

## INDIAN ORDER OF MERIT.

No. 2478 Sepoy Partab Singh, 90th Punjabis, for very gallant conduct and devotion to duty near Nasiriyah on the 24th July 1915, when he, although he had two bullet wounds through the upper part of his right arm, did not pause to bind up his wounds and refused to go back to have them dressed. He continued to join the attack when he was again wounded. He had two fingers cut off and was unable to handle his rifle. He again refused to go back and busied himself helping to bind up the other wounded and generally assisting them. He had only 1½ years' service.

No. 4193 Lance-Naik Hari Tingri, 3rd Sapper and Miners, for very conspicuous gallantry near Nasiriyah on the 24th July 1915 in exposing himself to heavy fire in order to complete the superstructure of a bridge. Through severely wounded in the leg he continued to work until it was finished.

No. 604 Havildar Bhag Singh, 48th Pioneers, for very conspicuous gallantry and ability near Nasiriyah on the 24th July 1915, when he assumed command of the Pioneer bridging parties after both Indian officers were wounded, and carried through the work of bridging the Mejenineh Creek with great coolness and courage.

No. 1558 Lance-Naik Kunda Singh, 90th Punjabis, for very conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near Nasiriyah on the 24th July 1915, when he was killed while carrying on his back Havildar Sarayan Singh, who had been disabled, from an exposed position 100 yards from the enemy into cover. His widow was admitted to the pension of the Order with effect from that date.

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No. 858 Havildar Harkraj Rai, 2nd Battalion, 7th Gurkha Rifles, for very conspicuous gallantry near Nasiriyah on the 24th July 1915, when he with seven men initiated an attack against an entrenched picquet of 13 men, all of whom they accounted for.

No. 1085 Rifleman Narman Rai, 2nd Battalion, 7th Gurkha Rifles, for very conspicuous gallantry near Nasiriyah on the 24th July 1915, when he attacked a party of Turks who had fired after hoisting the white flag, and cut down seven with his kukri.

No. 313 Havildar Ganda Singh, 76th Punjabis, for marked gallantry near Nasiriyah on the 14th and 24th July 1915, and on other occasions. He was always well to the front and set a fine example of coolness and courage under heavy fire.

(1159 of 1915).

## GREAT WAR.

Awarded the 2nd Class for gallantry and devotion to duty whilst serving with the Indian Army Corps in France and Flanders:—

*11th King Edward's Own Lancers (Probyn's Horse).*

No. 2889 Lance-Dafadar Jit Singh, attached 9th Hodson's Horse.

No. 2614 Acting Lance-Dafadar Ganga Singh, attached 9th Hodson's Horse.

*35th Sikhs.*

No. 2103 Havildar Bir Singh, attached 47th Sikhs.

No. 2479 Lance-Havildar Lal Singh, attached 47th Sikhs.

*89th Punjabis.*

No. 2316 Sepoy Indar Singh.

No. 3275 Sepoy Suleiman.

*124th Duchess of Connaught's Own Baluchistan Infantry.*

Jemadar Ayub Khan, attached 129th Baluchis.

(1203 of 1915).

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Awarded the 2nd Class for gallantry and devotion to duty whilst serving with the Indian Expeditionary Force at the *Dardanelles*:—

*26th Jacob's Mountain Battery, Indian Army.*

No. 1096 Gunner Havildar Gurdit Singh.

*1st Battalion, 6th Gurkha Rifles.*

Jemadar Balsing Thapa.

No. 4813 Havildar (now Jemadar) Santabir Gurung.

No. 266 Lance-Naik Budhiram Gurung.

No. 343 Lance-Naik Stembahadur Rana.

No. 29 Rifleman Chandra Singh Gurung.

No. 1088 Rifleman Harka Gurung.

*1st Mule Corps.*

Jemadar Hashmat Ali.

*9th Mule Corps.*

No. 1106 Lance Naik Bahadur Shah.

No. 1050 Driver Bir Singh.

(1203 of 1915).

*Admitted to the 2nd Class of the Order.*

Jemadar Faiz Talab, *53rd Sikhs (Frontier Force)*, for conspicuous gallantry in operations in the vicinity of Aden on the 28th August 1915. When 2nd Lieutenant P.F. Durand was wounded, Jemadar Faiz Talab carried him on his shoulders across an open field under a heavy fire to a place of safety. By his devotion he undoubtedly saved 2nd Lieutenant Durand's life.

