

EAST AFRICA, 1897-1898.

31st Bengal Infantry.

NO. 266, LANCE NAIK WAZIR ALI. For conspicuous gallantry in action near Mruli on the 26th April 1898, on which occasion, though severely wounded in the shoulder and unable to fire himself, he remained in the fighting line, supplying his comrades with ammunition. (99 of 1899).

Promoted from 3rd to 2nd class.

14th Bengal Infantry.

JEMADAR BHAGWAN SINGH. For conspicuous gallantry in action at Lubwa's Fort on the 11th December 1897, on which occasion, on one of the maxim guns being disabled by a shot, he calmly repaired it under a heavy fire at point-blank range, and, though wounded, again brought it into action and assisted materially in repulsing the enemy.

(100 of 1899).

EAST-AFRICA (UGANDA), 1898.

NO. 87 SEPOY JEHAN KHAN, *27th (Punjab) Regiment of Bengal Infantry*, was granted the 3rd class for conspicuous gallantry in action at Kabegambi on the 24th February 1898, on which occasion, during a check, he rushed forward and led his section. On getting 15 yards in front of his section he was shot through the arm but his section continued the advance.

(45 of 1900)

EAST-AFRICA, 1898.

NO. 756 NAIK BUTTA SINGH, *4th Bombay Infantry*, was granted the 3rd class, for conspicuous gallantry in action near Helishid; on Lake Wama, East Africa, on the 22nd June 1898, on which occasion, though twice

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severely wounded himself, he went to the assistance of Sepoy Maya Singh, who was mortally wounded, and after driving off several parties of the enemy, finally brought Maya Singh into camp with the assistance of two other sepoys.

(137 of 1899).

EAST-AFRICA (UGANDA), 1898.

SUBADAR BAHADUR ALI KHAN, *1st Sikh Infantry*, was granted the 3rd class, for services rendered while serving with the armed forces of the British East African Protectorate, under Major W. Barratt, in the military operations in Uganda during 1897-1898.

The Subadar exhibited conspicuous gallantry in the fight at Jass camp on the 26th April 1898, on which occasion he, with No. 1 Section and the maxim Section, formed up on the left of the firing line, which was wavering, and by a steady conduct of fire, enabled the centre to rally and the flank sections of the contingent to cope successfully with the enemy's main counter attack.

He also distinguished himself as a leader in the defence of Mruli Post on the 30th May 1898, and was specially commended for his gallantry.

(839 of 1899).

UGANDA,—1898.

27th Bombay Infantry.

The undermentioned non-commissioned officers and men of the 27th Bombay Infantry were admitted to the 3rd class, in recognition of the gallantry and devotion displayed by them in action with an over-

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whelming force of Soudanese mutineers and other rebels, near Kitabu, Unyoro, on the 9th and 10th October, 1898, on which occasion they formed the rear and baggage guards of a detachment under the command of Lieutenant J. A. Hannington:—

No. 2627, Naik Yusuf Khan.

No. 1765, Naik Sultan Muhammød (attached from the 30th Bombay Infantry).

No. 2737, Private Nur Muhammad.

No. 262, Private Sharif Khan.

No. 20, Private Ghulam Muhammad.

No. 1441, Private Nur Dad.

No. 2858, Private Barkatulla.

No. 153, Private Shah Zad Shah.

No. 767, Private Subey Khan.

No. 959, Private Subey Khan.

No. 183, Private Khudā Bux Khan.

No. 304, Private Fazal Khan.

No. 1361, Private Shazada Khan.

No. 162, Private Karam Dad.

No. 1132, Private Mir Firoz Ali Shah.

No. 295, Private Sher Baz.

No. 31, Private Nur Muhammad.

Had the undermentioned private of the 27th Bombay Infantry survived, the distinction of the 3rd class of the Order of Merit would have been conferred on him in consideration of his conspicuous gallantry and heroic devotion to duty on the same occasion. His widow was admitted to the pension of the 3rd class—

No. 1455, Private Ahmed Khan.

(277 of 1900).

ACTION AGAINST DACOITS,—1899.

The undermentioned non-commissioned officers of the *1st Lancers, Hyderabad Contingent*, were admitted to the 3rd class:—

LANCE-DAFADAR ABDUR RAHMAN KHAN. For conspicuous gallantry in the vicinity of Bir on the 14th April 1899, on which occasion, when acting as orderly to Captain Humfrey in an encounter with dacoits, he rushed forward under fire and closed with and captured the dacoit leader, Dhondi.

