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*Frontier Force*, received the 3rd Class of the Order for conspicuous gallantry in action at Charasiah on the 25th April 1880, on which occasion he continued under a heavy fire, passing across the open from group to group of the skirmishers, so as to ensure that no wounded men remained long without assistance. In the performance of his duty he himself fell severely wounded (443 of 1880.)

No. 1154 SEPOY NARBAHADUR, *43rd (Assam) Regt. Native (Light) Infy.*, was admitted to the 3rd Class of the Order for conspicuous gallantry at the action of Konoma, on the 22nd November 1879, on which occasion when a detachment of the regiment was advancing in skirmishing order to attack a breast work held by the enemy, he rushed ahead under a heavy musketry fire and showers of spears, and was the first to climb over the breastwork and jump into the enclosure. (471 of 1880.)

The undermentioned men of the *1st Punjab Cavalry* *Punjab Frontier Force* were admitted to the 3rd Class of the Order. (533 of 1880.)

No. 668 DAFADAR GHOLAM JELANI, displayed conspicuous gallantry in action at Patkao Shana on the 1st July 1880, in singly engaging and killing two of the enemy, armed with swords and rifles, himself receiving a severe wound in the encounter.

No. 1472 DAFADAR CHAIT SING, displayed gallant conduct in action at Patkao Shana on the 1st July 1880, on which occasion he killed three of the enemy, one of them being a deserter.

No. 1422 LANCE-DAFADAR MOWAZ KHAN, displayed conspicuous gallantry in action at Ahmad Khel, on the 19th April 1880, on which occasion, observing that two ghazis, armed with guns and tulwars, had taken a post in a *nullah*, he dismounted and, holding

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his horse with one hand, engaged both of them, killing one in a hand-to-hand fight.

No. 1255, SOWAR BOOTAH SING, displayed conspicuous gallantry in action at Azzu, on the 23rd April 1880, in singly engaging and cutting down in a hand-to-hand fight two of the enemy.

No. 1588, SOWAR JOWAHIR SING, displayed gallant conduct in action at Ahmad Khel on the 19th April 1880, on which occasion he dismounted and attacked two of the enemy who had taken a post in a *nallah* killing one in a hand-to-hand encounter.

No 1807, SOWAR FAZL KHAN, for conspicuous gallantry in action at Patkao Shana on the 1st July 1880, on which occasion he attacked and killed in succession 3 of the enemy, himself receiving 2 wounds in the encounter with the third.

The undermentioned Officer and non-commissioned officers and men of the *19th Bengal Lancers*, were admitted to the 3rd Class of the Order of Merit. (563 of 1880.):—

No. 603, JEMADAR MAHOMED KHAN, for conspicuous gallantry in action at Ahmad Khel on the 19th April 1880, in defending his commanding officer, Colonel P. S. York, from the attacks of the ghazis by whom he was assailed; also for conspicuous gallantry in action at Patkao Shana on the 1st July 1880.

No. 238, KOT-DAFADAR HUBBOOB SING, displayed great gallantry in action at Ahmad Khel on the 19th April 1880, in charging with a few men a superior number of the enemy who had suddenly attacked the flank of the squadron to which he belonged; also in rescuing Jemadar Gulab Sing, who was wounded, dismounted and surrounded by the enemy.

No. 738, KOT-DAFADAR HOOKUM SING, for conspicuous gallantry in action at Patkao Shana on the 1st

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July 1880, in charging singly five of the enemy and killing two of them.

No. 197, DAFADAR HURDIT SING, displayed exemplary conduct in action at Ahmad Khel on the 19th April 1880, on which occasion he, although already wounded severely, engaged and cut down two of the enemy who were attacking Sowar Boota Sing.

No. 830, DAFADAR NOWRUNG SING, displayed conspicuous gallantry in action at Patkao Shana on the 1st July 1880, on which occasion he was very forward and killed several of the enemy.

No. 931, DAFADAR ALUM ALI SHAH, for conspicuous gallantry in action at Ahmad Khel on the 19th April 1880, in rescuing Dafadar Hookum Sing, who was badly wounded and surrounded by ghazis.

No. 1130, DAFADAR MAHOMED ISHAK. During the action at Ahmad Khel, Dafadar Mahomed Ishak perceived that Sowar Sing, of the same Regt. was in imminent danger, being attacked by three of the enemy, and coming to his rescue he charged the three attackers and killed two of them and saved the Sowar's life. At Patkao Shana also, on the 1st July 1880, he displayed great gallantry. - On this occasion he dismounted and singly attacked seven or eight of the enemy, who had taken post behind some rocks, and killed four or five of them.

No. 1091, LANCE-DAFADAR KAIR SING, seeing that Ressaidar Gunda Sing's life was endangered by two of the enemy at Ahmad Khel, went to the assistance of his comrade and saved his life. On the same occasion he also charged a group of eight or ten ghazis, singly, and succeeded in killing two of them.

