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No. 774, SEPOY NURDAD—Shot down several of the enemy at very close quarters, and subsequently led a gallant counter charge against them, repulsing them, but he himself was very severely wounded.

Had the undermentioned non-commissioned officer and men survived, the distinction of the 3rd class of the Order of Merit would have been conferred upon them in consideration of the conspicuous gallantry and heroic devotion to duty, on the occasion referred to. Their widows were admitted to the pension of the 3rd class.

No. 6 (Bombay) Mountain Battery.

No. 2348, Havildar Umardin.

No. 2432, Sepoy (Lance-Naik) Utam Singh.

1st Sikh Infantry.

No. 4411, Sepoy (Lance-Naik) Atr Singh.

No. 3872, " " Kesar Singh.

No. 3992, " " Achar Singh.

No. 4497, Sepoy Shankar Khan.

No. 4759, Sepoy Mahomed Khan.

No. 274, Sepoy Roshan Khan.

1st Punjab Infantry.

No. 295, Naik Bur Singh.

No. 4853, Sepoy (Lance-Naik) Khanaya Singh.

No. 1025, Sepoy Indar Singh.

No. 3369, Havildar (subsequently promoted Jemadar) Hussain Shah, *1st Sikh Infantry*, was promoted to the 2nd class for conspicuous gallantry on the same occasion, in helping to carry Surgeon-Captain Cassidy out of action under a heavy fire.

Langri (Cook) JHANDA SINGH, *1st Sikh Infantry*, was admitted to the 3rd class, for conspicuous gallantry on the same occasion, in having when Lance-Naik Atr

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Singh was killed, run out and brought in the box of ammunition the Naik was carrying when he met his death.

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The undermentioned non-commissioned officer and soldier were admitted to the 3rd class, in recognition of the conspicuous gallantry and devotion exhibited by them on the same occasion:—

No. 6 (Bombay) Mountain Battery.

NO. 2357, NAIK UTAM CHAND, served No. 3 gun and helped to carry the carriage out of action when the mule was wounded.

NO. 2523, GUNNER DULLA KHAN, served No. 4 gun and helped to carry the gun when the mule was wounded.

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24th (Punjab) Regiment of Bengal Infantry.

SUBADAR-MAJOR YASIN KHAN, SARDAR BAHADUR, was admitted to the 3rd class for conspicuous gallantry in action at the Malakand on the 27th July 1897, on which occasion he led a party of four men against a *Sungar* occupied by some of the enemy, which was taken and a standard captured.

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SUBADAR-MAJOR YASIN KHAN, SARDAR BAHADUR, *24th (Punjab) Regiment of Bengal Infantry*, was promoted to the 2nd class for further acts of conspicuous gallantry at Malakand on the three occasions detailed below:—

1. On the evening of the 27th July 1897, in leading a half company up the hill commanding the

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- camp, of the 24th Bengal Infantry, which was held by the enemy. On this occasion it was in a great measure due to his fearless example that the enemy were driven off with the loss of two standards.
2. On the morning of the 28th July 1897, when he led his company in a counter-attack towards Gallows Tree Hill, and though several times checked by superior numbers, rallied his men and routed the enemy with heavy loss.
 3. On the 1st August 1897, when being sent out with a company to reconnoitre, he personally led a section against some twenty or thirty of the enemy who occupied a rocky knoll, and routed them, capturing two standards, some rifles, and other arms

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The undermentioned Indian officers, non-commissioned officers and soldiers were admitted to the 3rd class, with effect from the dates of the respective acts of gallantry detailed:—

RESSAIDAR TIRATH RAM, *Corps of Guides, Cavalry*. For conspicuous gallantry at Malakand on the 1st August 1897, when leading his men against the enemy, whom he personally engaged, receiving a wound from a spear.

