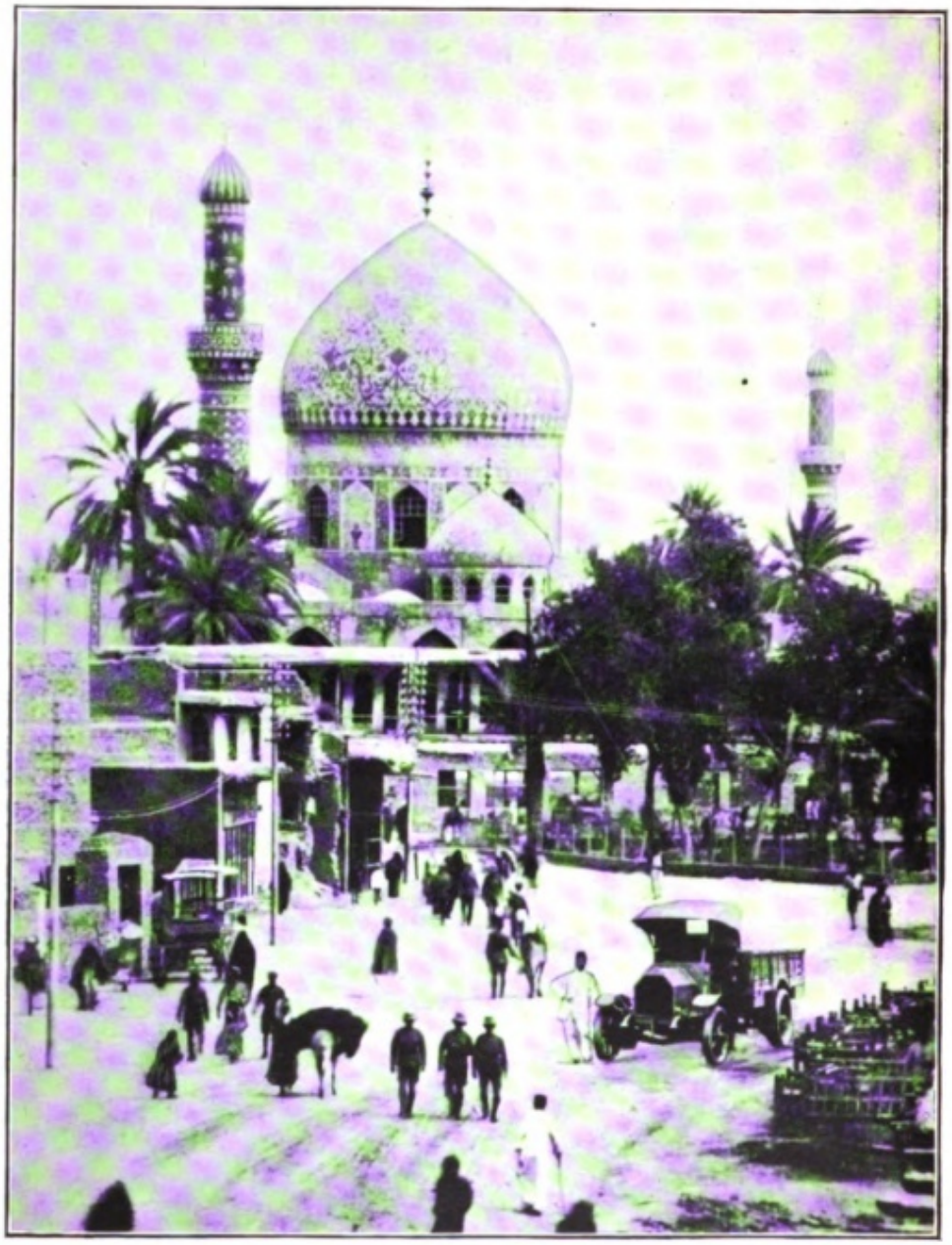

M.T. IN BAGHBAD.

[*Frontispiece.*

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THE OTHER SIDE OF THE STORY: VIEW ON ONE OF THE NUMEROUS CREEKS AT BASRAH

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LANDING OF THE FIRST PEERLESS LORRY IN MESOPOTAMIA.

THE SAME LORRY A SHORT WHILE AFTERWARDS.

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THE SECOND FLOATING WORKSHOP.

THE OLD AND THE NEW FLOATING WORKSHOPS.

