

INDIAN ORDER OF MERIT.

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

Jemadar Gurditt Singh, *Malay States Guides*. On the night of the 15th-16th February 1918, this Indian officer commanded a platoon in an enterprise against an enemy picquet. He personally volunteered to go forward and exactly locate the picquet, and by doing so materially assisted the success of the operation. Subsequently in the attack he led his platoon with great gallantry and determination.

(2912 of 1919.)

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No. 1570 Dafadar Ahmed Khan, *27th Light Cavalry*. For conspicuous gallantry on the 30th May 1919 in assisting the wounded and removing them under heavy rifle fire. By his personal example he encouraged the men to gallop at the enemy under heavy rifle fire and over very bad ground.

No. 1681 Dafadar Nawab Khan, *27th Light Cavalry*. For conspicuous gallantry on the 30th May 1919, when, having cut down several of the enemy, and having had two horses shot under him he advanced on foot behind the squadron, collecting ammunition from casualties. He took command of his troop in the firing line after the troop leader had been killed.

No. 1247 Havildar Bhup Singh, *41st Dogras*. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the 25th May 1919 in endeavouring under heavy fire to get into communication with an adjoining post. He was killed in the performance of this duty. His widow was

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

No. 995 Havildar Bari Sher, I. D. S. M. *76th Punjabis*. For conspicuous gallantry on the 28th May 1919 and subsequent days. This non commissioned officer with 12 men held a detached tower for 13 days against large numbers of the enemy. He was completely surrounded and cut off from the main fort, sniped at systematically during the day, and violently attacked at night. He was staunch throughout and handled his party with skill.

Bhisti Gurdit Singh, *76th Punjabis*. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the 1st June 1919 when, though wounded in the stomach, he still carried water to the post. Previous to this he had carried water from the swimming bath, a hundred yards away from the post, under sniper's fire at close range.

(2913 of 1919).

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No. 989 Havildar Farid Khan, *1st Bn., 19th Punjabis*. For conspicuous gallantry on the 16th January 1919 in pressing forward at the head of his section under very heavy fire. His total disregard of danger on this and former occasions was of the greatest assistance to his platoon commander and an example to his men. This non commissioned officer was killed in action. His widow was admitted to the pension of the order, with effect from the date of his death.

(3112 of 1919).

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No. 4798 Havildar Ram Rattan, *27th Punjabis*. For conspicuous gallantry and initiative on the 19th September 1918. Numbers 1 and 2 of the Lewis Gun team having become casualties, he immediately took charge of the gun himself. When in front of an enemy strong point he worked his way under very heavy fire round to a flank position, from which he was able to provide excellent covering fire; Owing to this the company was able to take the enemy position, capturing 2 officers and 50 men.

No. 412 Naik Samma Singh, *27th Punjabis*. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the 19th September 1918 when he did some magnificent work, firstly by rushing and capturing a Machine Gun and its crew, and secondly by the very prominent part he took in the capture of an enemy Battery in action when he wounded some of the crews and captured the rest. He showed extreme bravery throughout and used his bayonet in the most efficient manner, utterly regardless of his personal safety.

No. 71 Havildar Wazir Singh, *47th Sikhs*. For gallantry and devotion to duty in the operations on 19th-20th September 1918. On the 19th September he took command of his platoon when the commander was wounded, and showed great ability and judgment. On the 10th September when the company was held up by heavy rifle fire, he with a few men, rushed an enemy Automatic Rifle which was enfilading the advance, and caused the enemy to abandon two other Automatic Rifles by his skilful use of the captured weapon.

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No. 1389 Dafadar (acting Kot Dafadar) Jawahir Singh, *3rd Skinner's Horse* attached *32nd Lancers*. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the 30th May 1919 when this non commissioned officer was working with his Hotchkiss gun troop covering the retirement of the regiment. On one occasion whilst withdrawing his gun, when the enemy were within 50 yards, the gun pack horse was shot. Under very heavy fire this non-commissioned officer dismounted took the gun off the dead horse, and retired with it some 300 to 400 yards.

(3155 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 Baluchistan Force.

Subadar Gulbadshah, *Zhob Militia*. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the 16th July 1919 when a convoy escort had been surrounded, the escort dispersed and all the British Officers, except one, were killed. Subadar Gulbadshah collected the rear guard and under orders from the surviving British Officer took the offensive against vastly superior forces of the enemy, pouring a heavy fire into them at short range and inflicting heavy casualties. He was most conspicuous for his fearlessness throughout the action and responsible for withdrawing the rear guard intact and bringing it out of action.

