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2221 Dafadar Puran Singh, 29th Lancers. For conspicuous gallantry while serving with the British Armies in France.

(536 of 1918).

and 1541 of 1923.

Admitted to the 2nd Class of the Order.

Subadar Hukum Dad, 54th Sikhs. } For cons-
No. 2268 Havildar Feroz Khan } picuous gal-
(killed), 54th Sikhs. } lantry in the

No. 2437 Havildar Ali Bahadur, } defence of a
54th Sikhs. } picquet. Bet-
ween 200 and 300 of the enemy made three determined efforts at night to rush the picquet, and were only stopped within five yards of its position, which was maintained successfully until dawn. The picquet lost one third of its strength.

The widow of Havildar Feroz Khan was admitted to the pension of the order with effect from the date of his death.

(558 of 1918)

Promoted to the 1st Class of the Order.

Subadar Sucha Singh, Indian Order of Merit 47th Sikhs, for conspicuous gallantry on patrol work under heavy fire on the 26th and 27th December 1916. He went out by day in front of our line and located three enemy picquets; on the following night he displayed marked ability in assisting to drive back the enemy and occupying their picquets. His coolness and courage during the operations and his constant eagerness in volunteering for patrol work are worthy of the highest praise.

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Admitted to the 2nd Class of the Order.

No. 2712 Sepoy Abbaz Khan, *19th Punjabis*, for conspicuous and initiative in action on the 22nd February 1917. He brought up ammunition under heavy fire, being the only carrier left. He remained with the guns, and on the enemy counter-attacking he materially assisted in holding them back by his great courage and determination. He has always set a fine example.

No. 3237 Sepoy Ali Muhammad, *87th Punjabis*, for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action on the 7th and 8th February 1917. He went out to search for a wounded officer under heavy fire, found him and returned for a stretcher and brought him in.

No. 77 Naik Bagga Singh, *45th Sikhs*, for conspicuous gallantry and determination in action on the 29th and 30th January 1917. He behaved with great courage and coolness when in charge of a bombing party, holding off a much larger number of the enemy's bombers although himself wounded early in the fight. He has displayed gallantry on previous occasions.

No. 1592 Naik Balkaran Misir, *90th Punjabis*, for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action on the 11th September 1916. He was wounded during the advance but continued to command his platoon till the withdrawal was completed.

No. 1197 Sepoy Battan Singh, *15th Sikhs*, for conspicuous gallantry and ability in action on the 1st February 1917. A Lewis gun jammed at a critical moment and bombers were called for none being available he immediately organized a bombing attack under heavy fire and kept the enemy off until the Lewis gun was ready for action. He displayed marked courage throughout the day.

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Subadar-Major Bhag Singh, *37th Dogras*, for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the 15th February 1917 and throughout the operations. On one occasion when in command of the leading line he displayed great dash and courage under heavy fire. He took the first line and captured many prisoners.

Subadar Bhagatbir Thapa, *2-1st Gurkha Rifles*, for conspicuous gallantry and ability in controlling his men and assisting his Company Commander in action under heavy fire on the 25th March 1917, when ordered to hold a position some way from the remaining companies. His coolness in command and his own personal example of courage when repelling determined counter-attacks were beyond all praise. When the enemy's second counter-attack penetrated to within 10 yards of his position he organized bombers and himself threw bombs until the attack was broken.

No. 2468 Colour-Havildar Bhagwan Singh, *2-124th Infantry*, for conspicuous gallantry, endurance and devotion to duty in action on the 11th January 1917. When his men were badly shaken by heavy losses during a counter-attack, and although himself twice severely wounded, he continued to rally and encourage his men the whole time while exposed to heavy fire.

Jemadar Binda Singh, *23rd Sikh Pioneers*, for conspicuous gallantry and coolness in action on the 9th January 1917. He was in command of a platoon and did sterling work in assisting a British Infantry regiment to hold on to the captured portion of the enemy's first line trenches. He set a fine example of coolness and courage in circumstances of extreme danger. He has on several other occasions shown the same fine qualities of dogged determination and leadership.

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Subadar Burland, *2nd Sappers and Miners*, for conspicuous gallantry and consistant coolness in action on the 25th January 1917. He always displayed great coolness when digging and sapping under heavy fire and has set a fine example. On one occasion though wounded in the chest he continued to command his party until relieved three hours later.

