

## CHITRAL, 1895.

JEMADAR DIAL SINGH, *Corps of Guides, Cavalry*, was awarded the 3rd class, for exemplary coolness and conspicuous gallantry in action at Khar, on the 4th April 1895, on which occasion he led the charge of his troop against a large body of the enemy and thereby relieved a portion of the 1st Brigade, Chitral Relief Force, from a somewhat critical position and saved them from probable heavy loss. He was foremost in the charge and pursuit, showing his men a fine example of daring leading, and doing considerable execution with his own sword. (299 of 1196).

DEFENCE AND RELIEF OF THE FORT OF  
CHITRAL, 1895.

The undermentioned non-commissioned officers and men of the *14th (Ferozepore Sikh) Regt. of Bengal Infantry*, were granted the 3rd Class, in recognition of the gallantry and devotion exhibited by them in the action at Koragh, in Chitral, on the 10th March 1895:—

- No. 569, Pay-Havildar Sundar Sing.
  - No. 842, Havildar Mahtab Sing.
  - No. 1402, Lance-Naik Burh Sing.
  - No. 778, Sepoy Jodh Sing.
  - No. 1357, Sepoy Jaimal Sing.
  - No. 1577, Sepoy Sham Sing.
  - No. 1629, Sepoy Saddah Sing.
  - No. 1634, Sepoy Thamman Sing.
  - No. 1693, Sepoy Bhag Sing.
  - No. 1712, Sepoy Prem Sing.
  - No. 1725, Sepoy Mal Sing.
  - No. 1419, Sepoy Badan Sing.
  - No. 1922, Sepoy Ganga Sing.
  - No. 1674, Sepoy Dayal Sing.
- (742 of 1895).

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The undermentioned men were admitted to the 3rd class, in recognition of the conspicuous gallantry and devotion exhibited by them at Reshun between the 7th and 13th March 1895, when proceeding from Mastuj to reinforce the garrison at Chitral, with effect from the 10th March 1895:—

No.—SAPPER NABI BAKHSH, *Bengal Sappers and Miners.*

No. 4148, SAPPER CHANDA SINGH, *Bengal Sappers and Miners.*

With effect from the 7th March 1895,—

No. 0413, LANCE NAIK RASSID HUSAIN KHAN, *2nd Bombay Infantry (Grenadiers).*

SEPOY LABHA, *4th Kashmir Rifles.*  
(743 of 1895.)

Had the undermentioned non-commissioned officers and men survived, the distinction of the 3rd class would have been conferred on them in consideration of their gallantry on the occasion referred to above :—

*Bengal Sappers and Miners.*

No. 2888, Naik Kala Singh.

No. 4280, Sapper Nadir Khan.

*4th Kashmir Rifles.*

Subadar Dharm Singh.

Havildar Ravjit Singh.

Lance-Naik Budhia.

The widows of the Indian officer, non-commissioned officers and men abovementioned were admitted to the pension of the 3rd class.

(743 of 1895)

The undermentioned Indian Officers, non-commissioned officers and men were admitted to the 3rd class, for conspicuous gallantry and devotion exhibited

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by them during the defence of the Fort at Chitral between the 3rd March and the 19th April 1895:—

I.—With effect from the 3rd March 1895—

*4th Kashmir Rifles.*

Colonel Jagat Singh.  
 Subadar Badri Nar Singh.  
 Havildar-Major Durga.  
 No. 58, Havildar Danya.  
 No. 408, Naik Nain Singh.  
 No. 392, Lance-Naik Govind Singh.  
 No. 393, Lance-Naik Lal Singh.  
 No. 701, Sepoy Dal Bahadur.  
 No. 693, Sepoy Lachman Ghale.  
 No. 626, Sepoy Kapuro Thapa.  
 No. 702, Sepoy Bahadur Ale.  
 No. 182, Sepoy Johar.  
 No. 444, Sepoy Asbir Thapa.  
 No. 737, Sepoy Balbir Thapa.  
 No. 953, Sepoy Lala.

II.—With effect from the 7th April 1895,—

*14th (Ferozepore Sikh) Regiment of Bengal Infantry.*

No. 1501, Sepoy Bhola Singh.

*4th Kashmir Rifles.*

No. 247, Sepoy Awi Singh.

III.—With effect from the 17th April 1895,—

*14th (Ferozepore Sikh) Regiment of Bengal Infantry.*

Jemadar Atar Singh.  
 No. 511, Havildar Mal Singh.  
 No. 926, Lance-Havildar Santok Singh.  
 No. 772, Lance-Naik Gurja Singh.  
 No. 1252, Sepoy Partab Singh.  
 No. 1508, Sepoy Karm Singh.