Jemadar Thaman Sing Gurung, *3rd Bn., 1st King George's Own Gurkha Rifles (The Malaun Regiment)*. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty

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during the period 3rd-12th June 1919 when in command of a post with 50 rifles. He held the post despite the fact that he was attacked every night, and heavily sniped at all day, by large numbers of the enemy. He was entirely cut off and when asked to surrender on condition that he and his men would be given a safe conduct to their homes, he retaliated by bombing the party with very good results. During the time he was being attacked he inflicted very heavy losses on the enemy. The Indian Officer's courage, endurance and forethought were worthy of the highest traditions of the Indian Army. (3156 of 1919)

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1092 Havildar Hoshiar Singh, *1st Battalion, 41st Dogras*. For conspicuous gallantry on the 3rd August 1919. Whilst under heavy fire at 150 yards range he made repeated attempts to rescue the wounded, two of whom he succeeded in bringing in. He also attempted to recover the dead body of a Sepoy but was unable to accomplish this on account of the heavy fire. He succeeded in bringing in the dead man's rifle. (3157 of 1919).

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

No. 4354 Sepoy Imam Din, *1st Bn., 55th Coke's Rifles* (Frontier Force). For conspicuous gallantry on the 20th December 1918. During an attack he was the first man to reach the top of a precipitous cliff and, being fired on at close quarters by three of the enemy, he most gallantly charged forward without hesitation, being killed in doing so.

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(3290 of 1919)

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Ressaidar Bharat Singh, *27th Light Cavalry*. For conspicuous gallantry on the 19th September 1919. When a British Officer's horse was shot and fell, pinning the officer down, Ressaider Bharat Singh dismounted, and with great difficulty extricated the officer. His own horse was hit three times and broke away. Later, when the same British Officer was hit, this Indian Officer remained with him until he died, although they were under heavy fire from the enemy at 150 yards range.

(3291 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 Egyptian Expeditionary Force.

No. 4079 Sepoy Nard Singh, *1st Bn., 91st Punjabis (Light Infantry)*. For conspicuous gallantry and coolness on the 4th July 1919, when a party of 15 Signallers and escort under a British officer were attacked by about 40 of the enemy in the hills. During the retirement to a better position the British Officer was severely wounded in the leg. Sepoy Nard Singh immediately went to the assistance of the British Officer and dragged him under cover remaining with him, while the enemy searched the ground in the vicinity and killed a wounded sepoy lying close to their hiding place.

(3547 of 1919).

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Subadar Allah Dad Khan, *2nd Battalion, 67th Punjabis*. For conspicuous gallantry on the 18th July 1919, when he was sent out to a picquet in charge of reinforcements. He led the party through heavy rifle fire with great coolness and reached the picquet with only one casualty. He at once reorganised the picquet and through his coolness and bravery the position was held until every round was expended; he then ordered his men to fix bayonets and resisted the enemy until overpowered.

Subadar Wali Mohammad, *Chitral Scouts*. For conspicuous gallantry on the 23rd May 1919. He displayed the greatest bravery throughout the day and was killed in attacking a well concealed and determined party of the enemy.

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

Naik Jamnamus, *Chitral Scouts*. For conspicuous gallantry on the 23rd May 1919 in attacking, under heavy rifle fire a party of snipers, in a very strong position among the rocks, who were holding up the advance of the flanking column.

Sepoy Karim Aman, *Chitral Scouts*. For conspicuous gallantry throughout the action of the 23rd May 1919. He killed three of the enemy and captured their arms. He was twice wounded while attacking a party of snipers.

Subadar Said Asghar, I. D. S. M., *Kurram Militia*. For conspicuous gallantry on the 27th May 1919, when he commanded an important flank with great coolness, and eventually drove back strong enemy attacks with heavy loss. On the 6th June 1919 he handled his men

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in a critical position with great ability and inflicted such losses on the enemy that they retired having gained no advantage.

Subadar Daurau Khan, *North-West Frontier Constabulary*. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the 27th May 1919, when in command of a Frontier Constabulary post which was infested by the enemy. Though the post was not protected by barbed wire entanglements, the garrison held out throughout the night of the 27th until the afternoon of the 28th when a wall of the post was breached in two places by shell fire. During this time the garrison beat off five attacks.

Overtures were made by the enemy for the surrender of the post, but the Subadar refused to leave it. During the night he evacuated the post with all his arms and ammunition, and passing through the enemy's lines for a distance of five miles, he succeeded in bringing his men to the main body.

(1 of 1920.)

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No. 1599 Naik Kehr Singh, *82nd Punjabis*. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the 8th August 1919 while in charge of a party of scouts. His party was charged by the enemy on three sides and was subjected to a very heavy fire. Naik Kehr Singh called on his men to fix bayonets and charged the enemy although his party was outnumbered by 20 to 1. He himself bayoneted four of the enemy and wounded a fifth before he was killed. His devotion to duty and gallantry had a most inspiring effect upon his comrades.

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

Subadar-Major Muqam Khan, I.D.S.M., *Southern Waziristan Militia*. For conspicuous gallantry on the 27th, 28th 29th and 30th May 1919. By his bravery and coolness under fire and disregard of personal safety, he set a fine example to his men.

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No. 771 Havildar Gopal Singh, *1st Battalion, 150 Indian Infantry*. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the 5th October 1919. While his platoon was escorting a telegraph party it was attacked by the enemy and, although this non-commissioned officer was wounded at the beginning of the action, he succeeded in keeping it together and rejoining the main body.

