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No. 1542 Havildar Khet Singh, *120th Rajputana Infantry*. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the siege of Kut-al-Amarah 1915,-1916. When the trenches were flooded he volunteered to swim across and recover sand bags which he did under close fire from the enemy's trench; he was wounded in doing so. He was again wounded later while building the breast work and was wounded a third time while repairing the breast work under close fire of the enemy. This non-commissioned officer showed courage of a high order.

Jemadar Nara, *120th Rajputana Infantry*. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the siege of Kut-al-Amarah 1915-16, when carrying out the erection of a breast work outside the flooded trenches under close fire from the enemy's line. Though severely wounded he insisted on going out again to finish the work, which took most of the night to complete. He showed great courage and determination

No. 1915 Lance Naik Narbahadur Rai, *2nd Battalion, 7th Gurkha Rifles*. For exceptional gallantry and devotion to duty on the 9th December 1915, during the siege of Kut-al-Amarah. He was with a machine gun section where he did good work setting a magnificent example of pluck and endurance. Although wounded in four places in the head by bullet splinters, he stayed with his gun during four successive days of heavy shelling including a strong Turkish attack.

(692 of 1920).

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Subadar Vishram Rao Chowan, *1st Battalion, 116th Mahrattas*. For conspicuous gallantry on the 17th June 1919, when in command of the advance

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guard. By his skilful dispositions he intercepted the line of retreat of a considerable body of the enemy, inflicting casualties on them. On the 29th July 1919, when this Indian officer was in command of a convoy he was heavily attacked by tribesmen, and fought an extremely gallant action for $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours against heavy odds, extricating his convoy with a loss of two killed and two wounded. He set a fine example of leadership and courage to his men.

(693 of 1920).

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No. 1636 Naik Lal Din, *2nd Battalion, 19th Punjabis*. For conspicuous personal gallantry on the 22nd October 1919. Under very heavy fire he dashed out, to recover the rifle of a non-commissioned officer who had been killed and was himself killed by the enemy as he returned.

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

No. 515 Havildar Tirmal Singh, *1st Battalion, 150 Indian Infantry*. For conspicuous gallantry on the 23rd September 1919. While his picquet of 6 men was proceeding to its position it was suddenly attacked by about 70 of the enemy. Havildar Tirmal Singh at once charged at the head of his picquet, and bayoneted two of the enemy before he was surrounded and killed.

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

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No. 539 Gunner Lall Khan, *27th Mountain Battery*. For conspicuous gallantry on the 19th December 1919. He was look-out man to the F.O.O. Although wounded three times he remained at his post and did not leave it without bringing away the telephone gear, etc. He was the last man to leave the position, and throughout the action behaved in an exemplary manner.

Jemadar Maghar Singh, *3rd Battalion, 34th Sikhs Pioneers*. For conspicuous gallantry and coolness under fire on the 21st December 1919. When his working party was surrounded and fired on from every direction, while constructing a picquet defence, Jemadar Maghar Singh anticipated a shortage of ammunition. He went outside the defence, and while, he was bringing up bombs and ammunition, he was attacked by the enemy, but fought his way through with a pick axe. After the withdrawal from the position he led the remainder of his men, in a counter-attack, in which he was wounded. During the withdrawal he carried a wounded British officer into safety.

No. 47 Bugler (Lance Naik) Sangat Singh, *3rd Battalion, 34th Sikh Pioneers*. For conspicuous gallantry on the 21st December 1919. When the working party to which he belonged was surrounded and fired on from every direction, while constructing a picquet defence, it ran short of ammunition. Bugler Sangat Singh went outside the defence and helped to carry up bombs and ammunition. When the enemy attacked the picquet, he had no weapons, but he fought them with a pick axe, inflicting several casualties.

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Subadar Jhagai Sing Bisht, *4th Battalion, 39th Garhwal Rifles*. For conspicuous gallantry on the 2nd January 1920. During withdrawal from a position he noticed that a Lewis gun team had become isolated. He counter attacked with a view to recovering the gun and team, and came into close contact with a number of the enemy who had overcome the gun team and had seized the gun. Though wounded in the left hand, he brained the captor of the gun with a stone, recovered the gun and withdrew the men in good order.