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No. 1822, Sepoy Atta Singh.

*Kashmir Imperial Service Troops.*

Major Beli Ram, Aide-de-Camp to the late General Baj Singh.

*4th Kashmir Rifles.*

Major Bhagwan Singh.

Subadar Gandeb Singh.

Jemadar Kalu Chand.

Jemadar Jitman.

No. 578, Sepoy Niku.

2. Subadar Badri Nar Singh, 4th Kashmir Rifles, was further advanced to the 2nd Class with effect from the 7th April 1895, for the conspicuous gallantry displayed by him on that day during a determined attack made by the enemy on the Fort at Chitral.

(744 of 1895.)

The undermentioned Indian officers, non-commissioned officers and sepoy were granted the 3rd Class of the Order of Merit, with effect from the 13th April 1895, in recognition of the conspicuous gallantry in action and devotion exhibited by them during the operations of the force under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel J. G. Kelly, 32nd Bengal Infantry (Pioneers), on the march to the relief of the Fort at Chitral between the 1st and 20th April 1895.

*32nd Bengal Infantry (Pioneers):—*

Subadar Baga Sing.

Subadar Prem Sing

Jemadar Sher Singh.

No. 1699, Havildar Wadhawa Singh.

No. 2377, Havildar Warsawa Singh.

No. 2393, Sepoy Gurditt Singh.

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*No. 1, Kashmir Mountain Battery.*

Havildar Dharm Sing.

Havildar Balwan Sing.

(745 of 1895).

NO. 2835, SEPOY ESUR SINGH, *32nd Bengal Infantry (Pioneers)*, was admitted to the 3rd class, for conspicuous gallantry at the action of Nisa Gol, in Chitral territory, on the 13th April 1895, on which occasion, notwithstanding that he was so severely wounded in the right leg as to necessitate the subsequent amputation of the limb, he refused to allow himself to be removed to the rear, but continued to fire and advance with his section until compelled to desist through sheer exhaustion.

(970 of 1895).

JEMADAR RABB NAWAZ KHAN, KHAN BAHADUR, *15th Bengal Lancers, in political employ in Gilgit*, was admitted to the 3rd class for conspicuous bravery in action near the fort of Chitral on the 3rd March 1895, on which occasion he most gallantly stood his ground encountering an overwhelming charge of the enemy's swordsmen, of whom he killed two with his own hand, and remained firm until he fell overpowered by numbers, having received upwards of twenty wounds.

(1065 of 1895).

## N. W. FRONTIER, TOCHI VALLEY—1895.

NO. 2960, SEPOY BAL SINGH, *6th Punjab Infantry*, was awarded the 3rd class, for conspicuous gallantry in the Tochi Valley on the 13th May 1895, when he, while acting as orderly to Lieutenant A. Limond, rushed to the rescue of that officer who was attacked by four armed fanatics. He dispersed the four men.

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and engaged one in single combat, wresting from his hand the knife with which Lieutenant Limond had been stabbed, and receiving in the *melee* a severe cut on his hand and a bullet wound in his side.

(63 of 1896).

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 EXPEDITIONS AGAINST THE SLAVE-TRADING CHIEF IN CENTRAL AFRICA—1895.

The undermentioned non-commissioned officer and sepoy of the Armed Forces in British Central Africa, were admitted to the 3rd class, for conspicuous gallantry in action against the slave-trading Chiefs in Central Africa:—

No. 2167, NAIK ATMA SINGH, *45th (Sikh) Regiment of Bengal Infantry*;

No. 259, SEPOY PERTAB SINGH, *35th (Sikh) Regiment of Bengal Infantry*;

No. 470, SEPOY SUNDAR SINGH, *36th (Sikh) Regiment of Bengal Infantry*.—

For conspicuous gallantry in action during the expedition against the slave-trading Chief Zarafi, in Central Africa, on the 27th October 1895, on which occasion, under a very heavy fire from the enemy, they brought Havildar-Major Nihal Singh, who was lying mortally wounded in the open, into a place of safety.

Subsequently, Sepoy Pertab Singh volunteered to bring a dooly from camp, about two miles distant, and succeeded in doing so, running the gauntlet of a heavy fire from the enemy the whole way.

No. 2815, SEPOY NARAYAN SINGH, *19th (Punjab) Regiment of Bengal Infantry*.—For conspicuous gallantry in action on the 22nd August 1895, during a reconnaissance into the country of the slave-trading Chief Zarafi, in Central Africa, on which occasion, when a

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party of Atonga and Makna regulars fell back in confusion before the enemy, he fixed his bayonet, dashed up the hill to their assistance, and charged the enemy, killing one man and wounding another and putting the rest to flight, thereby preventing a panic amongst the native African troops.