DAFADAR SHAH NUR KHAN AND LANCE DAFADAR MUSTAPKA KHAN. For conspicuous gallantry in the vicinity of Bir, on the 14th April 1899, in an encounter with dacoits, on which occasion they, at great personal risk, went to the assistance of Lieutenant A. N. D. Fagan, who was hard pressed thereby saving that officer's life.

(294 of 1901).

MEKRAN,—1898.

SUBADAR AHMED KHAN, *30th Bombay Infantry*, was admitted to the 3rd class for conspicuous gallantry in action at Gok Parosh, in Mekran, on the 31st January 1898. The Subadar was with the left flank attack with Captain A. Le G. Jacob, and showed conspicuous gallantry and courage in leading a small party of his men, in the face of heavy odds, against superior numbers of the enemy, and dislodging them from strong positions.

(769 of 1898).

BURMA—1900.

SUBADAR JASBAHADUR THAPA } of the *Myithyina*
JEMADAR KALU MAJHI } *Military Police*

BURMA, 1900.

Battalion, were granted the 3rd class, for conspicuous gallantry in action with a body of Chinese troops, who had made a hostile incursion into British territory near Hpare on the 13th February 1900.

Subadar Jasbahadur Thapa was in command of a party of 25 men and took part in a flank attack on the enemy's position. By his coolness under fire and the gallantry and dash with which he led his men, he contributed prominently to the operation being brought to a successful issue.

Jemadar Kalu Majhi took part in the frontal attack on the enemy's position, and exhibited much coolness and daring in leading on his men. During one period of the action he bravely stood by a wounded man under one of the stockades, fully exposed to the enemy's fire, until the stockade was captured.

(1054 of 1900).

SUBADAR NAND LALL THAPA *of the Myitkyina Battalion, Burma Military Police*, was awarded the 3rd class, for conspicuous gallantry on the 27th February 1900, in action against a Wah village, on which occasion he led a charge up a narrow road and encountered and dislodged a body of the enemy who held it.

(1239 of 1900).

CHINA—1900.

No. 3119. ASSISTANT TRUMPETER ALI SHER KHAN, *1st Bengal Lancers*.—Was admitted to the 3d class for conspicuous gallantry in action against the Chinese at Liang Hsiang on the 11th September 1900 on which occasion he went to the assistance of Captain C. P. G. Griffin of his regiment, whose horse had been shot and who was attacked by the enemy.

(46 of 1901).

CHINA, 1900.

No. 697, LANCE DAFADAR IMAM ALI KHAN, *1st Bengal Lancers*—was admitted to 3rd class, for conspicuous gallantry in the field at Tungchow on the 12th August 1900, on the march to Peking, when he, though unarmed, was mainly instrumental in effecting the capture of three Chinese junks laden with powder and guarded by 30 or 40 men.

(115 of 1901).

The undermentioned Indian officer and sepoy of the *26th (Baluchistan) Regiment of Bombay Infantry*, were admitted to the 3rd class:—

SUBADAR KAMARDIN.—For conspicuous gallantry in action against the Chinese at Tiechaying, North China, on the 12th December 1900, when he, supported by only one man, forced the door of a walled enclosure held by enemy, and advancing alone into the courtyard shot down two of the defenders, thereby creating a diversion in favour of his comrades, who were storming the enclosure walls.

No. 2029, Private DOST MUHAMMAD, and No. 2448, Private AKBAR KHAN.—For conspicuous gallantry in action against the Chinese at Tiechaying, North China, on the 12th December 1900, on which occasion they scaled the walls of an enclosure held in force by the enemy and jumped into the courtyard in support of their British officers who had preceded them.

(355 of 1901.)

DAFADAR DAL SINGH, *Jodhpur Imperial Service Lancers*, was admitted to the 3rd class for conspicuous gallantry in action near Shanhaikwan, North China, on the 12th January 1901, on which occasion he, with only three men, effectually protected a foraging party of his regiment against a superior body of Chinese, until relieved.

(419 of 1901).

CHINA, 1900.

The undermentioned soldiers of the *4th Punjab Infantry*, were admitted to the 3rd class:—

No. 1503, LANCE NAIK LENHA SINGH. For conspicuous gallantry in action at Tai-Tao-Ying, North China, on the 20th April 1901, on which occasion under a heavy rifle fire, he rushed forward to the assistance of Major A. R. Browning and Sepoy Ganda Singh, who had been shot down. In the performance of this gallant action he was himself severely wounded.

