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work so efficiently that the road kept pace with the advancing infantry and the artillery were able to advance immediately the infantry reached their objective. He has displayed ability and power of command on other occasions.

No. 1753 Colour-Havildar Wazir Singh, *1st King George's Own Sappers and Miners*. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the operations of September and October 1918, especially on the 19th September 1918 when in charge of a party of sappers advancing with the infantry against the enemy's trenches. Throughout the advance he was particularly noticeable for his dash and courage and set a fine example to his men. He has previously done good work and behaved with great bravery, particularly on the night of the 28th-29th May 1918, when in charge of a party erecting a wire entanglement, he was wounded but refused to leave his party until he personally saw that the work was completed.

No. 1945 Havildar Mahima Nand *1st King George's Own Sappers and Miners*. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the 20th September 1918, when he was with a party of sappers in the advanced guard of the column. His party came under heavy machine gun fire causing casualties, but he set a most praiseworthy example of coolness, inspiring courage in his men, and continued to advance. He has several times previously displayed wonderful courage and disregard of his personal safety, particularly on the night of 28th-29th May 1918, when he was with a wiring party. The party came under heavy accurate shrapnel fire and his Indian officer was wounded. He immediately took charge and completed the work successfully.

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No. 2626 Sepoy Makhmad Ali, *20th Duke of Cambridge's Own Infantry (Brownlow's Punjabis)* For conspicuous gallantry on the 19th September 1918, in pushing forward his Lewis gun under heavy machine gun fire and opening fire on an enemy machine gun, with the result that it was silenced, and the forward advance greatly helped. The non commissioned officer in charge of the gun was killed during the action, and this man worked the gun on his own initiative, making accurate shooting in spite of the fact that he was under heavy fire all the time.

No. 4254 Havildar Shankar Singh, *28th Punjabis*. For conspicuous gallantry during the operations of September and October 1918, particularly on the 19th September 1918, when in command of a platoon which was held up by formidable enemy wire. He sprang forward and threw himself on the wire, breaking down the posts and tearing down the wire. His platoon fired by his magnificent example was first through the wire. He continued throughout the day to show the same spirit in leading his men to attack formidable lines of trenches.

Subadar Mehar Singh, *47th Sikhs*. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in the operations on the 19th and 20th September 1918. By his fine example of personal gallantry under fire, and skilful handling of his company, he greatly contributed to the success of the operations. On the 20th September he collected a few men at a critical time and rushed an enemy automatic rifle which was enfilading the advance of the rest of the company.

No. 2079 Lance Naik Lal Ghuncha, *51st Sikhs (Frontier Force)*. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty throughout the recent operations. During an attack on the 10th September 1918, this

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young non-commissioned officer was foremost in the advance cheering on his companions and setting a fine example to all ranks. He was always the first to volunteer for any dangerous duty and many times distinguished himself.

Jamadar Muhammad Khan, *53rd Sikhs (Frontier Force)*. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty throughout the whole of recent operations. He also did particularly well whilst in command of two sections during a raid on the enemy's trenches on the night of 27th 28th July 1918, when after penetrating the enemy's wire he himself rushed to the front and captured five of the enemy. Subsequently he displayed great coolness and initiative in assembling the prisoners and wounded, and conducting them through the enemy's position regardless of the fire.

No. 3933 Lance Naik Dalel Singh, *53rd Sikhs (Frontier Force)*. For conspicuous gallantry and initiative on the night of the 6th 7th May 1918, when he accompanied a patrol of two platoons which was surprised by a large body of the enemy and came under fire of rifles and machine guns at close range. He had previously done excellent work, and obtained accurate and valuable information.

No. 252 Sepoy Ali Shah, *53rd Sikhs (Frontier Force)*. For conspicuous gallantry in action on the 19th September 1918. His platoon had advanced to reinforce the advanced guard and came under heavy and close fire of machine guns from a concealed position, all men of the leading wave being hit, except himself and one non-commissioned officer. He could have easily withdrawn to cover but remained and continued to fire steadily with a Lewis gun until his drums were expended, and then

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waited until reinforcements of another platoon came up and went forward with them. This sepoy had always done consistently well.