No. 1185, LANCE-DAFADAR SIRDAR SING, with Kot-Dafadar Hubboob Sing charged a superior number.

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of the enemy who had attacked the flank of the squadron to which they belonged, at Ahmad Khel on the 19th April 1880, and succeeded in killing two of them.

No. 915, SOWAR KUSHAL SING, for conspicuous gallantry in action at Ahmad Khel, on the 19th April 1880, in rescuing Kot-Dafadar Kurram Sing of his regiment who was severely wounded and nearly overcome in a conflict with two ghazis.

No. 1047, SOWAR RAM SING, charged three of the enemy's horsemen who were rushing on Surgeon W. R. Murphy, at Ahmad Khel on the 19th April 1880. He killed one of them and thus saved that officer's life.

No. 1071, SOWAR GULAB SING, dismounted and led an attack on a number of the enemy who had posted themselves in a ditch at Ahmad Khel on the 19th April 1880. Although under a heavy fire, he succeeded in killing more than one of the enemy and setting a brilliant example to the other men with him.

No. 1126, SOWAR UTTER SING. At Ahmad Khel, on the 19th April 1880, this Sowar although wounded in two places, charged two ghazis, killed one of them and saved the life of Dafadar Narain Sing, whom they had beset.

No. 1223, SOWAR KAIT RAM, accompanied Kot-Dafadar Hubboob Sing in his charge against a superior number of the enemy who had suddenly attacked the flank of their squadron at Ahmad Khel on the 19th April 1880, and killed two of them in personal conflict.

No. 1396 SOWAR KHAN JAN KHAN, saved the life of Sowar Gulab Sing at Ahmad Khel on the 19th April 1880. He dismounted and attacked a number of the enemy who were posted in a deep ditch, jumping into the ditch among them, cutting down two of them and saving the life of the Sowar. He himself received a wound in the conflict.

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SUBADAR DEWA SING, *23rd Bengal Native Infy. (Pioneers)*, was promoted to the 2nd Class of the Order in consideration of conspicuous gallantry in action near Kandahar on the 1st September 1880, on which occasion he led the way in a charge on one of the enemy's *sangas* which he was the first to enter, and in which two guns were captured. (638 of 1880).

The undermentioned Indian Officers and men were admitted to the 3rd Class of the Order for conspicuous gallantry in action near Kandahar on the 1st September 1880. (639 of 1880.)

No. 1134, DAFADAR BURKUT ALLY, *3rd Punjab Cavalry*, in charging, during the pursuit of the enemy, three *ghazis* armed with rifles and fixed bayonets, who were attacking Lance-Dafadar Maiboob Ally Khan of the same regiment, and killing one of them and saving the Lance-Dafadar's life.

*23rd Bengal Native Infy. (Pioneers):—*

No. 1735, SEPOY CHATAR SING, in leading across a wet ditch in the face of some forty of the enemy and bayonetting one of them

No. 2024, SEPOY GUNGA SING, in bayonetting two of the enemy in a charge on one of their *sangas*, in which he was particularly forward, and saving the life of Subadar Dewa Sing whom these men had attacked.

*24th Bengal Native Infy:—*

No. 104, NAIK DHURM SING, and	} During the advance on the enemy's position,
No. 1123, NAIK SOOBAN SING, 2 of the mules carrying the reserve ammunition having been shot down, these non-commissioned officers, with great coolness, under a heavy fire of artillery and musketry, unloaded the mules carrying the entrenching	

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tools, transferred the ammunition to them, and distributed the entrenching tools on other mules.

No. 1765, SEPOY MAROOF SHAH, in descending from a dandy in which, being wounded, he was being conveyed from the field, killed two out of four ghazis who had rushed on him and the four kahars who were carrying him.

*2nd Gurkha Regt.:—*

No. 420, NAIK GOPAL BORAH, in leading the way during the advance against the gardens and orchards held by the enemy, and setting a most praiseworthy example to the men

No. 584, RFM. MUNGAL JOYSEE, in attacking, with two other men of the Regt. a number of ghazis who had posted themselves in a courtyard in the village of Sahibdad, killing some and driving the others out himself receiving a severe wound in the conflict.

No. 901, RFM. WAZEER SING Nagarkoti, in attacking, with the aid of two other men of the regiment, a number of ghazis who had taken up a position in a courtyard in the village of Sahibdad, killing some and driving the rest out, and himself receiving two wounds in the encounter.

No. 1123, RFM. INDERBEER LAMA, in leading the way in a charge on the Afghan position, on which occasion he was the first to reach one of the enemy's guns, which was captured. Also in singly attacking and bayonetting two ghazis who had posted themselves behind a rock

No. 1124, RFM. MONEYRAM LOHAR, in springing forward and bayonetting a ghazi who had suddenly assailed and was on the point of cutting down Subadar Moteeram Thappa of the same Regiment, thereby saving the Subadar's life.