No. 942, NAIK DIAL SINGH. For conspicuous gallantry in action at Tai-Tao-Ying, North China, on the 20th April 1901, on which occasion under a close and heavy rifle fire, he endeavoured to bring in the body of Major Browning who had been shot dead, notwithstanding that immediately before Sepoy Ganda Singh had been killed and Sepoy Lehna Singh wounded in making a similar attempt.

(683 of 1901).

SOUTH AFRICA,—1900.

No. 1706, SOWAR DOST MUHAMMAD KHAN *18th Bengal Lancers*, was admitted to the 3rd class for conspicuous gallantry in action at Sanna's Post, South Africa, on the 30th March 1900, on which occasion he, under a heavy rifle fire at close range, went with Lieutenant A.G. Maxwell to the assistance of a trooper of Roberts' Horse, whose horse had been killed, and helped him to mount and retire with the rest of the corps,

(875 of 1901).

ASHANTI,—1900.

NAIK HIRA SINGH, *12th Burma Infantry*, was admitted to the 3rd class for conspicuous gallantry near

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Kumassi in Ashanti, on the 6th August 1900, when he, though hit three times and severely wounded during the attack on a stockade, continued to advance and joined in the charge on the position, and in the subsequent pursuit of the enemy.

(1086 of 1902).

MEKLAN—1901.

The undermentioned Indian officer, non-commissioned officer, and sepoy were admitted to the 3rd class:—

Subadar Hamid Khan, *27th Baluch Light Infantry.*

No. 1991, Naik Barvan Singh, *No. 4 Company,*

~~1991~~ *Bombay Sappers and Miners.*

No. 1967, Sapper Noor Din, *No. 4 Company,*

Bombay Sappers and Miners.

for conspicuous gallantry on the occasion of the capture of Nodiz Fort in Mekran, on the 20th December 1901, when they accompanied Lieutenant J. B. Corry, R.E., and Lieutenant W. O. Grant, 27th Baluch Light Infantry, into the fort of the storming party, and engaged the enemy's swordsmen. A heavy fire was opened on them from the towers, and both the British officers and several men fell wounded. The Subadar and the two Sappers named above, stood their ground, and by their gallant conduct saved the lives of both the officers and men.

(264 of 1902).

MAHSUD-WAZIRI BLOCKADE, 1901.

The undermentioned Indian Officers, non-commissioned officers and men were admitted to the 3rd class, in recognition of the conspicuous gallantry and devotion exhibited by them during the operations connected

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with the Mahsud-Waziri Blockade:—

23rd Punjab Pioneers.

NO. 3322, SEPOY SUNDAR SINGH.—For conspicuous gallantry at the Tiarza *nullah* on the 26th November 1901, on which occasion he, of his own accord and on his own initiative, crossed a fire-swept zone, and fearlessly averting possibly serious loss of life.

NO. 3259, SEPOY JHANDA SINGH.—For conspicuous gallantry at the Tiarza *nullah* on the 26th November 1901, when he, of his own accord and on his own initiative, rose from under cover and, under a heavy fire from the enemy, helped in causing the firing of our own men to be discontinued and thereby averted serious loss of life.

29th Punjab Infantry.

NO. 2404, HAVILDAR SHER BAZ.—For conspicuous gallantry during the retirement from Guri Khel Hill on the 7th December 1901, on which occasion he bravely returned and assisted in bringing in the body of another havildar of the regiment, which, though hard pressed, he continued carrying throughout the retirement, notwithstanding a heavy fire from the enemy at a distance of only forty yards.

45th (Rattray's) Sikh Infantry.

SUBADAR ALA SINGH.—For conspicuous gallantry during the rear-guard action near Ahmedwan on the 5th January 1902, on which occasion he set his men a fine example of gallant conduct, and, at great personal risk, brought wounded men under shelter.

NO. 3188, HAVILDAR WASSAWA SINGH, and No. 3792, SEPOY RODHA SINGH.—For conspicuous gallantry in the assault of a hill at Umar Raghza on the 5th December 1901, on which occasion these two men

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were the first to reach the summit with Captain McVean, arriving there simultaneously with a party of the enemy from the opposite side, whom they immediately drove off, and though Captain McVean was severely wounded, they retained possession of the hill until support arrived.

