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NOTIFICATIONS

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No. 8-Pres./52.—The President is pleased to approve the award of the PARAM VIR CHAKRA to the undermentioned NCO for most conspicuous bravery in the operations in Jammu and Kashmir :—

(The effective date of award is given in brackets against the name.)

2831592 Coy. Hav. Major PIRU SINGH, 6 Bn, The Rajputana Rifles
(Posthumous) (18th July, 1948).

South of TITHWAL D Company, of which No. 2831592 PIRU SINGH was Havildar Major, was detailed to attack and capture an enemy occupied hill feature. The enemy had well dug in positions and had sited his MMGs. so as to cover all possible approaches. As the attack advanced, it was met by heavy MMG fire from both flanks. Volleys of grenades were hurled down from enemy bunkers. CHM PIRU SINGH was then with the forward most Section of the Company.

Seeing more than half of the Section killed or wounded he did not lose courage. With battle cries he encouraged the remaining men and rushed forward with great determination on to the nearest enemy MMG position. Grenade splinters ripping his clothes and wounding him at several places, he continued to advance without the least regard to his safety. He was on top of the MMG position wounding the gun crew with sten gun fire. With complete disregard to his bleeding wounds he made a mad jump on the MMG crew bayonetting them to death, thus silencing the gun.

By then he suddenly realised that he was the sole survivor of the section, the rest of them either dead or wounded. Another grenade thrown at him wounded him in the face. With blood dropping from his face wounds into his eyes, he crawled out of the trench, hurling grenades at the next enemy position.

With a loud battle cry, he jumped on the occupants of the next trench, bayonetting two to death. This action was witnessed by the 'C' Company Commander who was directing fire in support of the attacking Company.

As Hav Major PIRU SINGH emerged out of the 2nd trench to charge on the 3rd enemy bunker, he was hit in the head by a bullet and was seen dropping on the edge of the enemy trench. There was an explosion in the trench which showed that his grenade had done its work. By then CHM PIRU SINGH's wounds had proved fatal.

He had paid with his life for his singularly brave act, but he had left for the rest of his comrades an unique example of single handed bravery and determined cold courage.

No. 9-Pres./52.—The President is pleased to approve the award of the MAHA VIR CHAKRA to the following for acts of gallantry in the operations in Jammu and Kashmir :—

(The effective dates of awards are given in brackets against the names.)

1. Brigadier KANHYA LAL ATAL (IC 16), Comd 77 Para Brigade (Since died) (23rd November 1948).

Brigadier ATAL was the Brigade Commander in charge of the operations in the Zojila area which commenced on 1 Nov 48 in the break-through over the Zojila Pass and culminated in the capture of Kargil on 23 Nov 48.

The detailed planning, preparation and execution of the entire operation were carried out under intense wintry conditions with great determination, consummate skill and boldness on the part of Brig ATAL.

After the break-through at the Zojila, the Brigade was held up at Pindras by the enemy entrenched in a strong dominating position and over-looking the only defile through which our advance was possible. Brigadier ATAL took his Tactical HQ with the leading battalion well forward where he came under heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire. He pushed a strong Brigade attack which over-ran the enemy and enabled the advance to Kargil to continue.

Later, when the leading battalion was held up 4 miles short of Kargil, he personally led two companies over a difficult mountainous track, at great personal risk, which took him to the rear of the enemy and ultimately into Kargil.

Throughout the operations Brigadier ATAL set a very high example of leadership and personal courage under enemy fire without any regard for his own safety.

2. Lt-Colonel DHARAM SINGH (IC 2447), 1 (Para) Bn, The Kumaon Regiment (8th November 1948).

On the night of 7/8 Nov 48, during the attack on a feature Lt-Colonel DHARAM SINGH led his battalion extremely well over a difficult country and against a determined enemy. To capture the feature he fought five actions in pitch darkness without artillery support.

This officer was always with his forward company and did not care for his personal safety. His conduct in carrying out this attack was an inspiration to all his men, which eventually led to the capture of the feature at dawn. But for his personal bravery, initiative and strong leadership this attack would not have succeeded, jeopardising the entire operation.