NO 2680, SEPOY SHAM SINGH, *15th (Sikh) Regiment of Bengal Infantry*;

NO. 3005 SEPOY MAHTAB SINGH, *45th (Sikh) Regiment of Bengal Infantry*.—

For conspicuous gallantry in action during the expedition against the slave-trading Chief Zarafi, in Central Africa, on the 27th October 1895, on which occasion observing the difficulties under which three of their comrades were labouring in bringing in the Havildar-Major, who was mortally wounded, they abandoned cover and dashed forward into the open, in order to assist them by drawing the fire of the enemy upon themselves. (578 of 1896).

## BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA—1895.

NO, 2034, SOWAR JAWALA SINGH, *11th Bengal Lancers*, was awarded the 3rd class for his services with the Armed Forces in British Central Africa.

Sowar Jawala Singh showed conspicuous gallantry in action on the 22nd August 1895, during a reconnaissance into the country of the slave-trading Chief Zarafi, in Central Africa, where a party of Atonga and Makna regulars fell back in confusion before the enemy. The Sowar, together with No. 2815, Sepoy Narayan Singh, 19th (Punjab) Regt. of Bengal Infantry, dashed up the hill to their assistance and charged the enemy with the bayonet killing one man, wounding another and putting the rest to flight, thereby preventing a panic amongst the Native African Troops. (184 of 1900).

## TOCHI, 1896.

ZAFAR KHAN, LATE JEMADAR, *Border Military Police*, and afterwards Political Assistant, Dera Ghazi Khan, was admitted to the 3rd class for conspicuous gallantry in the Tochi Valley on the 13th March 1896, when he, on the occasion when Mr. Casson, Political Officer, Tochi, was attacked and wounded by a fanatic, seized the would-be murderer at great personal risk, and by his prompt action saved Mr. Casson's life.

(259 of 1902).

ATTACK ON THE POLITICAL OFFICER'S  
ESCORT AT MAIZAR, ON THE 10TH JUNE 1897.

The undermentioned Indian officers and non-commissioned officer were admitted to the 3rd class, in recognition of the conspicuous gallantry and devotion exhibited by them during the attack upon the Political Officer's escort at Maizar on the 10th June 1897:—

SUBADAR NARAYAN SINGH, *1st Sikh Infantry*.

SUBADAR NAWAB KHAN, *1st Sikh Infantry*.

SUBADAR SHERZAD, *1st Sikh Infantry*.

HAVILDAR MAJOR MUHAMMAD ISMAIL, *No. 6 (Bombay) Mountain Battery*.

SUBADAR NARAYAN SINGH, *1st Sikhs*, SUBADAR NAWAB KHAN, *1st Sikhs*, SUBADAR SUNDAR SINGH, *1st Punjab Infantry*, and JEMADAR SHERZAD, *1st Sikhs*, behaved with the greatest gallantry. Getting together a party of their men they made a most determined stand by the wall of a garden and from it they covered the first withdrawal of the force. Subadar Sundar Singh, *1st Punjab Infantry*, was killed at this point, giving his life to cover the withdrawal of his comrades. Under cover of this stand the wounded were carried or helped away and the guns withdrawn.



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In addition to the good service mentioned above, Subadar Narayan Singh, 1st Sikhs, removed a large quantity of ammunition from the Reserve Ammunition boxes and rapidly distributed it. The value of this ammunition to the force cannot be overestimated. During the general retirement the ability and coolness which he displayed were of the greatest value.

SUBADAR NAWAB KHAN, *1st Sikhs*, in addition to displaying conspicuous gallantry at the garden wall as described above, was also one of the last to leave the scene of the outrage, and both there and throughout the subsequent retirement worked in a very cool and admirable way.

SUBADAR SHERZAD, *1st Sikhs*, also performed specially good service. During the first withdrawal of the force, he carried Lieutenant A. Higginson who was wounded, to a place of safety, and later on, taking a rifle and ammunition from a dead sepoy he covered the retreat of a party who were carrying a wounded officer, Surgeon-Captain Cassidy, to the rear. He also himself carried that officer part of the way.

When both the British officers with the Battery had been incapacitated, Havildar-Major Ismail, No. 6 (Bombay) Mountain Battery, continued to fire the guns within 100 yards of a threatening enemy and under converging fire from all sides, until the ammunition was expended. A gun mule having been wounded just after one of the guns was limbered up, threw the gun and bolted. Havildar-Major Muhammad Ismail assisted to carry the gun as far as the relief line, and then conducted the retirement of the Section in a cool and able manner.

