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wounded through the face and arm. He was one of the last to leave the picquet and only fell when a third and fourth bullet hit him in the thigh.

(859 of 1018).

Awarded the Indian Order of Merit (2nd class). (Egypt).

Jemadar Suleman Khan, 5th Cavalry, attached 34th Prince Albert Victor's Own Poona Horse.

For great gallantry and initiative on the 20th September 1918, when in command of the vanguard troop. He led his troop charging the enemy five times and captured 300 prisoners, 7 lorries, and 1 motor car. His utter disregard of danger greatly inspired his men and his action materially assisted the operations.

Risaldar Dost Muhammad, 9th Hodson's Horse.

On the 30th September 1918, he acted with dash and gallantry, charging a column of retiring infantry and securing many prisoners. On another column being seen and an attack being attempted on them, he handled his troop with skill and bravery. On being ordered to retire he withdrew his troop in an orderly manner under very heavy machine gun fire.

Jemadar Nawab Ali Khan, I.D.S.M., 9th Hodson's Horse.

On the 19th September 1918, about a troop of enemy cavalry were holding some trenches on a hill near our position. This Indian officer at once charged their position with his troop causing the enemy, who had kept up fire on him until the last moment, to surrender. He set a fine personal example and acted with great dash and gallantry.

No. 2924 Sowar Bhagwan Sahai, 14th Murray's Jat Lancers, attached 29th Lancers (Deccan Horse).

On the 23rd September 1918, he accompanied Ressaidar Badlu Singh and helped to capture a position

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from which machine guns and about 200 Infantry were harassing the outflanking movement of the 29th Lancers. With conspicuous gallantry Sowar Bhagwan Sahai charged right up to the machine guns under very heavy fire and assisted in their capture.

No. 3078 Sowar Hukam Singh, 14th Murray's Lancers. attached 29th Lancers (Deccan Horse).

On the morning of the 23rd September 1918, when his squadron was attacking an enemy position, the objective of his troop was two houses from the top of which heavy machine gun fire was being directed on the troop. This sowar and two other sowars without the slightest hesitation and with the greatest gallantry charged and got home, although the machine guns continued to fire until the troop had passed them. By their dash and gallantry these men helped to capture 7 machine guns and 500 Infantry.

No. 3160 Sowar Jitu Singh, 14th Murray's Lancers, attached 29th Lancers (Deccan Horse).

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Risaldar Khuda Baksh Khan, I.D.S.M., 19th King George's Own Lancers.

On the night of the 21st-22nd September 1918, after our counter attack he attempted, with only three men, to cut off the enemy retreat. He succeeded in turning a considerable number of the enemy and nearly

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succeeded in turning the whole party. His bold action with only three men resulted in the capture of a large number of prisoners and three machine guns. He set a fine example of courage and coolness to his men.

Rissaidar Dhuman Khan, 18th King George's Own Lancers.

On the night of the 21st-22nd September 1918, when the squadron was being heavily attacked by enemy Infantry, this Indian officer led the right flank of the counter attack in the face of heavy rifle and machine gun fire. With his own hands he captured an enemy machine gun which was in action directly against his unit. His courage and coolness throughout the action was an example to all his men.

Jemadar Muushi Singh, 18th King George's Own Lancers.

On the 23rd September 1918, this Indian officer was in charge of a special officer's patrol sent out from the vanguard. He charged 2 enemy machine guns which were in action and captured them intact together with some of the gunners. Later, he surprised, charged, and captured 2 machine guns and their crews. His prompt and brave action on these two occasions were of the greatest assistance in the operations.

No. 2702 Sowar Khan Muhammad Khan, 18th King George's Own Lancers.

On the 20th September 1918 about 100 of the enemy with 3 machine guns approached in motor lorries and commenced an attack on a village, garrisoned at the time by 3 Hotchkiss guns and 12 rifles. The enemy tried to work his machine guns round the left flank. This sowar asked permission to advance his Hotchkiss gun and crept forward 600 yards in advance of the main position. From this position he maintained such an accurate fire, in spite of heavy machine gun

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fire, that the enemy abandoned the attack. He then concentrated his fire on the lorries, the last of which was disabled and captured. His bold action undoubtedly saved a critical situation as the garrison of the village was very small.

No. 804 Kot-Dafadar Miiza Abam Beg, 20th Deccan Horse.

