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The undermentioned non-commissioned officer of the *1st Battalion, 5th Gurkha Rifles*, was promoted to the 2nd class:—

No. 2984, HAVILDAR KAMAN SING BURATHOKI.—For conspicuous gallantry in action on three occasions in Tirah,—(a) at the Sampagha Pass on the 29th October 1897, (b) at Bagh on the 18th November 1897, and (c) at Dwa Toi on the 23rd November 1897. On all these occasions the Havildar, with small parties of his men, attacked superior numbers of the enemy, killing many of them and dislodging them from the positions they occupied. At Dwa Toi with a party of 20 men he kept about 100 of the enemy at bay for two hours and a half.

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The undermentioned Indian officers, non-commissioned officers and soldiers were admitted to the 3rd class:—

No. 2 (Derajat) Mountain Battery.

No. 617, NAIK GUNGA SINGH; No. 641, GUNNER HIRA SINGH; and No. 295, DRIVER (LANCE NAIK) MEHTAB SINGH.—For conspicuous gallantry during the rear guard action of the Kahu Pass, in Tirah, on the 29th November 1897, in having, when limbered up, remained back and rescued a wounded follower.

15th (Sikh) Regiment of Bengal Infantry.

SUBADAR BHAGAT SINGH.—For conspicuous gallantry at the Chagru Kotal, on the 18th October 1897, in having, under a heavy fire, superintended and helped in the removal of wounded men.

JEMADAR WARYAM SINGH; No. 2847, SEPOY BHOLA SINGH; and No. 3315, SEPOY KISHN SINGH.—For conspicuous gallantry at the Chagru Kotal, on the

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18th October 1897, in having helped to carry wounded men to the rear under a heavy fire and over difficult ground, in doing which they were wounded and had themselves to be carried.

No. 2959, SEPOY RAM SINGH, and No. 2629, LANCE NAIK BELA SINGH.—For conspicuous gallantry at the Chagru Kotal, on the 18th October 1897, in having charged across the open and dislodged one of the enemy who from his position would have caused many casualties. Also for assisting to carry wounded men to a place of safety under a heavy fire.

No. 2683, LANCE NAIK HAZARA SINGH, and No. 3304, SEPOY JIWAN SINGH.—For conspicuous gallantry in action at Maidan in Tirah, on the 6th November 1897, in having helped, under a close and accurate fire, to bring in Jemadar Chattar Singh who was mortally wounded, in performing which act they were themselves wounded.

No. 3738, SEPOY BISHAN SINGH, and No. 3379, SEPOY AMAR SINGH.—For conspicuous gallantry in action at Maidan, in Tirah, on the 6th November 1897, in having carried Sepoy Wariam Sing (who was mortally wounded) out of a close and accurate fire, by which they were themselves severely wounded.

30th (Punjab) Regiment of Bengal Infantry.

No. 2248, LANCE HAVILDAR KESAR SINGH.—For conspicuous gallantry in action in the Khaibar Pass, on the 16th Jany. 1898, in having bravely, under a heavy fire, led the advance guard of a picquet against a superior force of the enemy.

36th (Sikh) Regiment of Bengal Infantry.

No. 69, HAVILDAR WARRIAM SINGH.—For conspicuous gallantry at the Tseri Kaudao, in Tirah, on the 16th November 1897, in leading some men of the

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regiment to meet a flank attack of the enemy, in carrying out which duty he received three severe wounds.

1st Battalion, 2nd (Prince of Wales' Own) Gurkha Rifles

SUBADAR KIRPA RAM THAPA.—For conspicuous gallantry in action at Dargai, on the 20th October 1897, in leading on his men, under a very heavy fire, to the attack of the enemy's position on the Dargai Hill, being himself the first man to reach it.

Jemadar and Indian Adjutant BIRBAL SINGH KHATTRI—For conspicuous gallantry in action at Dargai, on the 20th October 1897, in having in the assault on the Dargai Hill, though wounded in two places, continued, with the greatest determination, to lead on his men under a very heavy fire.

No. 2402, NAIK KAMAN SINGH THAPA.—For conspicuous gallantry in action at Dargai, on the 20th October 1897, in having, after he was wounded, continued to set an example of great courage to his section: he being amongst the first into the enemy's position.

No. 1279, NAIK TIKARAW LAMA; NO 1822, Rifleman DHAN SING GURUNG, and NO. 2837, Rifleman KHARKEA THAPA.—For conspicuous gallantry in action at Dargai, on the 20th October 1897, in having, after reaching a place of safety, rushed out and brought in Naik Nandbir Thapa of the 3rd Gurkhas, who (mortally wounded) was lying exposed to a terrific fire from the enemy.

