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the retreat whilst he led Major Battye, to the rear. They had gone about ten yards when Major Battye sat down. The Subadar then called the two sepoy's back: the party then consisted of one naik, a Bugler, three sepoy's and Capt. Urnston and the Subadar. Captain Urnston stood near Major Battye and having told the men to form round them, tied his handkerchief to his walking stick and gave it to the Subadar to wave and to call out 'peace'. This was done for some time, but to no avail, and during this time large numbers of the enemy had collected close round the party. The Subadar then called out "we have not come to fight but only for a walk". This appeal was not even heeded and the enemy who had all this time been throwing showers of stones, now suddenly rushed on the small party in a body. The sepoy's defended themselves as best they could and the Subadar fired the six chambers of his revolver hitting a man each time. But the enemy had broken in and Capt. Urnston was killed by a sword cut and so was the Naik who defended him. Major Battye had been insensible from the time he had sat down. The Subadar and two Sepoy's, Inderbir Thapa and Moti Ram Thapa, (the only survivors) remained until both officers were dead and then calling out to his comrades to save their lives, the Subadar sprang down the side of a hill. He went down about 300 yards and then found that only one Sepoy had followed him. They remained in the hollow of a rock for about half an hour, and having heard a volley from a neighbouring spur and thinking that it was from their Company, they made their way towards it and found this to be the case. The Subadar then advanced the Company and by firing successive volleys drove back the enemy and recovered the bodies of the British officers and conveyed them to Oghi.

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For his exemplary gallantry and devotion Kishubir Nuggurkoti was granted the 1st Class, Order of merit pay, with the rank of Subadar and a special gold Bar inscribed "18th June 1888" to be worn with the 1st Class Star.

The unprovoked attack on this party led to the despatch of a punitive expedition to the Black Mountain in September 1888.

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SOWAR BHAGWAN SING, *10th Bengal (Duke of Cambridge's Own) Lancers*, was admitted to the 3rd Class of the Order, for gallant conduct on the 15th December 1879, while carrying the mail from Pezwan to Jagdalak (132 of 1880.)

SOWAR ZEADAH KHAN, *18th Bengal Cavalry*, received the 3rd Class of the Order for conspicuous gallantry in attacking single-handed a party of marauders between Mandoria and Chapri in the Kuram Valley, on the 20th November 1879, compelling them to abandon their plunder and disperse. (133 of 1880.)

RESSALDAR MIR ALAM KHAN, *1st Punjab Cavalry, Frontier Force*, was promoted from the 3rd to the 2nd Class of the Order for conspicuous gallantry in the action fought at Saiad-Bud, in Shorawak, on the 27th March 1879 (190 of 1880.)

SOWAR ZAIDULLA, (*Queen's Own*) *Corps of Guides, Punjab Frontier Force*, received the 3rd Class of the Order, for conspicuous gallantry in action at Kabul on the 13th December 1879, (233 of 1880.)

No. 1212, NAIK KISHENBIR NAGARKOTI, *5th Gurkha Regt.* (1st Class).

SOWAR JUMA KHAN, *5th Punjab Infy.* (2nd Class).

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No. 40, KOT-DAFADAR SHADIL KHAN, *5th Punjab Cavy.*, (2nd Class),

were promoted in the Order as specified opposite their respective names, for conspicuous gallantry in action at Kabul on the 12th, 23rd, and 14th December, respectively. (251 of 1880.)

No. 732, HAVILDAR SHAHGOOL KHAN, *28th Punjab Native Inty. and*

No. 1669, SEPOY AKBAR KHAN, were admitted to the 3rd Class of the Order for conspicuous gallantry on the 19th December 1879, in carrying, at great personal risk, important despatches from Lataband to Jagdalak, through a country at the time wholly in possession of the enemy. (252 of 1880.)

SUBADAR MEHTAB SING, } *23rd Punjab Native*
 AND } *Inty. (Pioneers).*
 No. 64 HAVILDAR GOLAB SING, }

were admitted to the 3rd Class of the Order for conspicuous gallantry in action at Lataband on the 16th December 1879. (252 of 1880.)

The following Officers and men were admitted to the 3rd Class of the Order for conspicuous gallantry in action at Kabul and in the vicinity, between the 10th and the 23rd December 1879. (252 of 1880.)

Subadar Nuzzur Khan, No 2 (Derajat) Mountain Battery.

No. 336 Havildar Kootubdeen (Derajat) Mountain Battery.

„ 298 Naik Alumshere, (Derajat) Mountain Battery.

„ 5 Driver-Naik Fuzl, (Derajat) Mountain Battery.