2158 Sepoy Churu, *28th Infantry*, for conspicuous gallantry and detemination in action on the 17th February 1917 Severely wounded in the arm in the enemy's first line he rushed forward with a bombing party between the enemy's first and second lines and although again hit in the face by shrapnel he still carried on and bombed up the enemy's second line and communication trenches in advance until a block was constructed.

Subadar Dhondibarao Barge, *3rd Sappers and Miners*, for conspicuous gallantry on 7th, 8th, and 18th January 1917, and throughout the operations He has always set a fine example and has displayed exceptional coolness and courage in digging and wiring new trenches and sapping up under close range fire.

No. 3126 Naik Fakir Singh, *36th Sikhs*, for conspicuous gallantry and coolness in action on the 1st February 1917. On arrival in the enemy's second line in the attack he found none of his section left so he collected remnants of other sections and rallied them; he then collected bombs in the open and commanded his newly formed section with great ability.

No. 2402 Sepoy Ganda Singh, *90th Punjabis*, for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in sending messages by heliograph under heavy fire throughout the action from the firing line on the 11th September 1916 He was killed in the act of signalling.

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Subadar Ganga Ram Singh, *102nd Grenadiers*, for conspicuous gallantry and coolness in action, and notably on one occasion on the 12th February 1917, when he walked out across the open and placed an artillery flag in position whereupon our own guns lifted and so saved many casualties among his own men.

No. 3843 Naik Gorea Gurung, *1-2nd Gurkha Rifles*, for conspicuous gallantry in action on the 3rd February 1917. He displayed an absolute disregard of personal danger when the enemy were counter-attacking up a communication trench. He conducted a bombing party into and across the open under heavy fire and broke up the attack.

No. 1364 Havildar Hardit Singh, *1st Sappers and Miners*, for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the forcing of the passage of a river on the 20th December 1916, when he volunteered to take charge of a party required to launch a pontoon and row it across the river under heavy fire in full view of the enemy. It was chiefly due to his splendid personal example and his constant encouragement to his men that they kept cool and steady and succeeded in launching the pontoon in spite of heavy casualties. He was on the point of starting across when he received orders to come back.

Jemadar Hayat Muhammad, *46th Punjabis*, for conspicuous gallantry and initiative in action on the 24th February 1917. His platoon came under heavy flanking fire from some building and all except 12 became casualties. Seeing that the fire was hampering the whole of the advance he rallied his men and took the buildings and six officers and 183 men prisoners. His gallantry all through has been most marked.

Jemadar Himbahadur Sahi, *2-9th Gurkha Rifles*,

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for conspicuous gallantry and initiative in action during the forcing of a passage of a river on the 23rd February 1917. He displayed great personal courage and coolness in charging a party of enemy bombers thereby securing the foreshore.

No. 2578 Lance-Naik Jagat Chaud *2-1st Gurkha Rifles*, for conspicuous gallantry and ability in action on the 9th January 1917, in handling his Lewis gun and working it continually in the advanced line under heavy fire and often alone. He has at all times rendered valuable assistance by his skill and determination.

Jemadar Jai Lal, *9th Infantry*, for conspicuous gallantry in action on the 17th February 1917. He was in charge of a party which went over into the enemy's second line. He twice crossed "No Man's Land" voluntarily under heavy fire to bring up extra ammunition. He was wounded in doing so but refused to leave his post. He has always set a fine example to his men and done excellent work.

Jemadar Jaman Singh Gurung, *2-4th Gurkha Rifles*, for conspicuous gallantry in action on the 5th February 1917. On one occasion he set a personal example of great courage and ability; on another, when the British officers had all become casualties he took command and advanced under very heavy fire and captured and consolidated a well chosen position.

No. 1481 Naik Jhanda Singh, *90th Punjabis*, for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action on the 11th September 1916. Although wounded he assisted in bringing in the body of a British officer who had been killed 30 yards behind the withdrawing firing line, under heavy fire with a total disregard of danger.

Subadar Jodh Khan, *56th Rifles*, for conspicuous gallantry and meritorious service in action on the 22nd February and the 9th March 1917. He acted as

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Jemadar Adjutant in all the actions in which his regiment took part and always displayed great coolness and devotion to duty. On one occasion he displayed great courage in leading his men under heavy fire. He was of considerable assistance to his Company Commander in consolidating the position gained till finally wounded.

