

The practice of wearing medals in mufti does not commend itself to the majority of those entitled to them. With a single war medal it is very possible it might be different. Officers in the French Army, *en bourgeois*, are quite content with the red ribbon of the Legion of Honour, cut down to the very narrowest strip. The truth is, the English war medal business is altogether overdone, and has become somewhat ridiculous. The Egyptian decorations, especially, have been carried to an absurdity. Suakin is not a pleasant quarter very possibly, but it can hardly be contended that a few months', or even weeks', service in that place deserve to be recorded by a medal with clasp, a bronze star, the Order of the Osmanlie, and the Order of the Medjidie, with the chance of a D.S.O. thrown in—*Broad Arrow*.

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