HAD SUBADAR SUNDAR SINGH, *1st Punjab Infantry*, survived the distinction of the 2nd class of the

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Order of Merit would have been conferred upon him in consideration of the conspicuous gallantry and heroic devotion to duty on the occasion referred to. His widow was admitted to the pension of the 2nd class of the Order of Merit, with effect from the date of his death. (785 of 1897).

MAIZAR, 1897.

The undermentioned non-commissioned officers and soldiers were admitted to the 3rd class, in recognition of the conspicuous gallantry and devotion exhibited by them during the attack upon the Political Officer's escort at Maizar, on the 10th June 1897:—

*No. 6 (Bombay) Mountain Battery.*

NO. 328, HAVILDAR NIHAL SINGH—Commanded his subsection with great coolness, firing blank cartridge when the supply of shell was exhausted, so as to induce the enemy to think that the gun was still in action, and helped to carry the carriage back to the relief line.

NO. 2458. NAIK SHARAF ALI—Kept his gun in action under great difficulties. The gun and carriage twice turned over backwards and twice the lanyard broke, but he continued to load and fire after getting a spare lanyard from Havildar Nihal Singh.

NO. 576, SALUTRI KEWAL—Helped to carry Captain J. F. Browne, R.A., out of action and dressed his wound under a heavy fire

NO. 473, DRIVER-HAVILDAR RUR SINGH—Carried the body of Lieutenant F. A. Cruickshank, R.A., out of action, and gave great assistance in sending the wounded to the rear and saddling up the mules under fire.

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NO. 2479, GUNNER JAWALA SINGH—Helped to carry the carriage of No. 3 sub-division to the relief line, and then returned to help in carrying Lieutenant Cruickshank's body.

NO. 2531, GUNNER DIWAN SINGH—After finishing his duties in limbering up, picked up Gunner Chet Singh, who was lying stunned and carried him out of action.

*1st Sikh Infantry.*

No. 3363, Havildar Maha Singh.

No. 4704, Sepoy Tara Singh.

No. 4287, Sepoy (Lance-Naik) Jalandhar.

These three men brought Colonel A. C. Bunny, when mortally wounded, out of action under a very heavy fire.

No. 4031, Havildar Mahomed Baksh.

No. 4353, Sepoy (lance-Naik) Khoja Mahomed.

No. 170, Sepoy Isar Singh.

No. 4666, Sepoy Habibullah.

These four men carried Surgeon-Captain Cassidy out of action under a heavy fire. Sepoy Khoja Mahomed was also subsequently very prominent in the firing line, and Sepoy Isar Singh helped to bring away the reserve ammunition under a heavy fire.

NO. 4118 NAIK, LACHMAN SINGH—Was in charge of the reserve ammunition which was stacked in the valley when the firing commenced. Though under heavy fire he remained by the boxes, opening two ready for issue, and subsequently helped to carry the reserve ammunition away.

NO. 4918, SEPOY SHEO SINGH—Helped to bring away the reserve ammunition, returning twice under a heavy fire, each time bringing away a box. He was subsequently twice wounded.

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The action of these men in bringing away the reserve ammunition enabled firing to be kept up throughout the retirement, and probably was the means of enabling the escort to secure their retreat.

NO. 3900, SEPOY (LANCE-NAIK) SHAH SOWAR—Helped to carry Captain J. R. Browne, R. A., out of action when wounded, and kept off some Waziris, who came close up, by his steady firing. He then again helped to carry Captain Browne when the enemy fell back.

NO. 4292, SEPOY (LANCE-NAIK) SUNDAR SINGH—Helped to bring Lieutenant Higginson out of action, when wounded under a heavy fire, and remained with him the rest of the day, taking him back from the entrance of the lane to the Kotal under a heavy fire.

*1st Punjab Infantry.*

NO. 3 BUGLER BELA SINGH—Assisted in saving and distributing the reserve ammunition, and was also one of the defenders of the garden wall, where he fought bravely with a rifle he had taken from one of the killed.

NO. 878, SEPOY (LANCE-NAIK) ISHAR SINGH—Behaved with great gallantry at the garden wall where he bayoneted two men and encouraged his men by his example and tenacity, only retiring when actually ordered to do so.

NO. 4545, SEPOY ALLAYAR KHAN—Carried Lieutenant C. L. S. Seton-Browne, when wounded, to the Kotal where the second stand was made.

NAIK ASSA SINGH. Helped Lieutenant Seton-Browne during the subsequent retirement, though they were hard pressed by the enemy and under heavy fire. Without this aid Lieutenant Seton-Browne could not have taken the part he did in the conduct of the retirement.