

## AFGHAN WAR—1878 to 1880.

SOWAR KISHEN SING, *4th Punjab Cavalry*, was admitted to the 3rd Class of the Order for conspicuous gallantry during the attack on the Sulemaini Kheyl Village in the Gomal Valley, on the 5th Jan 1879. (366 of 1879).

SUBADAR FYZTULUB, *1st Punjab Infantry*, was admitted to the 1st Class of the Order in consideration of the excellent arrangements made by him when in command of a detachment of his Regt at Fort Abdoola (near Gulistan Karez, Afghanistan), by which two determined attacks by Kakozei and Atchakazei were successfully repulsed on the night of the 9th Jan 1879. (532. 1879.)

RESSALDAR PREM SINGH, (2nd Class)

DAFADAR NAND SINGH, (3rd Class)

SOWAR JEWAN SINGH

„ KARDOO SINNH

„ DEWAN SINGH

„ YAKUB SINGH

} *Corps of  
Guides  
(Queen's  
Own),*

were advanced in, and admitted to the Order of Merit as specified opposite their respective names, in recognition of conspicuous gallantry displayed in the action against the Khugiani tribes near Fatteabad, on the 2nd April 1879. (533 of 1879.)

SUBADAR-MAJOR PYABB, SIRDAR BAHADUR, (1st Class)

JEMADAR MIR BUTT (3rd Class)

NAIK PEER MAHOMED (3rd Class)

SEPOY GOOL MAHOMED, (3rd Class)

SEPOY HERRA SING (3rd Class)

*1st Punjab Infy*, were advanced in, and admitted to the Order of Merit as specified opposite their respective names, for conspicuous gallantry displayed in action with the enemy at Baghao on the 24th March 1879. (583 of 1879.)

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SEPOY LALL SINGH } *45th (Rattray's Sikhs) Regt.*  
 AND } *Native Infy,* received the  
 SEPOY NUND SINGH } 3rd Class of the Order, in  
 consideration of conspicuous gallantry on the 7th March  
 1879, near Maidanack, when on escort duty with a  
 survey party. (605 of 1879).

HOSPITAL ASST SYUD NOOR KHAN } *Mhairwara*  
 NAIK (GOPA (2nd) } *Battalion,*  
 SEPOY MADARI } were admit-  
 ted to the 3rd Class of the Order, for conspicuous gal-  
 lantry in action at Kam Dakka, on the 22nd April 1879.  
 (605 of 1879.)

HAVILDAR AHMED KHAN } *24th Native Infy,*  
 SEPOY KAPUR SINGH }

NAIK HAKUM } *45th Native Infy,*  
 SEPOY TURAI SINGH }

were admitted to the 3rd Class of the Order, for consp-  
 icuous gallantry in action on the Choora Valley, on  
 the 31st January 1879. (736 of 1879.)

STORE LASCAR CHUKUN SINGH, *E-4th Royal*  
*Artillery,* was admitted to the 3rd Class of the Order  
 for conspicuous gallantry in having, when unarmed,  
 opposed and disarmed a fanatic who rushed into the  
 camp at Kandahar on the 6th February 1879. (797 of  
 1879.)

The following officers and men received promo-  
 tion in, or admission to, the Order of Merit as specified  
 opposite their respective names:—

SEPOY KISSRN BEER NUGGEROTI, *5th Gurkha*  
*Regt,* (The Hazara Gurkha Battalion).....to 2nd  
 Class.

SUBADAR BUDH SINGH, *5th Punjab Infantry,*  
 3rd Class.

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JEMADAR BOOR SINGH, *23rd (Punjab) Regt. Native Infy (Pioneers)* 3rd Class.

HAVILDAR GOORDIAL SINGH *23rd (Punjab) Regt. Native Infy (Pioneers)* 3rd Class.

NAIK OOTUM SINGH *23rd (Punjab) Regt. Native Infy (Pioneers)* 3rd Class.

SEPOY JHUNDA SINGH *23rd (Punjab) Regt. Native Infy (Pioneers)* 3rd Class.

SEPOY HURDITT SINGH *23rd (Punjab) Regt. Native Infy (Pioneers)* 3rd Class.

SEPOY BOOTA SINGH *23rd (Punjab) Regt. Native Infy (Pioneers)* 3rd Class.

SEPOY CHUNDA SINGH *23rd (Punjab) Regt. Native Infy (Pioneers)* 3rd Class.

SEPOY GUNDA SINGH *23rd (Punjab) Regt. Native Infy (Pioneers)* 3rd Class.

SUBADAR HURREE DEWA Jaiesie, *5th Gurkha Regt (Hazara Gurkha Bttn.)* 3rd Class

BUGLER CHOONER DAMAI *5th Gurkha Regt. (Hazara Gurkha Bttn.)* 3rd Class.

for conspicuous gallantry in action at Charasia on the 6th October 1879. (1260 of 1879.)