NO. 1131, DAFFADAR TURSUM; NO. 1473, SOWAR SIRANDAZ; AND NO. 1408, SOWAR NAZIR, *Corps of Guides, Cavalry*. For conspicuous gallantry at Malakand on the 1st August 1897, in covering, at a very critical moment, the retirement of an advanced patrol, which was in broken ground and in danger of being rushed by the enemy, who were pressing forward in numbers, but who were kept in check by their fire.

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No. 1413, SOWAR GURDIT SINGH, *Corps of Guides, Cavalry*. For conspicuous gallantry at Malakand on the 1st August 1897, when, in the open, under a hot fire, during the final retirement from the last position held by the Guides Cavalry, he dismounted and picked up Sowar Esher Singh, who had been shot, and helped to carry him away.

No. 840, KOT-DAFADAR SADR-UD-DIN, *Corps of Guides, Cavalry*. For conspicuous gallantry at Malakand on the 1st August 1897, in dismounting, under a hot fire, with the enemy pressing forward close at hand, and giving his horse to Lieutenant-Colonel R.B. Adams, when that Officer's horse had been shot.

No. 1012, DAFADAR SHAM SINGH, AND NO. 1274, SOWAR PIR MAHOMED, *Corps of Guides, Cavalry*. For conspicuous gallantry and dash at Malakand on the 1st August 1897, in charging and engaging the enemy on several occasions, killing several.

No. 1297, SOWAR PANJABA, *Corps of Guides, Cavalry*. For conspicuous gallantry and dash at Malakand on the 1st and 2nd August 1897, in charging and engaging the enemy on many occasions, killing several.

No. 2798, LANCE-NAIK SAWAN SINGH, *24th (Punjab) Regiment of Bengal Infantry*. For conspicuous gallantry at Malakand throughout the night of the 26th July 1897. He accompanied the party of officers and men in the retaking of the Sappers and Miners' quarter-guard. In one of these attempts nearly half the party were shot down, among them being a sepoy of the 45th Sikhs, orderly to Colonel Meiklejohn. When forced back some twenty yards, Sawan Singh rushed forward to the original spot and carried back the body of the orderly.

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NO. 3580, SEPOY WADHAWA SINGH, AND NO. 3758, SEPOY FUTTEH SINGH, *24th (Punjab) Regiment of Bengal Infantry*. For conspicuous gallantry at Malakand on the night of the 26th July 1897, in accompanying Lieutenant E. W. Costello from the hospital to the middle of the football ground to bring in Lance-Havildar Narain Singh of the regiment, who was lying there wounded, the ground being at the time swept both by the fire of the enemy and by our own fire from the bazar corner of the Sappers' lines, besides being overrun by the enemy's swordsmen.

SUBADAR GOPALA, *24th (Punjab) Regiment of Bengal Infantry*. For conspicuous gallantry at Malakand on the night of the 26th July 1897, on which occasion, when leading his company into the Sappers and Miners enclosure, he came suddenly face to face with a standard bearer of the enemy, and received a sword cut in the shoulder; notwithstanding which he seized the standard, wrenched it from his assailant, and driving the pointed end into his body, bore him to the ground.

No. 2507, Havildar Mir Abas, No. 3451, Sepoy Mir Badshah, No. 3404, Sepoy Khiyal Din and No. 345 Sepoy Mir Gul, *24th (Punjab) Regiment of Bengal Infantry*. For conspicuous gallantry at Malakand on the 27th July 1897, in rushing a *sangar* on the hill above the graded and Buddhist roads containing several of the enemy with a standard

No. 2549, Havildar Ali Gul. No. 3345, Sepoy Said Hassan, and No. 3288, Sepoy Umar Khan, *24th (Punjab) Regiment of Bengal Infantry*. For conspicuous gallantry at Malakand on the evening of the 27th July 1897, in rushing a hill commanding the camp of the regiment, which was occupied by a number of the enemy with a standard. They captured the standard

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and forced the enemy to retire.

