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under heavy rifle and machine gun fire and cleared casualties. It was mainly due to this action that the line was successfully consolidated. He had previously rendered very good service by the energy with which he pushed forward saps against the enemy's positions.

(1303 of 1917).

Admitted to the 2nd Class of the Order.

No. 2516 Naik (now Havildar) Gopalsing Thapa, 2-1st Gurkha Rifles. For conspicuous gallantry and resourcefulness on the 7th June 1917. In an encounter with a large force of the enemy this non-commissioned officer with four men, although completely surrounded and isolated, held his position with great determination and skill. He inflicted considerable loss on the enemy and eventually rejoined the main body with his party.

(1305 of 1917).

Promoted to the 1st Class of the Order for acts of gallantry and devotion to duty in the field.

No. 4489 Havildar Fazal Hussain, I.O.M. 22nd Punjabis, (*killed in action).

Subadar-Major Balwant Rao Sawant, Bahadur, I.O.M., 117th Mahrattas.

Admitted to the 2nd Class of the order.

No. 3365 Sowar Kehar Singh, 7th Lancers.

No. 1018 Sowar Amrik Singh, 16th Cavalry.

No. 1887 Sowar Sher Singh, 16th Cavalry.

No. 3955 Naik Saiyid Hussain 3rd Sappers & Miners.

No. 3625 Naik Hardat Singh, 3rd Sappers & Miners (*killed in action)

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- No. 4067 Sapper Indar Singh, VII, 3rd Sappers & Miners. (*Died of Wounds).
- No. 4587 Sapper Abdul Aziz, 3rd Sappers & Miners.
- No. 3975 Sapper Indar Singh, 3rd Sappers & Miners.
- Subadar Major Shiuambar Singh, 7th Rajputs.
- No. 4717 Havildar Lal Singh, 22nd Punjabis..
- No. 514 Lance Naik Pal Singh, 24th Punjabis. (*killed in action).
- No. 943 Havildar Dayai Singh, 48th Pioneers.
- No. 1931 Sepoy Dhir Singh, 66th Punjabis (*Died of disease).
- Subadar-Major Husain Shah, 76th Punjabis.
- No. 4303 Sepoy Shanker Lake, 103rd Infantry. (*Killed in action).
- Subadar Mukh Ram, Rifles.
- No. 2 41 Colour Havildar Ganpat Singh, 104th Rifles.
- Subadar Ramchandra Hase, 110 Infantry. (*Killed in action).
- Subadar-Major Khitab Gul, Sardar Bahadur, 120th Infantry.
- No. 1009 Havildar Girwar, 120th Infantry.
- Subadar Sahabir Thapa, 2-7th Gurkha Rifles.
- No. 2029 Rifleman Ranbahadur Thapa, 2-7th Gurkha Rifles.
- No. 2053 Rifleman Dhojman Rai, 2-7th Gurkha Rifles.
- No. 2332 Rifleman Sivinauda Limbu, 2-7th Gurkha Rifles.

* In the above case where the recipient has been killed or has died of wounds or disease, the widow was admitted to the pension of the order with effect from the date of death.

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No. 2440 Rifleman Birbahadur Rai, 2-7th Gurkha Rifles.

No. 2475 Rifleman Narbahadur Limbu, 2-7th Gurkha Rifles.

No. 2639 Rifleman Raidhan Rai, 2-7th Gurkha Rifles

(1356 of 1917)

Admitted to the 2nd Class of the Order.

Ressaidar Muhammad Amin, *26th Cavalry*, for conspicuous gallantry in action on the 6th July 1917, in rescuing a trumpeter of his troop who was lying stunned from a fall from his horse. Under a heavy rifle fire from the enemy at 150 yards range Ressaïdar Mohammed Amin dismounted, placed the trumpeter on a horse and carried him into safety.

No. 3390 Sepoy Jhandu Singh, *7th Rajputs*, for conspicuous gallantry in action on the 8th July 1917. Under a heavy shrapnel and Rifle fire from the enemy Sepoy Jhandu Singh went back during a retirement and brought in a wounded comrade.

(1362 of 1917).

Awarded the Indian Order of Merit, 2nd class for gallantry and devotion to duty in the field.

No. 3653 L.-Daf Bakshish Singh, 21st Cavalry.
(30th April 1917).

Jemadar Basant Singh, 15th Sikhs Infantry,
(28th March 1917).

Risaldar Kabul Singh, 31st Lancers Cavalry,
(22nd June 1917).