No. 1761 Colour Havildar Gul Amir, *56th Punjab Rifles (Frontier Force)*. For gallantry and devotion to duty especially during the fighting on the 19th and 20th September 1918. During the attack on the 19th September 1918 he showed resource and initiative in the way he handled his platoon, pushing forward with great determination in spite of heavy hostile machine gun and rifle fire.

Subadar Laximan Jankar, *107th Pioneers* attached 121st Pioneers. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the night of the 8th-9th June 1918, when in command of writing parties. His party was subjected to persistent scouting and machine gun fire and they came into an artillery barrage, in spite of which he kept his men together and carried out his portion of the work where others failed.

Jemadar Sheobaksh Singh, *125th Napier's Rifles*. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, on the 20th September 1918, when his company was heavily engaged by enemy machine guns, he displayed great energy in getting his Lewis guns into action and, in spite of the heavy machine gun fire, moved continuously up and down the line visiting the guns. By his great coolness and utter disregard for personal safety this officer set a fine example to all ranks.

Subadar Karam Dad, 2nd Battalion, *151st Indian Infantry*. For conspicuous gallantry on the 20th September 1918, when being the only Indian officer left unwounded with his company, he personally led forward his own and other platoons to two positions; under heavy machine gun and rifle fire, notwithstanding very heavy casualties which included his brother

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who was killed. His fearless leading gave a splendid example to the company.

No. 906 Havildar Wasakha Singh, *1st Battalion, 152nd Punjabis*. For conspicuous gallantry during the operations of September and October 1918, particularly on the 19th September 1918, during an attack when his company commander fell wounded in the open, this non-commissioned officer with another man at once advanced from a captured enemy position to bring the officer into cover under heavy machine gun fire. Whilst doing so the other man was severely wounded, but Havildar Wasakha Singh succeeded in bringing the officer safely under cover. He showed complete disregard of personal danger.

Subadar (Acting Subadar-Major) Arjun Singh Thapa, 2nd Battalion, *3rd Queen Alexandra's Own Gurkha Rifles*. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the 10th April 1918 when he commanded the company after his British officer had been killed, and during the subsequent withdrawal was responsible for bringing back, in good order, the greater part of his company, and for collecting many wounded.

No. 3303 Havildar Purney Ghale, *1st Battalion, 8th Gurkha Rifles*. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on several occasions. Whether under shell fire in the trenches, or leading a dangerous patrol, he was always a shining example of fortitude, resource, and the aggressive spirit.

No. 540 Sepoy Sarban, *1st Kashmir Imperial Service Infantry*. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the night of the 26th-27th July 1918, during the withdrawal of his small patrol before a superior and enterprising enemy, he particularly distinguished himself, when he returned to the assistance of a wounded man. He alternately bandaged

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the wounded man and kept up a fire, thereby keeping the enemy at bay. Under fire he carried the wounded man and his rifle over very difficult ground in the darkness until extricated by his patrol. This gallant action resulted in the saving of the wounded man's life.

(2087 of 1919.)

Awarded the Indian Order of Merit (2nd class) for acts of gallantry or devotion to duty in the field while serving with the North-West Frontier Force.

Subadar Arjan Singh, *35th Sikhs*. For conspicuous gallantry on the 17th May 1919. Under very heavy fire this Indian officer directed and assisted in the removal of the wounded to a place of safety.

On several occasions he rallied the men, and directed fire on to parties of the enemy who were inflicting heavy casualties on us. Throughout the action he displayed the greatest coolness and presence of mind, and rendered invaluable assistance to the British officers, though himself badly hurt, and by the example he set while on the lowest position helped his Commanding Officer greatly in infusing fresh courage into the men, who were very exhausted.

No. 881 Sepoy Sarwan Singh, *36th Sikhs*, attached 35th Sikhs For conspicuous gallantry on the 17th May 1919. During the action this sepoy behaved in a conspicuously gallant manner, in that he, under very heavy fire, crawled forward on two occasions to within a few yards of the enemy's position, firstly to bring back a wounded comrade, and secondly to bring back four rifles, one revolver, and some ammunition. During this time he was exposed to very heavy fire, and he was working on exceedingly difficult ground.

(2240 of 1919).