No. 2222, Rifleman KEHAR SING THAPA.—For conspicuous gallantry in action at Dargai, on the 20th October 1897, in having, after he had crossed the bullet-swept saddle of the Dargai Hill, taken up an advanced position, from which he continued to fire calmly upon the enemy, though much exposed himself while doing so.

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2nd Battalion, 2nd Gurkha Rifles.—

SUBADAR SANTBIR GURUNG. For conspicuous gallantry in action during the retirement over the Tseri Kandao, in Tirah, on the 16th November 1897, in having at great personal risk gone with three sepoy to the assistance of Surgeon-Captain W. Selby, who was in serious danger while tending a wounded man. He himself seized a wounded man's rifle and helped to keep off the enemy.

No. 1675, HAVILDAR DALMAN ALE.—For conspicuous gallantry in action during the retirement over the Tseri Kandao, in Tirah, on the 16th November 1897, in having gone back with Surgeon-Captain Selby and, under a heavy fire at forty yards' distance, helped to bring in the last wounded man of the regiment.

No. 2464, LANCE NAIK LACHMAN RANA.—For conspicuous gallantry in action during the retirement over the Tseri Kandao on the 16th November 1897, in having under a heavy fire helped the last wounded man of the regiment to meet Surgeon-Captain Selby, and afterwards assisted to carry him to a place of safety.

1st Battalion, 3rd Gurkha Rifles.

No. 2201, Rifleman PAHALMAN SAHAI and No. 2227, Rifleman LALBIR THAPA—For conspicuous gallantry in action at Dargai, on the 20th October 1897, on which occasion, during the attack on Dargai Hill, they bravely crossed the fire-swept zone and although wounded, were among the first to reach the top of the ridge in the final rush.

Subedar-Major Chamu Singh Burathoki, No. 267, Havildar Deb Singh Bisht; No. 1589, Lance-Naik Chabasur Gurung; and No. 2252, Bugler Gopal Gurung.—For conspicuous gallantry during the rear guard action in the Bara Valley on the 13th December

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1897, in having, when hotly pressed by the enemy and separated from the rest of the Company, rescued and brought in a wounded man under a galling fire.

2nd Battalion, 4th Gurkha Rifles.

No. 1151, RIFLEMAN RURBIR GURUNG.—For conspicuous gallantry in action at Gundaki, in the Khanki Valley, on the 28th October 1897, in having on three different occasions, carried supplies of ammunition to his party, crossing in doing so an open space exposed to the fire of the enemy, who were only a few yards distance.

No 584, Havildar Har Singh Bisht; No. 441, Rifleman Birdhoj Basnait; and No. 1467, Rifleman Setia Thapa.—For conspicuous gallantry in action at the village of Thabai, in the Chamkani country, on the 1st December 1897, in having, under the fire of the enemy, assisted a wounded comrade and carried him out of action.

1st Battalion, 5th Gurkha Rifles.

No. 2995, LANCE-NAIK KARBIR BURATHOKI.—For conspicuous gallantry at Mardan in Tirah, on the 16th November 1897, in having, when his party unexpectedly met a large number of the enemy, rushed in among them with only four men and killed or wounded six of them.

LANCE-NAIK GORIA RANA.—For conspicuous gallantry in action at Dwa Toi, on the 23rd November 1897, when he was the first to reach the top of a hill held by the enemy, two of whom he shot at short range; and again on the 26th November 1897, during the advance from Bagh towards the Lozaka Pass, in Tirah, in having rushed to the help of a wounded Havildar, driving off three of the enemy, killing one and bringing in his arms.

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No. 3462, RIFLEMAN MANIRAM PUN.—For conspicuous gallantry in action at Dwa Toi, in Tirah, on the 22nd November 1897, on which occasion he was one of the foremost in the attack of a hill held by the enemy; and again at Thabai, in the Chamkani country, on the 2nd December 1897, when he was the first man to force his way into one of the enemy's *sangars*, bayonetting one man and shooting another.

No. 3220, RIFLEMAN GORIA GHARTI.—For conspicuous gallantry in action at Thabai, in the Chamkani country, on the 2nd December 1897, on which occasion he was very forward in the attack, and killed two of the enemy.

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No. 902, RIFLEMAN MOTIRAM THAPA.—For conspicuous gallantry in action at Chagru Kotal, on the 15th October 1897, in having, when he found that the driver of the reserve ammunition mules had been killed, gone back thirty yards to the mules, and, under a heavy fire, brought them in under cover.

No. 966, RIFLEMAN NAIN SINGH GHARTI.—For conspicuous gallantry in action at Thabai, in the Chamkani country, on the 2nd December 1897, in having remained under fire and helped several men over precipitous ground, and afterwards accompanied Rifleman Maniram Pun into a *sangar*, killing two men at close quarters.