No. 3158 Rifleman Jadbir Thapa, *1-1st Gurkha Rifles*, for conspicuous gallantry and ability in action on the 9th January 1917, in clearing out with bombs parties of the enemy who were holding up his company; this he did on two occasions taking several prisoners. His personal bravery was conspicuous throughout the action.

No. 1480 Rifleman Kharak Bahadur Chettri, *1-8th Gurkha Rifles*, for conspicuous gallantry and coolness in action on the 17th February 1917. He twice brought up supplies of bombs across the open under heavy fire, showing great contempt of danger. He also endeavoured to rescue a British officer who was incapacitated.

No. 2573 Rifleman Kharak Bahadur Sunwar, *2-7th Gurkha Rifles*, for conspicuous gallantry and coolness in action on the 31st March 1917. Alone he charged seven of the enemy who were attacking the picquets. He killed one and wounded two before the remainder fled. He was wounded but held on to his ground till assistance came and accompanied a patrol sent out before daylight to attack.

Subadar Labh Singh, *30th Punjabis Infantry*, for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action on the 22nd February 1917. When the attacking troops on the front of his position were wavering he left his trench under heavy fire and fearlessly exposing himself successfully rallied them, led them back to the captured

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enemy trench and consolidated the position. He has always displayed the the finest military qualities.

Subadar Lachman Singh, *93rd Infantry*, for conspicuous gallantry ability and leadership when commanding a platoon in action on the 9th January 1917. He succeeded in stopping and rallying men of another regiment who were momentarily withdrawing under heavy fire. He has proved himself an exceptional officer in two actions.

Jemadar Lalu Khattri, *2-9th Gurkha Rifles*, for conspicuous gallantry and resource in action at the forcing of a passage of a river on the 23rd February 1917. On landing and finding that his British officers had become casualties, he collected and rallied his men in his section and with great courage and dash cleared a nullah 300 yards wide which was strongly held, thereby safeguarding our right flank.

No. 2423 Havildar Lalu Rajauna, *3rd Sappers and Miners*, for conspicuous gallantry in action on the 1st-2nd January 1917. During night operations he was one of a party of 1 British officer and 14 men engaged under heavy fire in wiring an advanced picquet within 250 yards of the enemy's front line. Of this party three men were killed and three wounded, but they successfully completed the wiring after 5 hours' work in the open and in bright moonlight. Their success was largely due to the fine example set by this Havildar.

No. 4170 Havildar Loganadum, *2nd Sappers and Miners*, for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action on the 26th January and 23rd February 1917. Whilst with a party ordered to block a trench he took command on the death of the Havildar and by his personal courage and example got the block completed under heavy fire. Again at the forcing of the passage

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of a river he rendered most gallant aid to the wounded. All through the operations he has behaved splendidly:

No. 615 Lance-Naik Mall Singh, *45th Sikhs*, for conspicuous gallantry and ability in action on the 1st February 1917. A Lewis gun jammed at a critical moment and bombers were called for; none being available he immediately organised a bombing attack under heavy fire and kept the enemy off until the Lewis gun was ready for action. He displayed marked courage throughout the day.

Subadar Mangal Singh, *34th Sikhs Pioneers*, for conspicuous gallantry when in command of a platoon which was digging trenches in the open under close and well directed fire from the enemy on the 9th and 10th January 1917. A number of casualties occurred and he, to inspire and give confidence to the men, exposed himself freely walking up and down the line after the men had begun to take cover in the trench. In doing so he was severely wounded when the trench had nearly been completed.

Subadar Muhammad Ali, *102nd Grenadiers*, for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action on 12th February 1917, and notably on one occasion when, though wounded, he went to the assistance of his Commanding Officer. Whilst dressing his wound he was himself again wounded and his Commanding Officer killed.

No. 2423 Sepoy Muhammad Zaman *84th Punjabis*, for conspicuous gallantry in action on the 26th February 1917. He volunteered to carry across the open under heavy fire a fresh supply of bombs to the firing line which were urgently needed at the time. He was wounded in delivering them.