JEMADAR GUNESA SING, *3rd Sikh Infy, Punjab Frontier Force*, was admitted to the 3rd Class of the Order, for conspicuous gallantry in leading his company up a steep hill under a very heavy fire from the enemy, and capturing, with his own hands one of the enemy's standard at Camp Shuturgurdan, on the 2nd October 1879. (20 of 1880.)

JEMADAR FUZL ACHMUD, *29th (Punjab) Native Infy*, was admitted to the 3rd Class of the Order, for conspicuous gallantry in charging the enemy single-handed during the assault on Zawa in the Zaimukht Country, on the 13th December 1879. (117 of 1880.)

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JEMADAR GOPAL SING. } (Died of wounds)  
 AND } *14th Bengal Lancers,*  
 DAFADAR KANHIYA LAL } were admitted to the  
 3rd Class of the Order for conspicuous gallantry in the  
 action in the Chardeh Valley on the 11th December  
 1879. (131 of 1880.)

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SUBADAR KISHUBIR NUGGURKOTI, *1st Bn., 5th Gurkhas*, has the honor of being the only soldier in the whole of the Indian Army who earned, by repeated acts of gallantry, *the 3rd, 2nd and 1st Classes of the Order of Merit and a special gold Bar*, in addition, to be worn with the 1st Class Star.

This grand soldier gained all three stars of the Order, during the Afghan War of 1878-1880. He was admitted to the 3rd Class of the Order in the rank of sepoy for having on the 13th December 1878, when the rear guard was attacked by the enemy in the Mangiar Pass, gallantly charged back the Afghans and recovered the dead and wounded. He received the 2nd Class Star for gallantry at Charasia on the 6th October 1879. At the battle of Charasia a party of the 5th Gurkhas with a detachment of the 72nd Highlanders were assaulting a hill held by the enemy. Lieut. C. Chenevix-Trench was in want of reinforcements, and Kishubir Nuggurkoti was the first man who volunteered to fetch reinforcements from the rear. In performing this service, he was exposed to a heavy fire from the enemy, but he went back and returned with reinforcements, and his gallant example was soon followed by others of the same regiment.

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Kishubir was promoted to the 1st Class as Naik for his gallantry at Kabul on the 12th December 1879. On this occasion he went to the assistance of Lieut. Fasken, 3rd Sikhs, who was wounded in both legs and lay on the knoll below the conical hill, under a smart fire from the enemy. Lieut. Fasken was at the time trying to crawl away when Kishubir, with Havildar Kurin Sing Negi and Sepoy Dummer Sing, went to his assistance and remained with him under fire until they were able to eventually remove him under cover.

The fourth act of gallantry and devotion performed by this grand soldier was on the 18th June 1888 on the Black Mountain, Agrore, when he defended the persons of Major Legh Richmond Battye, 5th Gurkhas, and Captain Henry Brabazon Urmston, 6th Punjab Infantry, both of whom lost their lives. The noble devotion exhibited by the Subadar on the occasion in question is unparalleled in the history of the Indian Army. On the evening of the 17th June 1888, Kishubir received orders from Major Battye to parade all available men of the detachment early the next morning as he intended going up into the hills to examine the water supply. Accordingly, the Indian Officer with 2 Havildars, 3 Naiks, 2 Buglers and 53 Sepoys paraded and marched under the orders of Major Battye who was accompanied by Captain Urmston; the latter totally unarmed. A first halt was made near Barcha, for a drink, and a second halt, for breakfast, near a spring on the top of a hill. After breakfast, Major Battye and Capt. Urmston proceeded with an advance guard of the nine men and left the Subadar with the remaining men behind. But they had not proceeded very far when Major Battye made a signal to the Subadar to come on, and, while moving up with his men,

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the Indian officer heard some shots fired in front, but his men were not molested at first and he saw no signs of an enemy. Suddenly two shots were fired in the rear wounding the Havildar of the rear guard. This was at once reported to Major Battye, and the Subadar ordered his men to open their ammunition, and had the wounded man put into a dandy. Major Battye, Capt. Urmston and the Hospital assistant then came up, and, after the Havildar was attended to, Major Battye ordered a Section in Skirmishing order to be thrown out to cover the rear and to take up a position further back with the remainder of the men. This was done and Major Battye having ordered in the section covering the rear, three volleys were fired at the enemy who had collected in great numbers on three sides of the party, only leaving the slope towards Thakot clear. The right section was then ordered to retire and Capt. Urmston who was with this section, was severely wounded on the left shoulder by a blow from an axe delivered by a man who had come up unseen. Captain Urmston snatched a rifle from a sepoy, fired a round, returned the rifles to the sepoy and then doubled and joined the left section where Major Battye and the Subadar were. The right section then retired and on the way found the wounded Havildar in the dandy on the road. Major Battye ordered the Kahars to take up the dandy on the road, but whilst giving this order a man rushed out and cut Major Battye over the left shoulder with a tulwar. Major Battye turned and was defending himself with his sword when Kishubir ran up and drove his sword through the man with both his hands. In the meanwhile the wounded man in the dandy had been deserted by the Kahars and the Subadar directed two sepoy to kneel down and cover