No. 1327, RIFLEMAN KHARU GURUNG.—For conspicuous gallantry in action at Thabai, on the 2nd December 1897, in having accompanied two other men into the first *sangar* taken from the enemy, and being the first man into the second and third *sangars* killing one of the enemy in each.

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3rd Sikh Infantry.

SUBADAR LEHNA SINGH.—For conspicuous gallantry in action during the final assault on the Dargai heights, on the 20th October 1897, in having led his company with great dash over the ridge, and continued encouraging and cheering on his men after he had fallen severely wounded, notwithstanding that he lay exposed to a heavy fire.

JEMADAR BELI RAM.—For conspicuous gallantry during the final assault on the Dargai heights on the 20th October 1897, when on his Subadar being wounded, he bravely led his company across the ridge until severely wounded, and even then continued to cheer his men on although he lay exposed to a heavy fire from the enemy.

No. 1151, HAVILDAR MOTI; No. 2196, SEPOY DEVI SINGH; and No. 2555, SEPOY GOPI.—For conspicuous gallantry in action at Dargai, on the 20th October 1897, in having, during the final assault on the Dargai heights, carried out of action Subadar Malu Singh, who was mortally wounded, and afterwards recrossed the fire-swept zone to rejoin their company, carrying men forward with them.

No. 1546, LANCE-NAIK KESAR SINGH.—For conspicuous gallantry in action during the final assault on the Dargai heights, on the 20th October 1897, in having sprung forward to the head of his company when the Subadar commanding it fell, and led the men with great coolness and gallantry.

No. 2019, SEPOY (WARD ORDERLY) MAGGAR SINGH and No. 2096, SEPOY GOPI.—For conspicuous gallantry in action at the assault of the Dargai heights, on the 20th October 1897, in attending to wounded men of the regiment under a heavy fire.

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No. 1427, SEPOY (LANCE-NAIK) JAI SINGH.—For conspicuous gallantry in action in the Arhanga Pass, Tirah, on the 6th November 1897, in conveying a message from his Commanding Officer to a company in advance, with a view to re-establish communication, in doing which he ran the gauntlet of the enemy's fire.

JEMADAR MIT SINGH.—For conspicuous gallantry in action near Bagh, in Tirah, on the 18th November 1897, in leading his men with great bravery and disregard of danger.

No. 1201, NAIK SHAH WALI—For conspicuous gallantry in action near Bagh, in Tirah, on the 18th November 1897, in having, under a close fire from the enemy, carried a message from his Commanding Officer to a picquet about 250 yards distant.

SUBADAR RAMZAN KHAN.—For conspicuous gallantry at Thabai in the Chamkani country, on the 2nd December 1897, on which occasion, during the attack on the enemy's position, he pushed on ahead of his company, and at great personal risk reconnoitred some very difficult and broken ground in his front, before allowing his leading section to advance.

No. 2265, SEPOY RIJHU—For conspicuous gallantry on the Sapri Pass, in the Bara Valley Tirah, on the 14th December 1897, in having captured a Pathan armed with a rifle and a knife, who had just fired at him and missed.

2nd Punjab Infantry.

JAMADAR NARAYAN SINGH.—For conspicuous gallantry in action at Dwa Toi, in Tirah, on the 10th December 1897, in having, at considerable risk to himself, brought in a sepoy who had fallen mortally wounded near a *sangar* which had been evacuated.

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The undermentioned sowar was admitted to the 3rd class:—

No. 2076, SOWAR RAHMAT KHAN, *9th Bengal Lancers*.—For conspicuous gallantry in action in the Bara Valley on the 12th September 1897, on which occasion he remained with Lieutenant E. M. Morris, Devonshire Regiment, whose horse had been killed, and, under a heavy fire at close range, assisted him on to his own horse and got him under cover, thereby saving that officer's life.

(503 of 1898).

SUBADAR JAWAS KHAN *Khyber Rifles*, was admitted to the 3rd class, for conspicuous gallantry in action during the defence of Landi Kotal on the 25th August 1897, on which occasion he acted throughout with great bravery, and after he was severely wounded continued cheering on his men until the fort was captured by the enemy.

(639 of 1898)

 BARA VALLEY, TIRAH—1897.

No. 1605, KOT DAFADAR MIR JAFFIR KHAN, *9th Bengal Lancers*, was admitted to the 3rd class, for conspicuous gallantry in action during a reconnaissance towards Mamani, in the Bara Valley, Tirah, on the 18th October 1897, on which occasion, under a heavy fire from the enemy and at great personal risk, he brought off Dafadar Ajib Gul, whose horse had been shot, and also endeavoured to bring off Sowar Hayat Khan, who had fallen mortally wounded.