For personal gallantry in an attack, when in spite of automatic rifle fire from motor cars and considerable rifle fire, he managed to get a footing in the station buildings with his troop thus enabling the station to be captured on the 20th September 1918.

No. 2259 Sowar Balwant Singh, 29th Lancers (Deccan Horse).

On the morning of 23rd September 1918, when his squadron was attacking an enemy position, the objective of his troop was two houses from the top of which heavy machine gun fire was being directed on the troop. This sowar and two other sowars without the slightest hesitation and with the greatest gallantry charged and got home, although the machine guns continued to fire until the troop had passed them. By their dash and gallantry these men helped to capture 7 machine guns and 500 Infantry.

Risaldar Muhammad Wazir Khan, Jacob's Horse.

On the 23rd September 1918, when attacking the rearguard of the 8th Turkish Army Headquarters, this officer in command of his troops with 3 Hotchkiss rifles occupied a position from which he so harassed the enemy with fire that the enemy organised an attack on 3 lines against him. He resolutely held out till he saw the enemy in large numbers were enveloping him on both flanks. He then withdrew section by section. The skill and determination with which he handled his men was most marked and his coolness

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was a fine example to all ranks.

Jemadar Amar Singh, 36th Jacob's Horse.

On the 23rd September 1918, during an action with the enemy this officer was sent out with a troop to endeavour to get round the enemy's flank, the regiment being held up frontally. He located 6 machine guns which he promptly charged and captured with several prisoners, thus greatly lightening the task of the regiment and enabling it to push on.

Ressaidar Dayal Singh, 33th King George's Own Central India Horse.

On the night of the 21st-22nd September 1918, the outpost line was attacked by an unknown number of the enemy. This officer was sent with his troops to reinforce the advance squadron, where the situation was obscure. On arrival at the Advanced Squadrons Headquarters, he volunteered to make a mounted charge with his troops in order to clear up the situation. With great dash he made this charge, killing a number of the enemy and rounding up over 150 prisoners.

Ressaidar Kertar Singh, 33th King George's Own Central India Horse.

On the 26th September 1918, the squadron was doing right flank guard to the Brigade. On approaching a certain position from the south west, it was seen to be very strongly occupied by the enemy and the squadron was fired on by rifles and machine guns from a village. This officer was leading the advanced troop of the squadron and under the covering fire of one Hotchkiss gun he attacked the village from the south, showing great skill and gallantry over exceptionally difficult ground, and succeeded in clearing the village, killing several of the enemy and capturing a machine gun.

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Aman Singh, Bahadur, Captain in the Jodhpur Imperial Service Lancers.

On the 23rd September 1918, in an attack this officer commanded the leading squadron under heavy machinegun and rifle fire. When held up by an impassable Wadi in front, he led his squadron with great dash and gallantry, against the enemy's position on his left, which he was ordered to take capturing 2 machine guns, 2 camel guns killing over 30 of the enemy, and thus opening a way for the regiment through the defile. He re-organised his squadron and carried the first and second objectives. This officer showed great courage coolness and ability throughout the action.

No. 3 Havildar Muhammad Ramzan Khan, 152nd Punjabis.

For conspicuous gallantry on the 19th September 1918. After his platoon commander had been incapacitated, he took command of the platoon and although wounded led three separate attempts to enter the enemy trenches. He was killed in the third attempt. His great personal courage and devotion to duty were a fine example to all.

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

No. 472 Sepoy Kartar Singh, 152nd Punjabis.

For conspicuous gallantry on the 19th September 1918. After the first attempt to take the enemy trenches had failed, and the men were falling back to their original position, he rushed forward under heavy fire from the second line, throwing bombs until his supply was exhausted and he himself killed. He displayed great courage, initiative and devotion to duty.

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

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Subadar Muhammad Alam, 153rd Rifles.

On the night of the 18th-19th September 1918 this officer was left in command of his company in very difficult circumstances, after his company commander had been wounded. On arrival of reinforcements his left flank was almost surrounded and he was holding off the enemy with the greatest coolness and energy. He rallied his men in the charge which followed on the enemy's main position, through bursts of bombs and heavy rifle and machine gun fire. His personal gallantry, enthusiasm, and devotion to duty were invaluable, and the effect was immediately visible among his sepoy, many of whom were under fire for the first time.

No. 751 Lance-Naik Lalji Singh, 154th Infantry.