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No. 1138, R.F.M. TICCARAM KWAS, in leading the way during the advance against the gardens and orchards held by the enemy, and setting an excellent example to his comrades.

No. 1319, R.F.M. BISRAM THAPPA, in singly attacking a number of ghazis posted in a courtyard in the village of Sahibdad, on which occasion he received a very severe wound.

No. 1360, R.F.M. MUKKEREAH RANA, in attacking, with two other men of the regiment, a number of ghazis posted in a courtyard in the village of Sahibdad, some of who were killed and the rest were driven out—he himself receiving a wound in the encounter.

*2nd Sikh Inty. :—*

SUBADAR-MAJOR GURBAJ SING, in gallantly leading and encouraging the men during the advance on the enemy's position, and charging a band of ghazis under a hot fire.

JEMADAR ALA SING, in leading a charge on a band of ghazis who had made a stand, cutting down one of them and showing a splendid example to the men.

No. 1802, NAIK DAVIE SING, in leading the way in a charge on a strong band on ghazis.

No. 2210, SEPOY JAI SING, in singly attacking several ghazis and killing two of them, himself receiving a severe wound in the encounter.

No. 2431, SEPOY PERTAB SING, } These men exhibited  
and } great coolness and  
No. 2594, SEPOY HIRA SING, } intrepidity under a  
very hot fire from the enemy. They were both severely wounded while prominently in front during the advance on the Afghan position.

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No. 2967, SEPOY HAKIM, in joining Naik Devie Sing in a charge on a strong band of ghazis, one of whom he killed.

The undermentioned men who were killed with the late Major S. J. Waudby, in the defence of the post of Dabrai, on the 16th April 1880 would, if they had lived, have been admitted to the 3rd Class of the Order:—

SOWAR SYUD IMMAM ALI, *3rd Sind Horse*.

PRIVATE ELAHI BUX, } *19th Regt. Bombay*  
 ,, SONNAK TANNAK, } *Native Infy.* The widows of these men were allowed to draw the usual Order of Merit pension for three years from the 16th April 1880, in addition to the ordinary pension allowed by regulations. (689 of 1880.)

*Sowar (subsequently promoted Kot-Dafadar) Mazr Ali, 1st Bengal Cavalry*, was admitted to the 3rd class of the Order, for conspicuous gallantry in action at Bhagwana in the Chardeh Valley, near Kabul, on the 11th December 1879, when employed as orderly to Lieutenant-General Sir F. S. (afterwards Lord) Roberts, K.C.B., V.C., Commanding the Forces in Northern Afghanistan, on which occasion at great personal risk, after his horse had been shot under him, he seized the Malik of Bhagwana, who had treacherously attempted the life of Sir Frederick Roberts. (432 of 1887).

The undermentioned men of the *29th Regiment of Bombay Native Infantry*, were admitted to the 3rd Class:—

NAIK RAHIM KHAN.—For conspicuous gallantry in endeavouring, at great personal risk, in August 1880, to convey a message from Khelat-i-Ghilzai to the garrison of Kandahar, then closely besieged by Sirdar Mahomed Ayub Khan. In carrying out this duty he was taken prisoner by the enemy.



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PRIVATE LALL MAHOMED.—For conspicuous gallantry in August 1880, in conveying, at great personal risk, a letter from General Primrose at Kandahar to the officer commanding at Chaman, the intervening country being entirely in the hands of the enemy, who had intercepted and put to death several messengers previously despatched on the same errand.

(20 of 1881).

The undermentioned men of the *Poona Horse*, were admitted to the 3rd Class:—

No. 359, LANCE-NAIK MAHOMED SEDDICK KHAN.

No. 479, LANCE-NAIK INNAIT RUSSUL KHAN.

For conspicuous gallantry in action at Deh Khojah, near Kandahar, on the 16th August 1880, on which occasion they charged down a street of the village in order to clear the way for Brigadier-General Brooke (whose orderlies they were), and a small party of the 7th Fusiliers, who were at the time surrounded by the enemy. In cutting their way through the enemy, Innait Russul Khan received four severe wounds, and his comrade's horse was badly wounded.

(58 of 1881).

The following promotions were made in the Order of Merit:—

*From the 3rd to the 2nd Class.*

RESSAIDAR DHOWKUL SINGH, *3rd Bombay Light Cavalry.*

For conspicuous gallantry in action near the Helmand on the 14th July 1880, in riding up under a hot fire and rescuing a sowar of the 3rd Sind Horse, whose horse had fallen with him near the enemy's guns.