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Promoted to 2nd class.*

SUBADAR-MAJOR-PARSU KHATTRI, *Sardar Bahadur*. For conspicuous gallantry in action at the village of Thabai in the Chamkani country, on the 1st December 1897, in having under the heavy fire of the enemy, attended to Lieutenant C. H. Villiers Stuart, who had been severely wounded, and subsequently assisting to carry him to a less exposed place; also in having commanded his company with conspicuous coolness and courage throughout the day, being one of the last to leave the Kotal when covering the final retirement.
(11 of 1899).

Admitted to the 3rd class.

SUBADAR GURDATT SINGH, *15th (Sikh) Regiment of Bengal Infantry*. For conspicuous gallantry at the Tseri Kandao, in Tirah, on the 16th November 1897, in collecting his company from several positions in order to cover the retirement of Captain Lewarne, in carrying out which duty he was wounded.

NO. 2253, HAVILDAR HIRA SINGH, *15th (Sikh) Regiment of Bengal Infantry*. For conspicuous gallantry in action at the Tseri Kandao on the 16th November 1897, in having, when his section was pressed by the enemy, advanced from behind cover and by engaging them single-handed, caused them to retire.

NO. 1846, HAVILDAR BIRSING GURUNG, *1st Battalion, 5th Gurkha (Rifle) Regiment*. For conspicuous gallantry in action at the village of Thabai in the Chamkani country, on 1st December 1897, in having continued in command of his section, although wounded in the chest by a gunshot.

NO. 2848, RIFLEMAN BIRKHDHOJ KHATTRI, *1st Battalion, 5th Gurkha (Rifle) Regiment*. For con-

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spicuous gallantry in action at the village of Thabai in the Chaimkani country; on the 1st December 1897, in having under a heavy fire, attended to Lieutenant Villiers Stuart, who had been severely wounded, and subsequently assisting to carry him to a less exposed position; also in having carried messages under a heavy fire.
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EAST AFRICA—1897-1898.

The undermentioned Indian officer and Sepoys of the Indian Army, who served with the Armed Forces of the British East African Protectorate during the Military operations in Uganda in 1897-1898, were admitted to the 3rd class for conspicuous gallantry displayed on the occasions mentioned:—

14th Bengal Infantry.

JEMADAR BHAGWAN SINGH. For conspicuous gallantry in action at Lubwa's Hill on the 19th October 1897, on which occasion he took charge of a maxim gun and for hours practically fought it single-handed in the face of a close and heavy fire, under which most of the gun detachment fell wounded: he and the gun being a special mark for the enemy's musketry.

NO. 1733, SEPOY KAKA SINGH. For conspicuous gallantry in action at Lubwa's Hill on the 19th October 1897, on which occasion he took charge of a maxim gun and fought it throughout the engagement, notwithstanding his having been wounded.

NO. 1752, SEPOY BAGGA SINGH. For conspicuous gallantry in action at Lubwa's Hill on the 19th October 1897, on which occasion he was severely wounded in the leg, but nevertheless crept back into the firing line as soon as his wound had been dressed, and fought to the end of the engagement.

EAST AFRICA, 1897-1898.

NO. 1545, NAIK SHAM SINGH. For conspicuous gallantry in action at the storming of the entrenched position at Kabagambi on the 24th February 1898, on which occasion under a very heavy fire at a range of twenty or thirty yards, he brought up a maxim gun into the outer works of the enemy's position after they had been carried, and placed it so as to bear on the entrance to the inner work.

15th Bengal Infantry.

NO. 3036, SEPOY SAHIB SINGH, AND NO. 3277, SEPOY PHUMAN SINGH. For conspicuous gallantry in action at Lubwa's Fort on the 11th December 1897, on which occasion they bravely and devotedly stood by Lieutenant Macdonald on that officer falling mortally wounded, though the enemy were almost on him at the time.

NO. 3184, SEPOY GOLAB SINGH, NO. 3464, SEPOY BISHAN SINGH, AND NO. 3385, SEPOY KARPAL SINGH. For conspicuous gallantry in action at Lubwa's Fort on the 11th December 1897, on which occasion, on Lieutenant N. A. Macdonald falling mortally wounded, they rushed to the assistance of that officer in the face of overwhelming odds and under a heavy fire, and, after driving back the enemy, carried him to a more secure position.

NO. 2354, HAVILDAR ATAR SINGH. For conspicuous gallantry in action at Kabagambi on the 24th February 1898, on which occasion he brought his detachment of thirteen men, and two maxim guns which had been abandoned by the Swahili carriers, along with the fighting line, under a heavy fire from the fort at a range of a hundred yards, and by his great courage and coolness rendered valuable service.