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Promoted to the 1st class of the Indian Order of Merit for gallantry and devotion to duty in the field while serving with the Mesopotamia Expeditionary Force.

No. 2878 Naik Son Singh, I.O.M., *3rd Sappers and Miners*. For conspicuous gallantry on the 9th December 1915. This non-commissioned officer was one of a party who assisted Lieutenant A.B. Matthews, M.C., R.E., to demolish an enemy bridge under very heavy fire.

(2360 of 1919).

Awarded the Indian Order of Merit (2nd class) for acts of gallantry or devotion to duty in the field while serving with the British Salonika Force:—

Subadar Ujagar Singh, *24th Punjabis*. For conspicuous gallantry on several occasions. This Indian officer showed himself a most able platoon leader, courageous and resourceful and inspired his men on all occasions by his gallantry and fine example.

(2407 of 1919 .

Awarded the Indian Order of Merit (2nd class) for acts of gallantry or devotion to duty in the field while serving with the British Salonika Force.

Subadar Aziz Ullah, I.D.S.M., 1st Battalion, *19th Punjabis*. This Indian officer showed conspicuous ability and gallantry in the leading of his platoon when out of touch with his company commander on the 16th January 1919.

He also behaved with conspicuous bravery on two former occasions.

Subadar Hukam Singh, 1st Battalion, *19th Punjabis*. This Indian officer led his platoon in action on the 16th January 1919, with the greatest gallantry,

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and inspired all his men by his fearlessness. He was killed while encouraging and leading his men. His widow, was admitted to the pension of the order with effect from the date of his death.

(2408 of 1919).

Awarded the Indian Order of Merit (2nd class) for gallantry and devotion to duty in the field, while serving in South Persia.

Subadar Karam Singh, *36th Mountain Battery*. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an action at Ahmadabad on the 16th June 1918 when his section came under sudden heavy reverse fire at 600 yards. This Indian officer brought his guns into action and succeeded in driving off the enemy.

(2506 of 1919).

Awarded the Indian Order of Merit, 2nd class for acts of gallantry or devotion to duty in the field while serving with North West Frontier Force.

No. 1193 Sepoy Mehr Singh, *1st Battalion, 15th Ludhiana Sikhs*. On the 16th May 1919, while acting as runner, he behaved with the greatest gallantry. In the course of his duty of taking orders on several occasions to detached parties, he fearlessly crossed open spaces under heavy enemy fire, ignoring completely all more covered and slower routes of approach. The time thus saved was invaluable. He seized every opportunity of helping wounded men and with ammunition, and his courage, energy and extraordinary cheeriness were an inspiration to all who saw them.

No. 3537 Sepoy Aulia Khan, *2nd Battalion 67th Punjabis*. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the 18th July 1919. Though shot through the forehead he remained with the picquet until it was



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rushed. When the enemy demanded his rifle he refused to give it up and was bayoneted.

His widow was admitted to the pension of the order with effect from the date of his death.

No. 2779 Lance Naik Beli Ram, *2nd Battalion, 67th Punjabis*. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the 18th July 1919. He took up reinforcements to a picquet under heavy fire and remained with it until it was rushed by the enemy. On the enemy demanding his rifle he refused to give it up and was promptly shot dead.

His widow was admitted to the pension of the order with effect from the date of his death.

No. 2876 Lance Naik Naiz Ali, *2nd Battalion, 67th Punjabis*. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the 18th July 1919. Though wounded he maintained unbroken communication with an adjoining post by flag signal under heavy fire for five hours until the picquet was rushed by the enemy.

No. 753 Havildar Nur Zaman, *1st Battalion, 151st Sikh Infantry*. For conspicuous gallantry on the 31st May 1919 when in command of 19 men he was ordered to clear a hill of snipers. The hill was found to be held by 30 enemy in a *sangar*. This non-commissioned officer led his men very cleverly and at the right time and place charged the enemy, turning them off the hill, killing and wounding several, capturing 3 rifles and bringing in two bodies of the enemy. He showed great initiative and pluck.

No. 756 Havildar Jalal Din, *1st Battalion, 151st Sikhs Infantry*. For conspicuous gallantry on the 31st May 1919. He showed great determination and pluck in continuing to lead his men, although wounded in two places, when his section was sent to support an attack on snipers.