Subadar Syed Ahmed Shah, *31st (Punjab) Regiment of Bengal Infantry*. For conspicuous gallantry at Malakand on the night of the 27th, 28th July, 1897, when in command of a party of 25 men, he held an advanced post in a walled enclosure for eight hours, though surrounded by numbers of the enemy, and exposed at very close range to both reverse and enfilading fire from the hills. He was wounded in the head, but continued to hold the post till the door was burst open and the wall undermined. He then retired, bringing away his wounded, who numbered 13.

No. 650, Havildar Fazul Dad Khan; No. 1700, Lance-Havildar Ahmed Khan; No. 730, Lance Havildar Walidad Khan; No. 1615, Naik Ram Singh; No. 1519, Naik Dilawar Khan; No. 1697, Sepoy Fareed Baksh; No. 2145, Sepoy Khiwa Khan; No. 306, Sepoy Shera; No. 2445, Sepoy Kulia Singh; No. 1983, Sepoy Futteh Khan; and No. 1226, Bugler Fazal Khan, *31st (Punjab) Regiment of Bengal Infantry*. For conspicuous gallantry at Malakand on the night of the 27th, 28th July 1897, in the defence of the post held by 25 men under Subadar Syed Ahmed Shah for eight hours.

Sepoy Fareed Baksh although badly wounded, continued at his post, until disabled by a second shot.

No. 1154, Havildar Kushal Singh, No. 1335, Naik Atma Singh, and No. 1897, Sepoy Kala Singh, *31st (Punjab) Regiment of Bengal Infantry*. For conspicuous gallantry at Malakand on the 27th July 1897, in going back and bringing in under a heavy fire a wounded sepoy who had been left behind unperceived during the retirement from the north camp.

Subadar-Major Mangal Singh; Jemadar Uttam Singh; No. 2636, Havildar Jawala Singh; No. 2587, Havildar Teja Singh; No. 2631 Naik Chanda Singh;

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and No. 3029, Lance-Naik Natha Singh, *45th (Sikh) Regiment of Bengal Infantry*. For conspicuous gallantry at Malakand on the night of the 26th July 1897, in holding a narrow defile with a party of about twenty other men of the regiment against a large force of the enemy and checking their advance for twenty minutes, until the arrival of the remainder of the regiment.

No. 78, Naik Hossein Mahomed, No. 22, Gunner Gul Ahmed, and No. 55, Gunner Imam Din, *No. 8 (Bengal) Mountain Battery*. For conspicuous gallantry at Malakand on the night of the 27th July 1897, when the enemy charged into the picquet near Colonel Sawyer's house and temporarily drove back some of the escort near No. 5 gun. The naik and two gunners mentioned, cut down three of them, two being killed on the gun, and drove back the remainder.

No. 595, 1ST GRADE HOSPITAL ASSISTANT KASHI RAM. For conspicuous gallantry at Malakand on the 27th July 1897, in bringing in a wounded Sepoy under heavy close-range fire of the enemy from a spot over a mile from our own men. He also displayed constant bravery during the investment of the Malakand while at his post with a detachment of No. 8 (Bengal) Mountain Battery.

No. 2246, Havildar Biaz; No. 3354, Lance Naik Mir Jafir; and No. 4223, Sepoy Solhat Khan, *Corps of Guides, Infantry*. For conspicuous gallantry on Gibraltar Hill, Malakand, on the 31st July 1897, on which occasion, under a heavy fire from the opposite hill, they attacked and drove from a *sangar* a party of the enemy, of whom they killed several.

SUBADAR RAMASAMI, *No. 5 Company, Queen's Own Madras Sappers and Miners*. For conspicuous gallantry and coolness under fire at Malakand on 26th July 1897, and succeeding days, controlling the fire of

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the company and setting an excellent example on every occasion when the company were engaged with the enemy.

NO. 1450, NAIK AZHAGIRI, *The Queen's Own Madras Sappers and Miners*. For conspicuous gallantry at Malakand on the night of the 26th July 1897, when, though wounded, he came out of hospital to do duty, and was again severely wounded when joining his section.