No. 3543 Naik Bahadur Shan, } *53rd Sikhs*

No. 3218 Sepoy Allah Khan, } (*Frontier*

*Force*) for conspicuous gallantry on the 28th August 1915, during operations in the vicinity of Aden. After 3 other signallers had been shot down, these two men, in spite of a heavy fire directed at them, succeeded in

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correctly transmitting a message to their commanding officer.

(1213 of 1915).

*Promoted to the 1st Class of the Order.*

Subadar Ramswami Naidu, I.O.M., 22nd Company, 3rd Sappers and Miners. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Kut-al-Amara on the 28th September 1915, in leading and encouraging his men. When hit, he refused to allow himself to be attended to, and pushed on. He was killed soon afterwards. His widow was admitted to the pension of the 1st Class of the Order with effect from the date of his death.

*Admitted to the 2nd Class.*

No. 3120 Dafadar Sewa Singh, 7th *Haryana Lancers*. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Kut-al-Amara on the 28th September 1915, when his patrol of 4 men were attacked by an ambush of 25 Kurdish Cavalry. He endeavoured to save the lives of two of his men who were wounded. He was killed in the attempt. His widow was admitted to the pension of the 2nd Class of the Order.

No. 2762 Kot-Dafadar Lal Singh, 7th *Haryana Lancers*. For conspicuous gallantry at Kut-al-Amara on the 19th September 1915, when in command of his troop in front of the Turkish position on the right bank of the Tigris and under heavy enfilade fire, covered the retirement of the remainder of his squadron and successfully withdrew his troop.

Acting Subadar-Major Nasim Khan, 20th *Duke of Cambridge's Own Infantry (Brownlow's Punjabis)*. For conspicuous gallantry and ability at Kut-al-Amara on the 28th September 1915, in leading his company and directing its fire without regard to his own safety, and in continuing to lead his men with great dash after

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his company had lost one-third of its strength in casualties and he himself was wounded.

No. 2878 Sapper Son Singh, *22nd Company, 3rd Sappers and Miners*. For conspicuous gallantry and ability at Kut-al-Amara on the 28th September 1915, when his Jemadar and Havildar had been wounded, in assuming command of the men in the vicinity and leading them to the final assault with great coolness and determination.

No. 1058 Lance-Naik Radhu, *20th Duke of Cambridge's Own Infantry (Brownlow's Punjabis)*. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Kut-al-Amara on the 28th September 1915, in carrying a machine gun 3,000 yards from position to position during a running fight, and firing it with absolute coolness under heavy fire.

No. 204 Havildar Mewa Singh, *20th Duke of Cambridge's Own Infantry (Brownlow's Punjabis)*. For conspicuous gallantry and coolness at Kut-al-Amara on the 28th September 1915, in leading his section, and his whole company under heavy fire, and in heading every advance.

No. 2694 Rifleman Mangej Singh, *104th Wellesley's Rifles*. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Kut-al-Amara on the 28th September 1915, in carrying a machine gun 1,000 yards from position to position under heavy fire though the gun was so hot that it blistered his shoulder through coat and shirt.

Subadar-Major Balwant Rao Sawant, Bahadur, *117th Mahrattas*. For conspicuous gallantry and coolness at Kut-al-Amara on the 28th September 1915, in leading his men under heavy fire throughout the action and in the final assault. His cheerfulness and courage inspired the men with great confidence. In the night attack he brought up his men with dogged determination under heavy shell fire.

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Subadar Mahadeorao Nalaude, *117th Mahrattas*. For conspicuous gallantry and ability at Kut-al-Amara on the 28th September 1915 in leading his company under a heavy fire, and after his Double Company Commander was wounded, leading the Double Company with great dash and courage.

Jemadar Yenkatrao Kadam, *117th Mahrattas*. For conspicuous gallantry and ability at Kut-al-Amara on the 28th September 1915 in leading his company after the Company Commander was wounded, and in encouraging and launching them into the final assault.

No. 4489 Havildar Fazal Hussain, *22nd Punjabis*. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Kut-al-Amara on the 28th September 1915, in fighting his machine guns most gallantly under heavy fire both in the morning and in the evening attacks. He had no British officer over him and showed great determination and courage.

Subadar Ranchandar Rao Mohite, *103rd Mahratta Light Infantry*. For conspicuous gallantry and ability at Kut-al-Amara on the 28th September 1915, while in command of a Double Company, when certain men fell back, in reorganising the line and bringing it up again to the assault. Also in leading his men to the final attack to the first line and going forward with the 1st Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry in the charge. He was mentioned for gallantry on a previous occasion.