Ressaldar Amir Ali Shah, *5th Punjab Cavy.*

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No.	183	Dafadar Kesar Sing,	5th Punjab Cavalry.
"	17	Trumpeter Sbah Alim	" " "
"	1371	Sowar Bussawa Sing,	" " "
"	1444	" Nutha Sing	" " "
"	1487	" Hidayutullah	" " "
"	1678	" Maiah Sing,	" " "
"	1681	" Oottum Sing,	" " "
"	1786	" Harsa Sing,	" " "
"	1683	" Zeeaoodeen,	" " "
"	1013	Sepoy Rahim Khan,	28th Punjab Native Infy.
"	967	Havildar-Major Uttyr Sing,	Corps of Guides
"	366	Havildar Jug Bir,	" "
"	447	" Jowalla Sing,	" "
"	447	" Jewund Sing,	" "
"	—	" Oomrah Sing,	" "
"	1440	Naik Hazir,	" "
"	1214	Sepoy Dillia,	" "
"	—	" Lehnu,	" "
"	1278	" Chunder Bir	" "
"	1374	" Mahomed Shuffi	" "
"	1796	" Wurriam Sing,	" "
"	2211	" Gul Shere,	" "
Subadar Baz Gul, 5th Punjab Infy.			
No.	2440	Havildar Sham Sing,	5th Punjab Infy.
"	3482	Naik Surwan Sing,	" "
"	3483	Sepoy Man Sing,	" "
"	3568	" Akram,	" "
"	3689	" Niamat,	" "
"	4084	" Umra,	" "
"	593	Havildar Kurm Sing Negi,	5th Gurkha Regt.
"	1771	Sepoy Dummer Sing,	5th Gurkha Regt.

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JEMADAR HAZRAT SHAH, *2nd Punjab Cavy.*, was admitted to the 3rd Class of the Order for conspicuous gallantry in the action fought at Shahjui on the 24th October 1879, on which occasion, during the charge, he cut down one of the leaders of the enemy, and was chiefly instrumental in killing their Chief, Sahibjan, whom he was the first to attack. (294 of 1880).

The undermentioned Indian Officer and Non-commissioned officer of the *2nd Punjab Cavy.*, *Punjab Frontier Force*, were admitted to the 3rd Class of the Order:—

RESSAIDAR MANSUR KHAN, displayed conspicuous gallantry in action at Shahjui on the 24th October 1879, in rescuing Sowar Oomar Buksh, of the same regiment, whose horse had fallen with him, and one of whose assailants he killed. Also for gallant conduct in a subsequent charge of the same regiment on the same occasion.

No. 1534 LANCE-DAFADAR GUJAR SING, displayed conspicuous gallantry in a charge of the regiment at Shahjui on the 24th October 1879, in aiding Ressaldar Lahrasaf Khan and Sowar Sawan Sing, of the same Corps, when attacked by superior numbers of the enemy, several of whom he cut down and killed. (336 of 1880.)

The following Officers and men of the *3rd Sikh Inty. Punjab Frontier Force*, received promotion in, and admission to the Order of Merit as stated opposite their respective names (425 of 1880.):—

JEMADAR GANESHA SING, (2nd Class).

and

NAIK SHAM SING, (2nd Class), displayed conspicuous gallantry in action at Mir Karez on the 10th December 1879, on which occasion they were most

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forward in the attack on the enemy's position, and set a brilliant example to the men of the regiment.

No. 5 HAVILDAR GURDIT SING, (3rd Class) showed conspicuous gallantry in action near Kabul on the 14th December 1879. When a detachment of the regiment was retiring from the Conical Hill, he ran back under a heavy fire and rescued a wounded man who would otherwise have been killed by the enemy.

No. 134 HAVILDAR SAIAD GUL, displayed conspicuous gallantry in action at Mir Karez on the 10th December 1879, when, with Jemadar Ganesha Sing and Naik Sham Sing, he was very forward in the attack on the enemy's position, setting the men a brilliant example and receiving a severe wound in hand-to-hand conflict with the Afghans.

No. 232 SEPOY PANJAB SING, displayed conspicuous gallantry in action at the Takht-i-Shah Hill, near Kabul, on the 12th December 1879, in proceeding under a heavy fire to the assistance of Lieut. E. J. N. Fasken, who was severely wounded, remaining with him and eventually carrying him out of fire.

SECOND CLASS HOSPITAL ASST. NEHAL CHAND, showed conspicuous gallantry in action at Takht-i-Shah Hill, on the 12th December 1879, in twice proceeding under a heavy fire to the assistance of Lieut. E. J. N. Fasken, who was severely wounded.

No. 148 PRIVATE LALL MIR KHAN, *29th Regt. Bombay Native Inty.*, received the 3rd Class of the Order in consideration of his conspicuous gallantry in action at Kaj-Boz, near Khelat-i-Ghilzai, on the 2nd May 1880, on which occasion he was very forward in the storming of the position taken up by the enemy, several of whom he killed. (426 of 1880.)

2ND CLASS HOSPITAL ASST. GULAM HAIDER KHAN, attached to the (*Queen's Own*) *Corps of Guides, Punjab*