*From the 2nd to the 1st Class.*

RESSAIDAR DHOWKUL SINGH, *3rd Bombay Light Cavalry.*

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For conspicuous gallantry during the retreat from Maiwand on the 27th July 1880, on which occasion he was instrumental in saving the life of Lieutenant-Colonel H. S. Anderson, 1st Bombay Native Infantry, who was severally wounded, and in the attack on the village of Deh Khojah, near Kandahar, on the 16th August 1880. (59 of 1881).

The undermentioned Indian officers and men were admitted to the 3rd Class:—

*3rd Bombay Light Cavalry.*

No. 813, NAIK RUGBHUR MISSER.

For conspicuous gallantry and coolness during the retreat from Maiwand on the 27th July 1880,

*Poona Horse.*

DAFADAR HAMUDOOLLAH KHAN.

DAFADAR AKTAR NOWAZ KHAN.

NAIK MAHOMED ESACK KHAN.

LANCE-NAIK GOOLSHAIR KHAN.

SOWAR AMEER KHAN.

SOWAR SHAIK HOSSAIN.

SOWAR BABOO RAO KHANWALKAR.

For conspicuous gallantry in action near the banks of the Argandab, on the 28th July 1880, when serving with the detachment sent out under the command of Brigadier-General Brooke, to help into Kandahar the remnants of Brigadier-General Burrows' force, then retreating from Maiwand

*3rd Sind Horse.*

RESSAIDAR SHAIK JAMAL.

No. 240, KOT-DAFADAR ABDOOLLA KHAN.

No. 361, DAFADAR SARFARAZ KHAN.

No. 378, LANCE-NAIK BISHUN SING.

No. 502, LANCE-NAIK JAIMUL SING.

No. 266, TRUMPETER SOONDER SING.

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No. 142, SOWAR BEER SING.

No. 229, SOWAR LENA SING.

No. 255, SOWAR JOWALA SING.

For conspicuous gallantry during the retreat from Maiwand, on the 27th July 1880, in keeping off parties of the enemy's cavalry who were in pursuit, and saving the lives of many wounded and exhausted men.

*No. 2 Company, Bombay Sappers and Miners.*

No. 71, LANCE-NAIK SHAIK ABDOOLLA.

No. 397, PRIVATE SAIAD MAHOMED.

No. 639, PRIVATE ABDOOLLA KHAN.

For conspicuous gallantry in the attack on Deh Khojah, near Kandahar, on the 16th August 1880, in endeavouring to rescue the late Captain G. M. Cruickshank, R. E., on that officer falling severely wounded. In doing this, Saiad Mahomed and Abdoola Khan were themselves wounded, the latter severely in three places.

(60 of 1881).

The undermentioned Indian officers and non-commissioned officers of the *19th Bengal Lancers* were admitted to the 3rd Class:—

RESSAIDAR JOWAHIR SING.—For conspicuous gallantry in action at Ahmed Khel on the 19th April 1880, on which occasion, at the head of three dismounted men, he dashed through some fifteen or twenty of the enemy who were resisting the passage of a *nul-lah*, killing two of them with his own hand, and himself receiving a wound in the encounter.

TRUMPET MAJOR MANGAL SING.—For conspicuous gallantry in action at Ahmed Khel on the 19th April 1880, in singly charging a superior number of the enemy's cavalry.

(136 of 1881).

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The undermentioned non-commissioned officer and private of the 1st Bombay Native Infantry (Grenadiers) were admitted to the 3rd Class:—

No. 2, HAILDAR GANDA SING.

No. 1057, PRIVATE BHAGWAN SING. } For conspicuous gallantry and devotion in and after the battle of Maiwand on the 27th July 1880, on which occasion they saved the life of Lieutenant-Colonel H. S. Anderson, 1st Bombay Native Infantry, by carrying him off the field on his falling severely wounded at the close of the action.

(222 of 1881).

The undermentioned men of the *1st Sikh Infantry*, were admitted to the 3rd class for conspicuous gallantry in action with the Mahsud Waziris at Shah Alam Raghza, on the 3rd May 1881:—

No. 2519, HAVILDAR NARAIN SING.

No. 3369, SEPOY HOOSAIN SHAH.

No. 3468, SEPOY MAHOMED BAKSH.

(351 of 1881).

SOWAR SIRBULAND KHAN, *1st Punjab Cavalry, Punjab Frontier Force*, was admitted to the 3rd class of the Order of Merit, for conspicuous gallantry in action at Patkao Sahana, in the Logar Valley, on the 1st July 1880, on which occasion he singly charged three of the enemy armed with guns, killing two of them and himself receiving a severe gun-shot wound from the third.

(438 of 1881).

WOORDIE-MAJOR SHAIK AMIR ALI, *3rd Sind Horse*, was admitted to the 3rd Class for the following acts of gallantry:—

- (i) for exhibiting great coolness and presence of mind before the enemy during the