No. 1198 Second Class Sub-Assistant Surgeon Mul Singh, Indian Subordinate Medical Department,

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for conspicuous gallantry and initiative in action on the 17th February 1917. He remained in the front line trenches under heavy fire, and at night more than once went over the parapet into "No Man's Land" to superintend the bringing in of the wounded when he would have been perfectly justified in staying in the "Aid Post." His cheerful spirit in all weathers, his moral and gallant example, and his untiring energy have been a pattern of soldierly conduct on every occasion.

Jemadar Nand Singh, *28th Punjabis*, for conspicuous gallantry in action on the 9th March 1917. When his platoon was under heavy fire and was suffering severe casualties he showed marked coolness in controlling his men, and by his fine example and personal courage succeeded in taking them absolutely unshaken to our most advanced fire position within close range of the enemy. This gallant officer was afterwards killed in action.

Subadar Narain Singh, *45th Sikhs*, for conspicuous action on the 1st February 1917. He led his platoon with courage and although his British officer was killed he stemmed several counter-attacks. He was eventually cut off but succeeded in regaining our lines in the evening although severely wounded. He brought in 5 other severely wounded men with him.

No. 2587 Lance-Dafadar Pahlad Singh, *14th Lancers*, for conspicuous gallantry in action on the 6th and 7th March 1917. He always volunteers for any dangerous duty and on one occasion, while engaged on reconnaissance work, he displayed exceptional courage and determination in reconnoitring the enemy's position and bringing in very valuable information.

Jemadar Sewa Singh, *36th Sikhs*, for conspicuous gallantry and coolness in action on the 1st February

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1917. In the attack on the enemy's position, finding that nearly all the British officers were casualties, he rallied the men in the enemy's front line exposing himself most fearlessly. After the withdrawal he brought in wounded men both by daylight and after dark. He has been brought to notice for conspicuous gallantry on a previous occasion.

Subadar Sher Singh, *92nd Punjabis*, for conspicuous gallantry and initiative in action on the 22nd February 1917. When all the British officers of his company had become casualties he continued to consolidate and command his company under an intense fire in a manner deserving of the highest praise.

Subadar-Major Sundar Singh, *45th Sikhs*, for conspicuous gallantry and dash in action on the 29th and 30th January 1917. He cleared the front line of one of our objectives with a platoon and a Lewis gun. He has always displayed the greatest coolness and courage in action and has set a splendid example to all ranks of the regiment.

Subadar Tika Khan, *51st Sikhs*, for conspicuous gallantry and leadership on the 22nd February 1917, in taking his platoon (which was the leading one) into the enemy's second line with a rush during the attack on the enemy's positions, and later in assisting his Company Commander to steady the men and make them hold on when the companies on the right had fallen back.

Jemadar Muhammad Umar Faruk Khan, *1st Lancers*, for conspicuous gallantry in action on the 19th December 1916. He showed great courage and coolness in extricating his rear-guard under heavy fire. He engaged hand to hand with the enemy and his horse was badly cut under him. He had displayed soldierly qualities on all occasions.

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No. 1610 Havildar Bijho, 37th Dogras, for conspicuous gallantry and resource in action on the 15th February 1917. He has at all times displayed great courage and ability in reconnoitring and is always a volunteer for any difficult or dangerous work, and has set a fine example of coolness under fire.

No. 3626 Sowar Sultan Mahomed, *21st Cavalry* for conspicuous gallantry in action on the 27th March 1917. Though dangerously wounded by a shell which killed his horse and nearly blew his right arm off besides causing other injuries about his body, he volunteered to ride, thus liberating the four men who were carrying him on a stretcher to join the firing line. he suffered intense pain but by sticking to his horse for two miles under heavy fire, he enabled the squadron, which had been considerably delayed, to withdraw slowly to positions from which it could check the enemy's advance. He displayed exceptional courage and endurance. He was previously brought to notice for gallantry. He afterwards died of his wounds.

Jemadar Alam Khan, *1st Sappers and Miners*, for conspicuous gallantry, determination and coolness in action during the bridging operations when forcing the passage of a river on the 23rd February 1917. Throughout the day he was in charge of work at the head of the bridge, and set a fine example both early in the day under heavy fire and later on when shells were falling on each side of the bridge. He has done excellent work throughout the operations.

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Admitted to the 2nd Class of the Order (Honorary) Rifleman Garudhoj Karki, Mahindra Dal Regiment, Nepalese Contingent.

On the 19th June 1917, he assisted in covering the retirement of the wounded from a picquet although