The up-to-date barge with the old workshop alongside and the two attendant store boats, all dismantled.

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BASE M.T. DEPÔT, END OF 1918.
Covering 42 acres.

Half an acre in extent for stores.

Our tool-room.
BASE M.T. DEPÔT, SEPTEMBER 1916.

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troops would be to have to depend on these men for th... daily ration.

Instruction was the keynote; they were taught to dr... in spite of themselves, and to-day, due to the perseveran... of all ranks who assisted in this instruction, both in dep... and companies, the Indian is a good driver, and even in e... where he cannot drive, he does his best to keep his vehi... clean.

These men on their return to India, Burma, Mauri... and possibly Ceylon—Arabs, Jews, and Armenians—sh... all prove useful members of a civilised society. There... probably a good half-dozen different castes of Indians... ployed in Mesopotamia, and these, coupled with the ... nationalities mentioned (excluding British), give a ... of a round dozen of strange tongues spoken in Mech... Transport units. The land which produced the To... Babel also carried on the good work in 1917 and ... only we pronounce it "babble" nowadays.

At this time the War Establishment for a F... Company contains 60 per cent. Asiatic drivers to ... cent. British, so it speaks well for officers, N.C.O.... that the vehicles manned by such a motley cr... to move at all. The M.E.F. did their little ... white man-power for the exhaustive figh... Western Front, but little is known of the di... had to be surmounted in this land whi... Garden of Eden.

Before closing my remarks with rega... Depôt I should like to bring to notic... are considered worthy of interest. ... approximately the following arri... up country:

Vehicles	
British per...	
Indian	

The abo...

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THE FIRST FLOATING WORKSHOP.

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VAUXHALL CONVOY AFTER CROSSING SHAFI BRIDGE.
Tigris in the distance.

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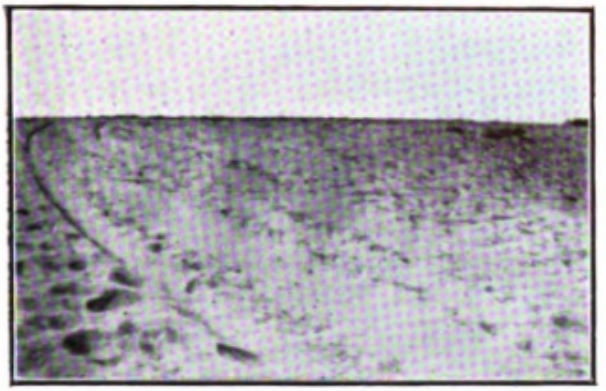

A piece of the road from Basrah to Arab Village, November 1916.

On the road between Ahwaz and Shush, Persia, January 1917.

Road from Hillah to Museib along the Euphrates, during the wet weather.

THREE EXAMPLES OF "ROADS" IN MESOPOTAMIA AND PERSIA.

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JUST BEFORE THE ACCIDENT TO LIEUTENANT LAMPARD, M.C.

A MINUTE AFTER THE ACCIDENT.

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TYPES OF M.T. DRIVERS IN MESOPOTAMIA.

The key to the group of mixed races is as follows (reading left to right):—*Back row.*—Hindoos.—*Fourth row.*—1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Mussulmans; 6, West African; 7, Italian; 8, Armenian; 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, Indian Christians.—*Third row.*—1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Sikhs; 6, American; 7, 8, Englishmen; 9, Canadian; 10, 11, 12, 13, Pathans.—*Second row, sitting.*—1, Burman; 2, 3, Armenians, 4, 5, Armenian Jews; 6, Manxman; 7, Irishman; 8, 9, Englishmen; 10, Scotchman; 11, Welshman; 12, 13, 14, Mauritians; 15, Pathan.—*First row, sitting.*—1, 2, Burmese; 3, 4, 5, Arabs; 6, 7, 8, 9, Chinese; 10, 11, Mauritians.

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NO. 1 WAS TAKEN AT THE TIME THE BRIDGE WAS BEING CARRIED AWAY. THE BREAKAGE CAN BE SEEN ON THE RIGHT.

NO. 2 SHOWS ALL THAT WAS LEFT AN HOUR AFTERWARDS.

MOTOR AMBULANCES AS USED ON THE RAILWAYS. THESE WERE RUN BY THE RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

DIGGING OUT A VAUXHALL CAR WHICH HAD GOT INTO TROUBLE.

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