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No. 2605 Rifleman Judbir Ale, *2nd Battalion, 1st King George's Own Gurkhas Rifles (The Malaun Regiment)*. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the 13th July 1919, when, seeing that a non-commissioned officer had been shot, he returned alone, in face of heavy enemy fire from close range, and attempted to recover the body and rifle. Owing to the enemy having nearly surrounded him he was only able to recover the rifle. He showed great coolness and disregard of danger throughout the action.

Subadar Tula Gurung, *2nd Battalion, 3rd Queen Alexandra's Own Gurkha Rifles*. For conspicuous gallantry on the 23rd July 1919, when he led his platoon under heavy fire to the attack of a hill. He was killed after the crest of the hill had been taken while urging his men on. This Gurkha officer's total disregard for his own life was a fine example to all.

His widow was admitted to the pension of the order with effect from the date of his death.

No. 4797 Lance Naik Lachman Lama, *2nd Battalion, 3rd Queen Alexandra's Own Gurkha Rifles*. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the 13th July 1919, when on picquet duty. Taking four men with him he managed to crawl up a small hill from which a large number of the enemy were firing heavily on his picquet. Having established himself on the near edge of the hill he opened very accurate fire on the enemy around him killing numbers of them. He then charged with the bayonet which resulted in the withdrawal of the enemy. Throughout the action this non-commissioned officer showed the greatest bravery and entire disregard of enemy fire.

No. 3040 Naik Tegbahadur Sahi, *3rd Battalion, 3rd Queen Alexandra's Own Gurkha Rifles*. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the 13th

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July 1919. This non-commissioned officer with five men held a position for two hours against large numbers of the enemy. By repeatedly opening rapid fire on the enemy at close range he prevented them from collecting to rush his position. He was killed during the withdrawal of his men. His determination and entire disregard of fear undoubtedly saved the picquet to which he belonged from suffering heavy casualties.

His widow was admitted to the pension of the order with effect from the date of his death.

(2758 of 1919).

Awarded the Indian Order of Merit, 2nd class for acts of gallantry or devotion to duty in the field while serving with the Waziristan Force.

Subadar Mian Din Khan, *North Waziristan Militia*. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the period 26th May 1919—4th June 1919 when in command of a post which was invested by the enemy. By his untiring energy and courage he kept up the spirits of all-ranks, resulting in considerable casualties being inflicted on the enemy.

Civil Sub-Assistant Surgeon Muhammad Hussain, attached *North Waziristan Militia*. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the 27th May 1919 in attending to the wounded under fire. He showed great courage and while under fire removed a wounded British soldier to a place of safety on two occasions.

Jemadar Zardad Khan, *North Waziristan Militia*. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the 28th May 1919 in holding a block house heavily attacked by the enemy. Although severely wounded in one eye he continued to encourage the garrison to maintain the defence of the post.

(2759 of 1919).

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Awarded the Indian Order of Merit, 2nd class for acts of gallantry or devotion to duty in the field while serving with the Baluchistan Force.

Subadar Ahmad Din, *1st Battalion, 22nd Punjabis*. During an attack on the 27th May 1919, he was of the greatest assistance in helping to organise his company after all its British officers had been killed or wounded. He selected positions for its Lewis guns and inflicted considerable loss on the retreating enemy.

Subadar Ahmad Din exposed himself fearlessly throughout the day and set an example of coolness and initiative which was particularly valuable at a trying and critical moment.

(2760 of 1919).

Awarded the Indian Order of merit, 1st class for gallantry and devotion to duty in the field while serving with the Egyptian Expeditionary Force.

No. 3004 Dafadar Dharam Singh, I.O.M , 14th Murray's Jat Lancers, attached *29th Lancers (Deccan Horse)*. For conspicuous gallantry on the 23rd September 1918. When his squadron was attacking an enemy position, this non-commissioned officer without the slightest hesitation and with the greatest gallantry led his troop in a charge against 2 houses from the top of which heavy machine gun fire was being directed on the troops. By his dash and gallantry he helped to capture 7 machine guns and about 500 Infantry.

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(2809 of 1919.)