Subadar Indar Sing Bisht, *4th Bn , 39th Garhwal Rifles*. For conspicuous gallantry on the 2nd January 1920. He took command of his company when it had lost all its British officers. He commanded the company with consummate gallantry and skill, and drove off more than one strong attack at close quarters. By his example and coolness he enabled his company to withdraw in perfect order though closely beset by the enemy.

No. 2526 Lance-Naik Ishar Singh, I. D. S. M., *1st Bn., 55th Coke's Rifles (Frontier Force)*. For conspicuous gallantry on the 14th January 1920. Lance Naik Ishar Singh volunteered to being in some men who appeared to be wounded, but who could not be brought in owing to the fire of the enemy. He set off with three other volunteers, one of whom was hit immediately. He dashed straight for three of the enemy, killing two of them, and then finding that our men were dead, he brought in their rifles and equipment together with some enemy rifles. This non-commissioned officer set a magnificent example to the whole battalion.

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No. 48 Sepoy Fakir Ali, *1st Bn., 57th Wilde's Rifles (Frontier Force)*. For conspicuous gallantry on the 5th January 1920. When a subsidiary picquet was attacked and the non-commissioned officer in Charge was wounded, Sepoy Fakir Ali and the remainder of the picquet retired. He kept the enemy from capturing the wounded non-commissioned officer.

Jemadar Baburao Sinda, *1st Bn., 109th Infantry*. For conspicuous gallantry on the 13th December 1919. This Indian officer led a counter-attack with 20 men, under heavy fire from the enemy. He drove the enemy back, and recovered three wounded men of his company. He kept control of the whole line and was an excellent example of conspicuous bravery. During the final retirement his party halted and provided covering fire to enable the body of an Indian officer to be recovered.

No. 2322 Havildar Dhondi Sakpal, *1st Battalion, 109th Infantry*. For conspicuous gallantry on the 21st December 1919. After an enemy attack Havildar Dhondi Sakpal led the remainder of his platoon in a counter-attack, keeping well ahead to encourage his men. When the position was recaptured he rallied everyone near him, and pursued the enemy with rifle fire. He again rallied his men when the enemy attacked a second time, and kept them well in hand throughout the action.

Jemadar Lal Chand, *2nd Bn., 150th Indian Infy.* For conspicuous gallantry on the 10th January 1920. During the retirement Jemadar Lal Chand checked the enemy's advance by rapid fire with a wounded man's rifle. He then assisted to bring a wounded man across very difficult ground under close enemy fire. His gallant conduct resulted in three wounded men being brought back in safety.

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No 649 Sepoy Sanpat Singh, *2nd Battalion, 150th Indian Inty.* For conspicuous gallantry on the 28th January 1920. During an advance, two stretcher bearers climbed the slope of a hill, to bring in a severely wounded man, but both became casualties. Sepoy Sanpat Singh went out alone under heavy fire and after replying to the enemy fire succeeded in bringing in the rifles of all the casualties. He returned under heavy fire, carried in one wounded man on his back, and at the same time assisted the other.

No. 2105 Sepoy Harphul Singh, *3rd Bn., 151st Punjabi Rifles.* For conspicuous gallantry and displaying a magnificent fighting spirit on the 11th December 1919. He was one of a line of scouts approaching a position, when fire was opened on them from a range of 30 yards. Although he was immediately wounded, he rushed at a body of ten of the enemy who had come out to collect rifles. He killed one man, and fought the remainder until he was pierced by six bullets.

Jemadar Indrabir Khan, *2nd Bn., 5th Gurkha Rifles (Frontier Force).* For conspicuous gallantry on the 14th January 1920. This Indian officer controlled his platoon in the most fearless manner throughout the day in spite of five determined attacks on his position. It was owing to his fearless determination that the position, which was essential to the safety of the camp, was held.

No. 3030 Naik Sarabjit Karke, *2nd Bn., 9th Gurkha Rifles.* For conspicuous gallantry on the 18th January 1920. An attempt had been made to establish a permanent picquet but owing to heavy enemy fire the picquet received orders to retire. Naik Sarabjit Karke, who commanded the Lewis gun section of the platoon covering the right flank of the picquet,

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found himself obliged to retire across a flat plateau swept by heavy enemy fire at close range. He accomplished the retirement with great skill and sustained only a few casualties. When one of his men was wounded, he crept out under heavy fire and succeeded in bringing the wounded man back to safety.