DOOLY-BEARER NALLATAMBI, *The Queen's Own Madras Sappers and Miners*.—For conspicuous gallantry at Malakand on the night of the 26th July 1897, in carrying ammunition under a heavy fire from the quarter guard to the sappers lining the abbatis. He continued going backwards and forwards on this duty, until wounded by a shot in the hand.

No. 1842, LANCE-DAFADAR PARTAB SINGH, *11th Bengal Lancers*.—For conspicuous gallantry on the following occasions:—

- (1) During the action near Malakand on the 1st August 1897 in bringing ammunition from the led horses to the dismounted men under a very heavy fire, during which several casualties occurred.
- (2) During the retirement to the Malakand on the same day when he was the last man to leave the plain and reach camp, retiring quietly though pressed by the enemy and under heavy fire the whole time.
- (3) During the advance to the relief of Chakdarra on the 2nd August 1897, when he was conspicuously to the front having had more than one personal combat with the enemy during the day, both near Khar and during the pursuit at Chakdarra.

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No. 2417, SOWAR PREM SINGH, *11th Bengal Lancers*.—For conspicuous gallantry on the 27th July 1897, while crossing a branch of the Swat river north of Amandara. The remainder of the party having crossed and proceeded some two hundred yards. Sowar Prem Singh, seeing Hospital Assistant Pyara Singh swimming with several of the enemy preparing to attack him returned to the Hospital Assistant's aid, took him up behind him on his horse under close fire, and carried him safely into Chakdarra. Subsequently, during the siege of Chakdarra he, by his invariable coolness and pluck, set a splendid example to his comrades.

No. 1920, SOWAR ARUR SINGH, *11th Bengal Lancers*.—For conspicuous gallantry on the occasion of the rescue of Hospital Assistant Pyara Singh by Sowar Prem Singh on the 27th July 1897. Returning with Sowar Prem Singh to the rescue of the Hospital Assistant, he showed a bold front and under a hot fire kept the enemy at bay, while the Hospital Assistant was being got on to Sowar Prem Singh's horse.

No. 2349, SOWAR PHANGAN SINGH, *11th Bengal Lancers*.—For conspicuous gallantry in the sortie from Chakdarra on the 2nd August 1897, on which occasion he charged into a crowd of the enemy and killed with his lance a standard bearer who was rushing at Captain Cole, *11th Bengal Lancers*, unobserved by that officer.

No. 2070, SOWAR LAL BUDIN, *11th Bengal Lancers*.—For conspicuous gallantry in the sortie from Chakdarra on the 2nd August 1897, on which occasion he rode ahead of the squadron under a heavy fire and showed Captain Cole of the regiment a way over difficult ground, thus enabling the squadron to cut off a number of the enemy. He was severely wounded, but slew the man who wounded him.

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SUBADAR-MAJOR SARFARAZ KHAN, *Queen's Own Corps of Guides, Infantry*.—For conspicuous gallantry on the 2nd August 1897, during the advance to the relief of Chakdarra, in gallantly leading a party and storming several strong positions, killing some of the enemy with his own hand. He was severely wounded.

SUBADAR SHABI JAN; No. 3285, SEPOY NUR AHMD; AND No. 1998, SEPOY DAR JAN, *The Queen's Own Corps of Guides, Infantry*.—For conspicuous gallantry on the 2nd August 1897, during the advance to the relief of Chakdarra, in attacking and driving the enemy out of several strong positions with exceptional dash and gallantry, killing several.

No. 3446, SEPOY JOWA-HIR SINGH, *The Queen's Own Corps of Guides, Infantry*.—For conspicuous gallantry at the relief of Chakdarra on the 2nd August 1897, when he came to the relief of Lieut. A. B. Battye, of the regiment, killing one of two of the enemy who were attacking that officer.

No. 3485, SEPOY BISHAN SINGH, *The Queen's Own Corps of Guides, Infantry*.—For conspicuous gallantry at the relief of Chakdarra on 2nd August 1897, when he saved the life of Subadar-Major Sarfaraz Khan, by killing one of the enemy who had wounded him and with whom he was then engaged in single combat.