Jemadar Mit Singh, Burma Military Police, attd. Infy. (2nd June 1917).

(1531 of 1917).

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Awarded the Indian Order of Merit, 2nd Class for gallantry and devotion to duty in the field.

2172 Hav. Salim Khan, 57th Rif. (11th April 1917).

Jem. (afterwards Subadar) Sher Akhmad, 26th Punjabis, attd. Pathans. (14th April 1917).

3839 Naik Sher Baz, 57th Rif. (11th April 1917).
(1644 of 1917).

Awarded the Indian Order of Merit, 2nd Class for gallantry and devotion to duty in the field.

Ressaidar Nur Ahmed Khan 9th Horse Cavalry I. A. (18th June 1917).

2094 Dafadar Mohamed Khan, 18th Lancers Cav. I A. (12th-16th June 1917).
(1740 of 1917).

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Admitted to the 2nd Class of the Order for acts of gallantry and devotion to duty in the field.

Khan Sahib, Subadar-Major Boi Khan, Bahadur, Frontier Constabulary for conspicuous gallantry in action on the 26th May 1917. When in command of a patrol he engaged a party of the enemy and personally led the pursuit of them, inflicting heavy loss, and by his energy and tenacity set fine example to the men under his command.

Jemadar Qasim Ali, 54th Sikhs. For conspicuous gallantry and good work in action on the 24th June 1917. During a withdrawal of troops he assisted to bring in a wounded comrade under close and accurate rifle fire from the enemy.

(1887 of 1917).

Awarded the Indian Order of Merit, 2nd Class.

708 Lance Naik Holi Ram Garo, Mily. Police. (29th May 1917).

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1488 Sepoy Keru, 28th Punjabis Infantry. (29th May 1917).

1380 Colour Havildar Maudhoj Sen, 2-9th Gurkha Rifles. (20th June 1917).

2394 Sepoy Mahomed Din, 51st Sikhs. (29th May 1917).

3665 Rifleman Timaram Khattri, 2-9th Gurkha Rifles. (20th June 1917).

(1908 of 1917).

Admitted to the 2nd Class of the Order for gallantry in the field.

No. 1070 Naik Fazl Ahmed, 69th Punjabis, for gallantry in action on the 11th September 1917. He was conspicuous for his brilliant inspiring courage, fighting spirit and self sacrificing devotion to duty. He was killed in an attempt to carry a wounded British officer out of action. His widow was admitted to the pension of the Order with effect from the date of his death.

No. 2081 Lance Naik Sher Mubammad, 69th Punjabis, for conspicuous and unswerving courage and devotion in action on the 11th September 1917 in trying to rescue a wounded British officer till he himself was wounded in many places.

(1938 of 1917).

Awarded the Indian Order of Merit. 2nd Class.

2505 Havildar Habib-Ur-Rahman Khan, 5th Infy. (30th June 1917).

(2203 of 1917).

Promoted to the 1st Class of the Order.

Subadar (Acting Subadar-Major) Sarbuland, I. O. M. 127th Infantry, for conspicuous gallantry in action on the 5th August 1917, when he led his platoon in a

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most gallant manner, showing a fine example to his men under trying circumstances with complete indifference to personal danger. When all his British officers were missing or wounded, he continued to handle his men with judgement and coolness till the retirement was effected.

Jemadar Jai Lal, I. O. M. 9th Infantry, for conspicuous gallantry, resource and devotion to duty in action on the 21st April 1917. The regiment having suffered heavy casualties, and some of the men having begun to withdraw, this Indian officer on his own initiative rallied them, led them forward in the face of severe fire, and re-took some of the ground lost. He had only two years' service, but has always shown a splendid example of coolness under fire.

Admitted to the 2nd Class of the Order.

Subadar-Major Wahid Ali Khan, 5th Infantry, for conspicuous gallantry in action on the 30th June 1917. He commanded his platoon with great gallantry and skill against a superior enemy force at close range. Though exposed to very heavy rifle and machine gun fire he beat off numerous enemy attacks and counter-charged them. Throughout the action he displayed great courage and devotion to duty. He was wounded.

Subadar (Acting Subadar-Major) Muhammad Sulaiman Khan, 17th Infantry, for conspicuous gallantry in action on the 3rd July 1917. He defeated an enemy post capturing two askaris and four rifles. This officer was acting independently and was twice wounded during the action.

Subadar Gul Zaman, 40th Pathans, for conspicuous gallantry, great coolness and energy under heavy fire on the 19th July 1917. When all the British officers had become casualties he rallied his men and took them out of action. He is an excellent hardworking officer and has done good work throughout the war.