(146 of 1920.)

Awarded the Indian Order of Merit, 2nd Class, for acts of gallantry or devotion to duty in the field while serving in the Dardanelles.

Jemadar Biraj Gurung, *1st Battalion, 5th Gurkha Rifles (Frontier Force)*. For conspicuous bravery on the 4th June 1915 in the operations round Krithia in the Dardanelles. During a retirement in the darkness this Indian officer showed great personal bravery when in command of the rear guard. Though practically surrounded by the enemy, he handled his men skilfully and kept up such a well directed fire that the main body was able to retire, from a dangerous position without loss.

No. 4485 Naik Gangaraj Thapa, *1st Battalion, 5th Gurkha Rifles, Frontier Force*. For conspicuous gallantry

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on many occasions during operations in the Dardanelles and particularly on the 4th June 1915 when he succeeded in bringing in the body of a British officer under heavy fire from the enemy trenches a few yards distant. He was also brought to notice for his intrepid courage and coolness in several difficult situations which had an inspiring effect on the whole of his platoon.

No. 4799 Naik Birbahadur Thapa, *1st Battalion, 5th Gurkha Rifles (Frontier Force)*. For conspicuous gallantry on the 28th June 1915 during the operations in the Dardanelles. After the supply of bombs had failed this non-commissioned officer continued his advance down the enemy trench, killed several of the enemy with his kukri and drove the others back until the remainder of his company arrived to hold the trench.

No. 4130 Havildar (afterwards Jemadar) Dandabir Thapa, *1st Battalion, 5th Gurkha Rifles (Frontier Force)*. For conspicuous courage and skill in handling his machine guns during operations in the Dardanelles and particularly on the 28th June 1915. Although his guns were constantly being hit and 75 per cent. of the gun teams were disabled he continued to work the guns to the last, and inflicted severe losses on the enemy.

(523 of 1920.)

Awarded the Indian Order of Merit, 1st class in recognition of distinguished conduct and valuable services rendered at the battle of Ctesiphon and in connection with the Defence and Siege of Kut-al-Amarah, or for services rendered while prisoners of war.

Subadar Unad Singh, I.O.M., *119th Infantry (The Mooltan Regiment)*. For conspicuous personal gallantry on the 24th December 1915. In repulsing an

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attack he was wounded in the arm by a bayonet, but refused to leave his post and continued to command his section of the trench until the attack was finally repulsed. His section was out numbered by the enemy by 100 to 1. He was again wounded during the night of the 24th-25th December in hand-to-hand fighting.

Awarded the Indian Order of Merit, 2nd class.

No. 77 Lance Naik Antoni, *34th Divisional Signal Company*. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the seige of Kut-al-Amarah particularly on the 24th December 1915. When he worked assiduously on the repairing of telephone lines under heavy fire.

No. 4375 Havildar Sundar Singh, *24th Punjabis*. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the battle of Ctesiphon on the 22nd-23rd November 1919. After the British officer had been mortally wounded he led the way through the wire clearing the trenches and capturing the surviving occupants. He was killed in the action. His widow was admitted to the pension of the Order, with effect from the date of his death.

No. 4755 Naik Labh Singh, *I.D.S.M., 24th Punjabis*. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the battle of Ctesiphon on the 22nd-23rd November 1915. He rescued a British officer under very heavy fire and carried him to safety. Later he assisted the Signal Section in sending messages under continuous hostile shell fire.

No. 2058 Sepoy Chhota, *1st Battalion, 48th Pioneers*. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the 24th-25th October 1915. Although badly wounded in the head he refused to leave his post. He was ordered to the rear but on supports being called for

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he was the first man to come up. His example was extremely valuable in a very critical situation.

No. 1651 Sepoy Mugh Singh, *1st Battalion, 66th Punjabis*. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the battle of Ctesiphon on the 22nd November 1915, when under heavy fire he carried two British officers who were wounded and helpless to a place of safety.

No. 773 Sepoy Battan Singh, *1st Battalion, 76th Punjabis*. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Ctesiphon on the 22nd November 1915, when over ground absolutely devoid of cover and under heavy fire he drove up to the firing line to distribute ammunition thus greatly relieving the situation.

Subadar Tipu Ram, *10th Wellesley's Rifles*. For gallantry and devotion to duty during the siege of Kut-al-Amarah from December 1915 to April 1916. About ten days after the commencement of the siege when all the British Officers had become casualties he commanded his double company and took it to the front line where he was wounded. In spite of the pain he was suffering he refused to leave his men and stayed on in his command till the company was relieved. The wound was so severe that he eventually had to have the arm amputated.

Havildar (now Jemadar) Chaman Singh, *119th Infantry (The Mooltan Regiment)*. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Kut-al-Amarah on the 24th December 1915, when he was in command of the regimental machine gun section. He worked two guns with great coolness and materially assisted in beating off the attacks of the enemy. During hand to hand fighting which took place later he displayed great gallantry though wounded.