No. 2870, NAIK SANT SINGH, *45th (Sikh) Regiment of Bengal Infantry*.—For conspicuous gallantry in the defence of Fort Chakdarra on the 30th July 1897, when in charge of the Maxim gun, which he continued to serve for two hours, throughout an attack in force by the enemy, although suffering from a severe wound.

No. 2729, LANCER NAIK VIR SINGH, *45th (Sikh) Regiment of Bengal Infantry*.—For conspicuous gallantry at Chakdarra on the 29th July 1897, when in

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command of the signallers in the Signal Tower, undergoing great hardship and carrying on his work admirably. He volunteered to remain at the Signal Tower when all the rest, except one, were relieved.

No. 3021, SEPOY NAND SINGH, *45th (Sikh) Regiment of Bengal Infantry*.—For conspicuous gallantry at a critical moment of the attack on Chakdarra Fort on the 2nd August 1897, in spontaneously taking the lead in serving the 9-pr gun under a heavy fire, the commander, Kishen Singh, having been killed whilst laying the gun.

No. 3038, SEPOY JEEWA SINGH, *45 (Sikh) Regiment of Bengal Infantry*.—For conspicuous gallantry at Chakdarra on the 27th and 30th July, and 2nd August 1897, in repeatedly crossing an exposed area under a heavy cross-fire, in order to supply Maxim gun ammunition.

No. 2829, SEPOY PREM SINGH, *45th (Sikh) Regiment of Bengal Infantry*.—For conspicuous gallantry at Chakdarra on 30th and 31st July, and 1st August 1897, in keeping up communication by signal with Malakand, in the face of a heavy fire continuously directed on him at close quarters. To obtain a good position for signalling he had to leave the tower by climbing out of a window unarmed with his heliograph under his arm, and make his way to a position some way down the hill, from which he was likely to be cut off and shot. But for his gallant behaviour all communication between the post of Chakdarra and Malakand would have been completely cut off.

No. 2833, SEPOY BOLA SINGH, AND No. 3491, SEPOY KAHAN SINGH. *45th (Sikh) Regiment of Bengal Infantry*.—For conspicuous gallantry at Chakdarra on the morning of the 2nd August 1897, in responding to a call to make a sortie against a numerous force of the

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enemy who held the hospital.

JEMADAR BAHADUR SINGH, *The Queen's Own Corps of Guides, Cavalry*.—For conspicuous gallantry on the 17th August 1897, in action near Nawakili, in coming out under a hot fire at close range to assist in carrying away the body of Lieut. W. Greaves, who had been shot, and afterwards in supporting and bringing away Lieutenant Maclean, who was wounded at the same time, and whom he carried off the field on his saddle in front of him.

No. 1142½ DAFADAR HAYATH MOHAMED, *The Queens Own Corps of Guides, Cavalry*.—For conspicuous gallantry on the 17th August 1897, in action near Nawakili, when he first saved Captain C.E. Palmer's life, after he had been wounded and rendered helpless, by killing and driving away some of the enemy who were about to attack him; and afterwards in assisting Jemadar Bahadur Singh to take Lieutenant Maclean, when wounded, off the field.

No. 806½, DAFADAR BURA KHAN, *The Queen's Own Corps of Guides, Cavalry*.—For conspicuous gallantry on the 17th August 1897, in action near Nawakili, in first assisting Dafadar Hayath Mahomed in protecting Captain Palmer, who had been shot through the right wrist, and then immediately after dashing forward under a hot fire from the hills close by, to assist in carrying away Lieutenant Greaves, who had been wounded.

No. 1455, SOWAR MAHOMED KHAN, AND NO. 1219½, SOWAR ALAF KHAN, *The Queen's Own Corps of Guides, Cavalry*.—For conspicuous gallantry on the 17th August 1897, in action near Nawakili in coming out into the open, within fifty yards of the spur from which crowds of the enemy were pouring in a heavy fire and threatening a rush, in order to assist in carry-