No. 2442 Naik Dasrath Bisht, *2nd Bn., 9th Gurkha Rifles*. For conspicuous gallantry on the 18th January 1920. When his platoon was in advance of troops attempting to build a *sangar*, Naik Dasrath Bisht saw that its flank was in danger of being turned by the enemy. He went forward alone under heavy fire and bombed the enemy who were collected in a *nullah* prepared to rush the position. By his courage and ingenuity, a very critical situation was avoided.

No. 2830 Naik Birbahadur Khan, *2nd Bn., 9th Gurkha Rifles*. For conspicuous gallantry on the 23rd January 1920. Naik Birbahadur Khan was in command of a platoon on the extreme right of the position holding a tactical point which was of great value. Although heavily attacked at close range, he stood his ground until the general retirement took place and then skilfully withdrew his platoon with only a few casualties. By his pluck and example he saved a position, which had the enemy captured it, would have enabled them to enfilade the whole line.

No. 133 Sepoy Jan, *South Waziristan Militia attached 1st Bn., 55th Coke's Rifles (Frontier Force)*. For conspicuous gallantry on the 14th January 1920. Sepoy Jan set a fine example of courage, endurance, and devotion to duty, by going out from his picquet and bringing a wounded pilot, whose aeroplane had crashed, safely back to camp under very heavy fire. He was severely wounded in the chest and leg while rescuing the pilot. (800 of 1920).

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Jemadar Mawaz Khan, *126th Baluchistan Infy.* For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the 14th February 1920. He commanded his platoon with great initiative and coolness, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy, who were pressing him hard in front and on the flank. After his British officer had been killed he kept his platoon well in hand and retired fighting gallantly. His gallant conduct and good leadership averted a critical position.

(846 of 1920).

Awarded the Indian Order of Merit, 2nd Class, for acts of gallantry and devotion while serving with the Waziristan Force:—

No. 3657 Lance Naik Shah Nawaz, *57th Wilde's Rifles (Frontier Force)*. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the 10th January 1920. This non-commissioned officer ran 150 yards, under heavy and accurate fire, to where a wounded non-commissioned officer was lying. He himself was wounded, and his clothes shot through in many places, but he succeeded in bringing the non-commissioned officer back to safety.

No. 413 Naik Ishar Singh, I.D.S.M., *2nd Battalion 76th Punjabis*. For conspicuous gallantry on the 5th January 1920. During the retirement he showed great bravery in carrying messages to and from battalion headquarters. He organised the evacuation of the wounded, which was a very difficult undertaking owing to the heavy and accurate fire of the enemy. Although in an exposed position he succeeded in collecting stretcher parties and getting the wounded into safety.

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No. 617 Sepoy Muhammad Bakhsh, *2nd Battalion, 76th Punjabis*. For conspicuous gallantry on the 14th January 1920. He went forward with his Lewis gun under very heavy enemy fire and took up a forward position on a flank from which he fired until his ammunition was exhausted. He obtained more ammunition and, when the Lewis gun team became casualties, he helped to beat off an attack by rushing forward with the gun and firing it at the enemy who were attacking at close range.

Jemadar Bhabesur Gurung, *4th Battalion, 3rd Queen Alexandra's Own Gurkha Rifles*. For conspicuous gallantry on the 17th February 1920. During an attack on a village, this Indian officer led his platoon with great skill against a tower which he captured. Later on he crossed a bare piece of ground and gave valuable information to battalion headquarters.

No. 822 Naik Rudrebir Sen, *4th Bn., 3rd Queen Alexandra's Own Gurkha Rifles*. For conspicuous gallantry on the 17th February 1920. This non-commissioned officer led a party of volunteers in an attack on a tower held by the enemy. Later on when he heard that some wounded were lying in an exposed position, he went out four times, and brought in a wounded man each time under heavy and accurate fire.

No. 2116 Havildar Bahadur Thapa, I. D. S. M., *2nd Bn., 5th Gurkha Rifles (Frontier Force)*. For conspicuous gallantry on the 20th February 1920. This non-commissioned officer and two men covered the retirement of a Lewis gun which had got into difficulties. While retiring under very heavy fire one of the men was wounded. Assisted by the other man Havildar Bahadur Thapa carried the wounded man for 400 yards across open ground, under very heavy fire, and brought him back to camp an hour and a half

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after the return of the troops.