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Jemadar Sundar Singh, *30th Punjabis*, for conspicuous gallantry and skill in handling machine gun sections in action on the 3rd August 1917, when the Machine Gun Officer was severely wounded. The enemy were attacking from both flanks and from the front at very close quarters but he succeeded in withdrawing all the machine guns except one and brought them back safely.

No. 653 Lance-Naik Shah Nawaz, *21st Punjabis*, for conspicuous gallantry in action on the 5th August 1917. When all the remainder of his machine gun detachment had become casualties, he worked his gun with perfect coolness for about two hours, within sixty yards of the enemy.

No. 3445 Lance-Dafadar Abdul Rahman Khan, *32nd Lancers*, for conspicuous gallantry in action on the 28th June 1917. During the retirement of his squadron under heavy fire this non-commissioned officer, was one of the rear party. Seeing that his officer, whose horse had been shot under him, was left behind with the enemy closing in on him from every side, he at once turned back to aid him. In doing so Lance-Daffadar Abdul Rahman Khan had his horse shot under him. He was last seen fighting by the side of the officer against an overwhelming number of the enemy; both he and the officer were killed.

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

Subadar Abhaidatt Singh, *9th Infantry*, for conspicuous gallantry and resource in action on the 21st April 1917, when on his own initiative he led his men forward in the face of severe gun fire and re-took some lost ground; he handled them with great ability, and by his disregard of personal danger set a fine example of cool daring and devotion to duty. He has done

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splendid work throughout the war and been brought to notice for gallantry on many occasions.

No. 780 Naik Ali Akbar, *Mule Corps*, for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of part of a bridging train in action on the 25th March 1917. In the early morning the train came under heavy shell fire and he was wounded but by his courage and perseverance he largely assisted in getting the bridging equipment to a place of safety. Later in the day when it became necessary to make a second bridge over a canal he was sent up in charge of the material. The pontoons were again heavily shelled and damaged, and three out of four mules badly wounded. However, he went back and brought up fresh pontoons and mules and succeeded in delivering the material at the site, thereby enabling the bridge to be made.

Subadar Arjan Singh, *35th Sikhs*, for conspicuous gallantry and initiative in action on the 22nd April 1917 when, in company with a detachment of a British regiment, he led a small party of his men against the enemy's trenches, sweeping on until he reached one of their batteries. He fought with the greatest determination; only the smallness of his numbers and the lack of reinforcements prevented the capture of the guns. He finally withdrew after the officer in command had insisted on his doing so, and brought back all the wounded with him. He has previously been brought to notice for gallantry in the field.

No. 2414 Lance-Naik Bishen Singh, *56th Rifles*, for conspicuous gallantry in action on the 22nd April 1917. Shortly after the first line was taken a strong counter-attck was made and this young non-commissioned officer was with his Lewis Gun team and a few other men in an advanced post. He held out until all except three were hit and he himself was wounded,

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and finding himself isolated owing to the right flank having been forced back by the counter-attack, he managed to get his gun back to the main line and re-opened fire. He has always behaved with the greatest gallantry and has been present in every action, except two, in which his regiment has been engaged since 1914. Whenever volunteers for any dangerous exploit have been called for he has always been the first to step forward.

No. 1078 Havildar Harnam Singh, *47th Sikhs*, }
 and } for

No. 4639 Sepoy Natha Singh, *35th Sikhs*, }
 conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action on the 23rd March 1917 when forming part of a patrol. On reaching a point 600 yards from the enemy's position they came under heavy fire, and having obtained the required information withdrew. On reaching cover, however, it was found that another sepoy of the patrol was missing. They both went back and found the sepoy lying wounded. Between them they succeeded in carrying him back to safety in spite of the fact that the enemy's fire was concentrated on them from front and flank and that enemy mounted troops were advancing to try and cut off the wounded man.

No. 1689 Sepoy Hazara Singh, *20th Infantry*, for conspicuous gallantry and initiative in action on 21st April 1917; when in charge of a Lewis Gun, by his skilled handling he was to a great extent responsible for re-taking a portion of the enemy's line from which some of our troops had been driven out. He then mounted his gun in the re-captured position and materially assisted in keeping down the fire of the enemy's machine guns, maintaining his position for the greater part of the day in spite of heavy fire until he was killed.