No. 3173 Sepoy Dhondi Dhanaude, *103rd Mahratta Light Infantry*. For conspicuous gallantry and example at Kut-al-Amara on the 28th September 1915, when after the capture of the redoubt and the raising of the white flag three of the enemy re-opened a rapid fire. He at once charged down at them shooting two

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and bayonetting the third, thus saving the lives of his comrades.

No. 3060 Colour-Havildar Atmaram Chatge, *103rd Mahratta Light Infantry*. For conspicuous gallantry and resource at Kut-al-Amara on the 28th September 1915, when his company was advancing to the last attack and about 30 of the enemy opened a rapid fire from a watercourse 10 yards on the flank, in changing front and charging at once with his party of 16 men. His party had 3 men killed and the Turks fled leaving several killed and wounded. The line was then enabled to advance with out interruption.

No. 2836 Colour-Havildar Gopalrao Palande, *103rd Mahratta Light Infantry*. For conspicuous gallantry and ability at Kut-al-Amara on the 28th September 1915, in commanding a company in the last attack with great coolness, and in reforming the line under a heavy fire when men were falling back. He was always in front in all attacks.

Subadar Unad Singh, *119th Infantry*. For conspicuous gallantry and coolness at Kut-al-Amara on the 28th September 1915, in leading his company and reorganising it under heavy fire, setting a fine example of reckless courage and displaying the finest offensive spirit. He was mentioned for gallantry on a previous occasion.

Subadar Sarfaraz Khan, *119th Infantry*. For conspicuous gallantry and ability at Kut-al-Amara on the 28th September 1915, in leading his company forward under a heavy fire to the attack on a redoubt and assisting to capture the first line of trenches. He then coolly reformed under fire and advanced on the second line, which was successfully stormed. On the edge of the second line he was treacherously shot down by the Turks after they had showed the white flag.

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His whole company were inspired by his gallant example.

Havildar Gul Muhammad, *119th Infantry*. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Kut-al-Amara on the 28th September 1915, in leading his section up to 3 attacks and reforming it after each with great coolness and ability. At a critical moment when men in front were temporarily retiring he collected them all and gallantly advanced.

File No. 1668 Sepoy (Ward Orderly) Luximan Zoti, *110th Maharatta Light Infantry*. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Kut-al-Amara on the 28th September 1915, in continuously collecting and attending the wounded under heavy fire. No Sub-Assistant Surgeon being present, he carried out the latter's duties as well as his own. He has done consistently good work on every occasion with his regiment.

No. 1181 Driver Afridi, <i>30th Mule Corps</i> .	}	For conspicuous gal- lantry and devotion to duty at Kut-al-Amara on the 28th September 1915,
No. 1158 Driver Allah Ditta, <i>30th Mule Corps</i> .	}	when each had charge of 4 ammunition mules. Two of Driver Afridi's mules were shot, when both drivers under heavy fire collected the ammunition, loaded it on the other mules and pressed on with the firing line.

( 1244 of 1915.)

*Admitted to the 2nd Class.*

No. 811 Private Sewaz Khan, *101st Grenadiers*. For conspicuous gallantry in action at Mtito Andei, East Africa, on the 15th May 1915, he was with a party of men clearing jungle, when he discovered an enemy patrol. He at once led his men against them, and pursued them. Being somewhat in advance of his



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comrades he was wounded. He would allow no one to attend him, but insisted on their following the enemy, saying "Leave me alone; your business is to catch the enemy". On their return they found that he had bled to death. His gallant and dashing behaviour greatly inspired the men. His widow was admitted to the pension of the 2nd Class of the Order with effect from the date of his death.

(1245 of 1915).

*Admitted to the 2nd Class.*

Jemadar Muhammad Khan, *26th King George's Own Light Cavalry*. For conspicuous gallantry and courage in a skirmish near As-sela in the vicinity of Aden on the 7th October 1915. He showed great dash and gallantry in leading an attack on the enemy and he himself attacked a group of Arabs armed with rifles. He killed three and wounded another, but was shot by a fifth.

His widow was admitted to the pension of the 2nd Class of the Order with effect from the date of his death.

( 1246 of 1915).

*Admitted to the 2nd Class of the Order.*

No. 536 Naik Sundar Singh, *76th Punjabis*. For conspicuous bravery at the Gurmah Safhah, Mesopotamia, on the 5th July 1915, in making repeated attempts to bring some maxim guns out of action under heavy fire, at a distance of only 50 yards from the enemy, after all the gun teams had been put out of action. He was killed in the attempt. His widow was admitted to the pension of the 2nd class of the Order with effect from the date of his death.