1st Battalion, 2nd Gurkha Rifles.

NO. 2493, LANCE-HAVILDAR BAHANBIR RANA.—For conspicuous gallantry in the Shuktu valley on the 3rd January 1902, and Khar Kach on the 5th idem, on both of which occasions he proceeded far in advance, under heavy fire, to the aid of wounded comrades, one of whom he personally carried into a place of safety.

NO. 3045, RIFLEMAN MANSUR RANA.—For conspicuous gallantry near Khar Kach on the 5th January 1902, in returning to the aid of a comrade who had fallen wounded in a *nullah*, but who was unfortunately cut up by the enemy before assistance could reach him.

4th Sikh Infantry.

JEMADAR KAMAL KHAN.—For conspicuous gallantry at Waladi Khan on the 6th January 1902, on which occasion he, at great personal risk, led a small party into the building from which the late Captain Down, Political Officer, had just been shot down, and which he knew to be occupied by several fanatics.

1st Punjab Infantry.

NO. 1337, SEPOY MIR ABAS, NO. 1330, SEPOY GULAB SHAH, and NO. 730, SEPOY BADAN SINGH — For conspicuous gallantry at Kot Shingi on the 25th November 1901, in going back under a heavy fire and at great personal risk, and bringing off the body of Subadar Muhammad Gul, who had been killed in covering the withdrawal of a picquet.

MAHSUD-WAZIRI BLOCKADE, 1901.

HAD SUBADAR MUHAMMAD GUL, and No. 4339, HAVILDAR MIR MUHAMMAD, *of the 1st Punjab Infantry*, survived, the distinction of the 2nd class would have been conferred on them in consideration of the conspicuous gallantry and heroic devotion to duty displayed by them on the occasion of the retirement from Kot Shingi, when they lost their lives in covering the retirements of the picquets. Their widows were admitted to the pension of the 3rd class.

(403 of 1902).

PERSIA—BALUCHISTAN—1902.

No. 959, LANCE-HAVILDAR SUBHAY KHAN, *27th Baluch Light Infantry*, was promoted to 2nd class.— For conspicuous gallantry during the operations in the Magas Mountains in Persian-Baluchistan, on the 9th February 1902, when he led a small party among the Magas hills, whither the population had fled with their cattle, and, after defeating superior numbers of the enemy, brought in a large number of cattle and animals.

(670 of 1902).

GUMATTI,—1902.

The following Indian officers, non-commissioned officers and sappers were promoted in, and admitted to, the Indian Order of Merit:—

To the 2nd class.

Subadar Mit Singh, *3rd Sikhs*.

Jemadar Kamal Khan, *4th Sikhs*.

To the 3rd class.

No. 629, Lance-Naik Bhola Singh, *4th Sikhs*.

For conspicuous gallantry at Gumatti, on the 18th November 1902, when they were the foremost of the

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storming party in the final assault on the fort and displayed marked coolness and courage.

To the 3rd class.

No. 3473, Naik Thakur Din,	} <i>No. 3 com- pany, Bengal Sappers and Miners.</i>
No. 4362, Lance-Naik Badri Pande,	
No. 4310, Sapper Gaj Raj Tewari,	
No. 4880, Sapper Sat Narain,	

For conspicuous gallantry at Gumatti on the 18th November 1902, when they twice rushed forward under fire and assisted Lieutenant C. M. Browne, R E., in laying a charge of gun cotton against a bastion of the fort.

(382 of 1903).

SOMALILAND—1903.

SUBADAR KISHEN SINGH, *Bikanir Camel Corps*, was admitted to the 3rd class for conspicuous gallantry at Datatoleh, Somaliland, on the 22nd April 1903, when he assisted Captains W. G. Walker and G. N. Rolland, Indian Army, to save Captain J. Bruce (who had been wounded) from falling into the hands of the enemy.

(877 of 1904).

SUBADAR BHAIRO GUJAR, *119th Infantry (The Mooltan Regiment)*, was admitted to the 3rd class, in recognition of his conspicuous gallantry at the action of Jidballi, Somaliland, on the 19th December 1903, when, seeing Private Dhana Gujar, No. 6 Company (Poona) Mounted Infantry, dismounted and hard pressed, he returned alone to his aid, and under the fire of the enemy's horsemen who were within 50 yards, mounted Private Dhana Gujar on his pony and carried him out of action.

(748 of 1904).