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

No. 993 Havildar Kalya, *51st Sikhs*, for conspicuous gallantry and initiative in action on the 22nd April 1917 in volunteering to go back under heavy fire to bring up ammunition which was badly needed. His platoon was then at close quarters with the enemy and the mission was particularly hazardous.

Subadar Maghar Singh, *34th Pioneers*, for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action on the 25th March 1917. His company commander having become a casualty early in the day, he, although wounded, took command, and it was due to his fine leading and example that his company did so well. Although it had suffered heavy casualties it was one of the last units to withdraw. After withdrawing, this Indian officer was seen, although wounded in five places, helping to re-organise his company and get the wounded under cover. Two of his wounds were severe but he made no attempt to get them attended to.

No. 1031 Naik (Acting Havildar) Nikka Singh, *51st Sikhs*, for conspicuous gallantry and coolness in action on the 22nd April 1917, in bringing his Lewis Gun into action at close range under heavy fire. He exposed himself recklessly so as to obtain better fire positions, and checked an attempted enemy counter-attack. He also distinguished himself on a previous occasion and has done consistently well in every action.

No. 1057 Lance-Naik Rajwali, *28th Punjabis*, for conspicuous gallantry and initiative in action on the 21st April 1917, in leading the men of his platoon at a critical moment when his Indian officer had been killed. He distributed ammunition under heavy fire when it was most urgently needed. He has previously done fine work.

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Subadar Rama, *27th Punjabis*, for conspicuous gallantry and ability in action on the 5th April 1917. He was sent out with ten men to reinforce a picquet of four men after a counter-attack, and finding large numbers of the enemy collecting under cover near by, at once advanced and dispersed them, although heavily fired on from close range. He continued to control and direct an effective fire on the enemy. He has previously shown marked ability and gallantry.

No. 3729 Sepoy Ata Muhammad, *91st Punjabis*, for conspicuous gallantry and initiative in action on the 15th April 1917, in swimming across a canal, under fire, taking ammunition to a patrol which was being attacked on the other side. He then brought back a boat moored between the enemy and the patrol, and later returned and brought back the patrol itself. This gallant action was performed in the face of heavy fire.

No. 2394 Lance-Naik Feroz Khan, *125th Rifles*, for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action on the 21st April 1917. When his company commander was wounded and lying in the open this man dug him a shelter trench and placed him in it. He then went forward to the company to find out the situation and returned to his company commander to report. Seeing his Adjutant lying fatally wounded in the open, he went and dressed his wound. He continued to do "liaison" between his company and his commander throughout the day, freely exposing himself to the enemy's fire.

(8 of 1918).

Awarded the Indian Order of Merit for gallantry and devotion to duty in the Field.

1st. Class.

Jemadar Wazir Singh, *36th Horse Cavalry.*

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2nd Class.

- 845 Sepoy Bawa Singh, 21st Punjabis Infantry.
 Subadar Chandri Chand, Burma Military Police.
 525 Lance-Naik Channan Singh, 45th Sikhs.
 2870 Sowar Dalip Singh, 39th Cavalry.
 Jemadar Dhanbir Saurwar, 1-2nd Gurkha Rifles
 Infantry.
 1296 Sowar Dhoukal Singh, Jodhpur Lancers
 Cavalry.
 Jemadar Ganga Ram, 102nd Grenadiers Infantry.
 759 Naik Gulam Khan, 26th Punjabis Infantry.
 3539 Lance-Naik Kartar Singh, 36th Sikhs
 Infantry.
 3985 Havildar Mangal Singh, 23rd Pioneers.
 1618 Havildar Muhammad Khan, 62nd Punjabis
 Infantry.
 2565 Sepoy (Lance-Naik) Nawab Khan, 82nd Punjabis
 Infantry.
 4991 Rifleman Padan Sing Thapa, 1-2nd Gurkha
 Rifles Infantry.
 4670 Naik Phagga Singh, 23rd Pioneers.
 (115 of 1918..)

- Awarded the 2nd Class of the Indian Order of
 Merit for gallantry and devotion to duty in the field.
 Subadar Jan Gul, 26th Punjabis, attd. Pathans.
 596 Sepoy Munsib Dar, 129th Baluchis.
 4799 Naik Punna Kham, 40th Pathans.
 2238 Sepoy Sada Singh Jind, I.S. Infy.
 Jemadar Wazir Singh, Ind. Army. (36th Jacob's
 Horse.)
 (273 of 1918)..

- Awarded the Indian Order of Merit, 2nd Class, for
 gallantry and distinguished services in the field.
 1725 L/Dafadar Anokh Singh 2nd Lancers Cav.