( 1247 of 1916).

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*Admitted to the 2nd Class of the Order.*

(a) No. 3081 Lance Naik Modha, *42nd Deolt Regiment (attached to the 44th Marwara Infantry).*

(b) No. 3184 Sepoy Chattar Budja } *42nd Deolt*

(c) No. 3020 Sepoy Luchini Narain } *Regiment.*

For conspicuous gallantry, resource and devotion to duty at Nasirivah on the night of the 27th-28th September 1915, in resolutely defending their post for half an hour against a serious attack by Arabs, thus preventing the latter from rushing into the town. Lance Naik Modha's picquet only consisted of six men besides himself of whom four were killed.

( 1284 of 1916 ).

The undermentioned Non-commissioned Officer was admitted to the 2nd Class of the Indian Order of Merit for gallantry and distinguished service in the campaign in France:—

No, 4551 Havildar Abas Khan, *40th Pathans.*

( 91 of 1916. )

*Promoted to the 1st Class of the Order.*

Subadar-Major Alam Khan Bahadur, *Queen Victoria's Own Corps of Guides (Frontier Force)* (Lumsden's) for exceptionally fine leadership in action, both on the Mohmad and Buner Borders, and for conspicuous bravery in action near Hafiz Kor on the 8th October 1915, when by his coolness, courage and good example, he succeeded in getting away a large number of dead and wounded men of his company together with their rifles and equipment, whilst in an exposed position under heavy fire.

*Admitted to the 2nd Class of the Order.*

Jemadar Rati Ram, *14th Murray's Jat Lancers,* for conspicuous bravery in action at Hafiz Kor the 5th

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September 1915. When retiring from the hills he saw a trooper of the 21st Lancers who had lost his horse and was thoroughly exhausted; he took him up on his horse and carried him away under very heavy fire. The ground was rough and the trooper fell off three times, but Jemadar Rati Ram helped him up again each time.

No. 2664, Sowar Dhan Singh, *14th Murray's Jat Lancers*, for conspicuous bravery in the action at Hafiz Kor on the 5th September 1915. When retiring from the hills he saw a comrade whose horse had come down, and who was left 300 yards behind in the direction of the rapidly advancing enemy. He galloped back and brought in the man on the horse under a heavy fire.

(102 of 1916.)

The undermentioned Indian officers and men of the Indian Army were awarded the 2nd class for gallantry and devotion to duty whilst serving with the Indian Army Corps in France and Flanders:—

*15th Lancers (Cureton's Multanis).*

Jemadar Malik Mihr Khan.

*27th Mountain Battery, Indian Artillery.*

No 665 Naik Gopala.

*3rd Sappers and Miners.*

Jemadar Uttam Singh, 20th Company.

Jemadar Liyakat Ali, 21st Company.

No. 3144 Driver Havildar Muhammad Baksh, 21st Company.

No. 3108 Naik Gurmukh Singh. 21st Company.

*Lahore Divisional Signal Company.*

Jemadar Alah Rakkha Khan.

*12th Pioneers (The Kelot-i-Ghilzie Regiment).*

Jemadar Maigha Singh (attd. 34th Sikh Pioneers).

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*15th Luchiana Sikhs.*

No. 4727 Havildar Mahan Singh.

*32nd Sikh Pioneers.*

Jemadar Kharak Singh (attd. 34th Sikh Pioneers.)

No. 3623 Havildar Mangal Singh (attd. to 34th Sikh Pioneers).

*34th Sikh Pioneers.*

Subadar-Major Jwala Singh (Sardar Bahadur).

No. 1907 Naik Guja Singh.

*40th Pathans.*

Subadar Jehandad Khan (Bahadur).

*47th Sikhs.*

Subadar Mota Singh.

*57th Wilde's Rifles (Frontier Force).*

No. 2632 Sepoy Palla Ram.

*58th Vaughan's Rifles (Frontier Force).*

No. 1925 Havildar Santa Singh.

No. 2830 Naik Kashmir Singh.

No. 3131 Lance Naik Phangau Singh.

*(59th Scinde Rifles Frontier Force.)*

Subadar-Major Nasir Khan (Sardar Bahadur).

*89th Punjabis.*

No. 1088 Colour Havildar Hira Tiwari.

*129th Duke of Connaught's Own Baluchis.*

No. 3836 Havildar Fateh Haider.

*2nd King Edward's Own Gurkha Rifles (The Sirmoor Rifles).*

2nd Battalion—

No. 1957 Naik Bum Bahadur Gurung.

No. 2693 Rifleman Anarupe Rana.