For conspicuous gallantry in action during an attack on the 21st September 1918, when he was the first man to reach the objective. He led the men most gallantly, under heavy machine gun and rifle fire, and though wounded remained at his post and in command of the men around him. His example did much to encourage the young troops.

Risaldar Kesri Singh, I.D.S.M., Alwar Service Lancers, attached Jodhpur Imperial Lancers.

For conspicuous gallantry on the 23rd September 1918, during an attack. After the forcing of an entrance to a town, in which his troops took part, he was sent to capture guns firing from a higher position. After putting two field guns out of action he killed large numbers of the enemy. Although of

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mand of a troop he captured 12 Turkish officers and 193 other ranks besides the Turkish Military Headquarters, on which he left a guard.

No 1029 Dafadar Jor Singh, Jodhpur Imperial Service Lancers.

For conspicuous gallantry in an attack on the 23rd Sept. 1918 Previous to the attack he twice conducted patrols with great coolness under heavy fire from guns, machine guns and rifles, each time bringing back reliable information. He accurately spotted gun flashes and reconnoitered the Wadi. During the attack he was the first to reach an enemy machine gun in action and killed one of the crew. Later on he rendered good service in capturing guns and prisoners in the upper part of the town.

Jemadar Mir Turab Ali, Mysore Service Lancers, attached 15th Cavalry Brigade Machine Gun Squadron.

For gallantry and initiative on the 23rd September 1918. He brought his machine gun sub-section across the open under heavy fire, and galloped up stony ground to a position which the enemy was just evacuating. He, himself, was on ahead with his range-taker and killed a Turkish officer with his sword on the way to the position

(878 of 1919.)

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

*1st Class.*

Rissaidar Nur Ahmed Khan, I. O. M., 9th Horse Cavalry.

*2nd Class*

Jemadar Adalat Khan, 18th Lancers.

1388 3rd Class Sub-Assistant Surgeon Ata Muhammad Khan, I.S.M.D.

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- Ressaidar Bulwant Singh, 27th Cavalry.  
 Risaldar Dilawar Khan, 38th Horse Cavalry.  
 3116 Lance-Dafadar Faiz Muhammad Khan, 38th  
 Horse Cavalry.  
 3095 Dafadar Fateh Khan, I.D.S.M., 11th Lancers.  
 2870 Sowar Indar Singh, 39th Horse Cavalry.  
 4475 Havildar Jabarsing Thapa, 1-5th Gurkha  
 Rifles.  
 Subadar Jaman Sing Rai, Assam Military Police.  
 Ressaidar Jawand Singh, 38th Horse Cavalry.  
 932 Naik Jitar Sing Negi, 2-39th Rifles.  
 2136 Sowar Liakat Hussain, 2nd Lancers.  
 Ressaidar Lihaz Gul Khan, 38th Horse Cavalry.  
 1528 Naik Luthi Singh Rawat, 2-39th Rifles.  
 2804 Lance-Dafadar Muhammad Azam, 9th Horse  
 Cavalry.  
 Jemadar Muhammad Khan, 18th Lancers.  
 Jemadar Munshi Khan, Infantry.  
 175 Rifleman Ramsing Gurung, 1-5th Gurkha  
 Rifles.  
 1417 Acting Lance-Dafadar Sahib Singh, Lancers.  
 Jemadar (Woordi Major) Sardar Khan, 9th Horse  
 Cavalry.  
 2136 Lance-Naik Shabib Din, Punjabis.  
 1920 Rifleman Sukbal Gurung, 2-6th Gurkha  
 Rifles.

(902 of 1918).

Admitted to the 2nd Class of the Order.

No. 13002 Havildar Qambar Ali, Frontier Constabulary.

For distinguished leadership and gallantry in action.  
 His excellent example encouraged his men at a trying

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time; he was mortally wounded while advancing across an exposed area.

The widow of Havildar Qambar Ali was admitted to the pension of the Order with effect from the date of his death.

(929 of 1918).

Awarded the Indian Order of Merit, 1st Class for gallantry and distinguished services in the field.

Jemadar Jailal, I.O. M. 9th, Infy., I.A.

Subadar (A.-Sub.-Major) Sarbuland, 127th Infy., I.A.

Awarded the Indian Order of Merit, 2nd Class.