No. 4357 Rifleman Harkoman Newar, *2nd Bn., 5th Gurkha Rifles (Frontier Force)*. For conspicuous gallantry on the 20th February 1920. When the enemy fire was so intense that the stretcher bearers could not reach his platoon, he carried a wounded man on his back over one hundred and fifty yards of exposed ground under an accurate and heavy fire from two directions. After carrying another wounded man to a place of safety he returned and resumed his duties with his platoon. His coolness and courage were a fine example to his comrades.

No. 2919 Naik Dalman Rai, *1st Battalion, 7th Gurkha Rifles attached 3rd Bn., 11th Gurkha Rifles*. For conspicuous gallantry on the 19th February 1920. During the withdrawal the rearguard troops suffered several casualties. Naik Dalman Rai immediately came forward with 6 of his men, and, under heavy enemy fire, crossed the valley to the opposite hill where the wounded were lying. This was done three times and 19 wounded men were brought in. This non-commissioned officer was himself severely wounded while returning for the third time.

Jemadar Kisan Chand, *3rd Battalion, 11th Gurkha Rifles*. For conspicuous gallantry on the 19th February 1920. Jemadar Kisan Chand organised and led 6 rescue parties to recover wounded men during a withdrawal. His gallantry and coolness under fire made a great impression on the parties working under him.

No. 3565 Bearer Kaloo, I.D.S.M., *No. 3 Company, Army Bearer Corps*. For conspicuous gallantry on the 20th February 1920. During a retirement, when no regimental stretcher bearers were available Bearer Kaloo went up to the firing line under heavy fire and

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brought back a badly wounded man.

No. 889475 Bearer Nanka, *No. 8 Company, Army Bearer Corps*. For conspicuous gallantry on the 17th February 1920. Bearer Nanka went out with his stretcher squads under very heavy fire to bring in a wounded British officer who was laying in front of the firing line and while returning one of his men was severely wounded. After the wounded officer had been brought in Bearer Nanka returned and carried in the wounded men

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No. 3109 Sowar (acting Lance-Dafadar) Mausa Ram, *10th Duke of Cambridge's Own Lancers (Hodson's Horse)*. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the 7th March 1920. When his squadron was advancing under very heavy fire he led his section mounted, down an almost impassable cliff in close pursuit of the enemy. Later, when his section was forced to withdraw, he twice went out under heavy close range fire to bring in some men whom he thought were wounded but who were actually dead. He set an excellent example of courage to all ranks.

(1041 of 1920).

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No. 1344 Rifleman Dalbahadur Sen, *4th Bn., 3rd Queen Alexandras Own Gurkha Rifles*. For conspicuous gallantry on the 17th February 1920. During an attack on a tower Rifleman Dalbahadur Sen and another man went out four times, under very heavy

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and accurate fire from the enemy, and brought in wounded men from an exposed position.

Jemadar Indra Bir Khan, 2nd Battalion, *5th Gurkha Rifles (Frontier Force)*. For conspicuous gallantry on the 14th January 1920. Jemadar Indra Bir Khan controlled his platoon in a most fearless manner throughout the day in spite of five determined attacks on his position. It was owing to his fearlessness that the position, the possession of which was essential to the safety of the camp, was held.

No. 3104 Lance Naik Debi Sing Thapa, 2nd Bn., *5th Gurkha Rifles (Frontier Force)*. For conspicuous gallantry on the 20th February 1920. During a retirement this non-commissioned officer was the last to leave his position, when, seeing that a comrade was wounded, he, regardless of his own personal safety, remained behind with him. He eventually carried the wounded man and his rifle and equipment across 300 yards of open ground, under very heavy fire, to a place of safety. He set a fine example of self sacrifice and devotion to duty.

No. 3938 Rifleman Kuman Sing Gurung, 2nd Bn., *5th Gurkha Rifles (Frontier Force)*. For conspicuous gallantry on the 20th February 1920. During a retirement Rifleman Kuman Sing Gurung went back twice and brought in a wounded comrade and the rifles and equipment of other wounded men. By his utter disregard of his own personal safety he set a fine example to his company.

No. 3098 Rifleman Tilchand Thapa, 2nd Bn., *5th Gurkha Rifles (Frontier Force)*. For conspicuous gallantry on the 17th February 1920. He was severely wounded in the ankle whilst carrying an important despatch from his company's main position to an advanced party about 200 yards ahead. Although