3445 L.-Dafadar Abdur Rahman Khan, 32nd Lancers Cav., I.A.

Subadar-Major Wahid Ali Khan, 5th Infy., I.A.

Subadar Abhaidatt Singh, 9th Infy., I.A.

Subadar (A.-Sub.-Major) Muhammad Sulamain Khan, 17th Infy., I.A.

1689 Sepoy Hazara Singh, 74th Sikhs.

653 L.-Naik Shah Nawaz, 21st Punjabis Infy. I.A.

Subadar Rama, 27th Punjabis Infy., I.A.

1057 Sepoy (T. L.-Naik) Raj Wali, 28th Punjabis Infy. I.A.

Jemadar Sundar Singh, 30th Punjabis Infy., I.A.

Subadar Maghar Singh, 34th Pioneers Infy., I.A.

Subadar Gul Zaman, 40th Pathans Infy., I.A.

4639 Sepoy Natha Sing, 35th Sikhs Infy., I.A.

Subadar Arjan Singh, 35th Sikhs Infy., I.A.

993 Havildar Kalya, 51st Sikhs Infy., I.A.

1031 Naik (A.-Havildar) Nikka Singh, 51st Sikhs Infy., I.A.

1078 Havildar Harnam Singh, 47th Sikhs Infy., I.A.

I.A.

2414 L.-Naik Bishen Singh, 56th Rifles Infy., I.A.

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3729 Sepoy Ata Mahomed, 91st Punjabis Infy. I.A.

2394 L.-Naik Feroz Khan, 125th Infy., I.A.

780 Naik Ali Akbar, Mule Corps, I.A.

Capt. Narain Singh, Sardar Bahadur Cav., I.A.  
(961 of 1918).

*1st Class.*

Subadar Muhammad Arbi, I.O.M., *58th Rifles.*

This Indian Officer occupied a post on a hill with a small detachment in action, on the 19th November 1917. The party was heavily shelled and was attacked three times. The position was an important one, and it was due to the courage, skill and initiative of Subadar Muhammad Arbi that it was held.

*2nd Class.*

Subadar Balbir Thapa, *2-3rd Gurkha Rifles.*

For conspicuous gallantry and leadership. During an attack on the 12th November 1917, throughout the advance over some fifteen hundred yards of open ground under continuous shell, rifle and machine gun fire, by his personal example he kept the advancing line steady and unflinching. In the actual assault he inspired all by his keenness and dash, and was himself among the foremost in the enemy's position on the crest of the hill.

Subadar Randhoj Rana, *3-3rd Gurkha Rifles.*

For conspicuous gallantry on the night of the 21st-22nd November 1917. He led and organised the remnants of his company with great skill, counter-attacking the enemy and inflicting heavy loss.

Jemadar Lal Bahadur Gurung, *3-3rd Gurkha Rifles.*

For conspicuous bravery and gallantry on the 21st November 1917. Though severely wounded he refused to leave his command. His initiative and

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coolness kept his men well in hand and they were able to beat off a determined attack.

Jemadar Harnath Singh, *1-123rd Rifles.*

On the night of the 21st-2nd November 1917 this Indian officer very gallantly led his men during an attack and helped to capture a machine gun. He charged three separate lines of trenches and displayed much ability in withdrawing his men when ordered.

Jemadar Bhim Singh, *1-123rd Rifles.*

On the night of the 21st-22nd November 1917 this Indian officer very gallantry led his platoon, cleared the enemy trenches and assisted in the capture of a machine gun. He behaved gallantly in holding on to the trenches during the whole of the 22nd November, under heavy shell and machine gun fire.

Subadar (Temporary Subadar-Major) Bhura Ram, *1-123rd Rifles.*

On the 21st-23rd November 1917 this officer displayed great courage under shell fire until wounded on the 22nd. His example animated all ranks.

Subadar Lal Khan, *58th Rifles.*

This officer was associated with Subadar Muhammad Arbi in the action on the 19th November 1917, described above, and shared with him the success in seizing and retaining the position mentioned.

Jemadar Hans Ram, *1-123rd Rifles.*

On the 22nd November 1917 this officer displayed great courage and determination in holding his trench under very severe bombardments and in leading his platoon in two successful counter-attacks.

Jemadar Arjun Ram, *1-123rd Rifles.*

On the night of the 21st-22nd November 1917 he acted with great courage and initiative, and gallantly led his platoon into action; he also helped in the capture of a machine gun.