3. Major ANIL KRISHNA BARAT (MZ 22409), Army Medical Corps (25th September 1948).

The enemy had surrounded NAUSHERA and was putting in as much "lead" as he could. But Major BARAT with calm and cool courage went on with his selfless task of giving surgical attention to the casualties which were coming in right in the centre of the fire swept area. His example was a source of inspiration to all his comrades.

Later, during the capture of DHARWAL Major BARAT came forward and attended to casualties from 21 to 25 Sep 48. Once, when he was carrying out an operation by the light of a jeep, the enemy put in an attack. He carried on with his work, while bullets were whizzing past him and shells were bursting nearby. The operation finished, he joined the troops in fighting the enemy. His personal gallantry and selfless approach to duty were an example to all.

4. Jemadar CHEWANG RINCHAN, 7 Bn, The J & K Militia (28th December 1948).

In Aug 48, the enemy had thrown all his reserves to capture the NUBRA Valley. Jem CHEWANG RINCHAN with only 18 untrained nationals held the enemy at KHARU NULLAH for 23 days.

In Sep 48, he was detailed to capture the enemy position at LAMA HOUSE. This was an extremely difficult task and entailed 4 days march through a treacherous country, including crossing a mountain feature over 17000 ft. He succeeded in capturing the objective, with heavy casualties to the enemy and the capture of 3 rifles.

On 15 Dec when ordered to capture a hill feature near BIAGDANGDO, he walked through snow for 3 days and succeeded in forcing the enemy to withdraw.

Again on 22 Dec 48 he was detailed to attack the enemy's last position in LEH tehsil Area. It took him six days to reach his objective. He had to go over a mountain feature over 23000 ft and though his platoon suffered 50 per cent. casualties from frost bite, he kept his men going through his outstanding and exemplary leadership. He attacked the enemy's two posts and captured them; the enemy suffering heavy casualties.

This JCO displayed exemplary courage, inspiring leadership, initiative and the ability to plan and carry out his schemes successfully under the most adverse conditions.

5. 12742 Havildar FATEH SINGH, 3 Bn, The Jat Regiment (14th September 1948).

During the night of Sep 13/14, 1948, Hav FATEH SINGH was 2 i/c of a platoon of the leading Company in an attack on Chabutra feature in the Zojila Pass area. On 14-9-48 at 0500 hrs, while advancing, when the platoon came under heavy enemy automatic fire, and suffered heavy casualties, this NCO with a few men succeeded in moving upto a safe position near the Tactical HQ. The leading and the rear Companies were, by this time, being subjected to heavy enemy fire and the slightest movement had become impossible. At 1530 hrs the Commanding Officer ordered Havildar FATEH SINGH to move down the flat spur and collect the wounded, and the weapons of the dead. He had hardly gone two yards when he was hit by a bullet from an enemy machine gun and lay still. After about half an hour he moved but it was only to attract another bullet in the arm from the same gun. After waiting for some time he made a bold attempt and succeeded, beyond all expectation, in reaching the lower slopes. During this period he had become a target for the enemy and was constantly fired upon. He however, collected four wounded and eight weapons of the dead under continuous enemy fire.

At 1915 hrs as he was about to return, he encountered 15 hostiles who were moving up the hill collecting arms and killing the wounded. Though himself wounded, Hav FATEH SINGH stuck to his post and kept the hostiles at bay with grenades. He killed three of them, and then the remaining withdrew. When all was clear he moved back with the wounded.

His was an unique example of gallantry.

6. 8295 Havildar LAL BAHADUR KHATTRI, 3 Bn, The 9 Gorkha Rifles (18th May 1948).

On the night of 17/18 May 48 at Foonch, 'D' Company, 3/9 Gorkha Rifles was ordered to capture a pimple on the right of a high feature. The Platoon Commander having been wounded early during the advance, Havildar LAL BAHADUR KHATTRI took over command. The advance continued despite heavy enemy automatic fire and the Platoon under his able leadership secured the whole of the ring contour.

Shortly afterwards the enemy put in a counter-attack in great strength to regain the position. The ammunition in the Platoon was fast dwindling and the men, losing heart, started to crawl back. During this crucial period, Havildar LAL BAHADUR KHATTRI remained in his position all alone and faced the advancing enemy with undaunted courage keeping him at bay.

On seeing this display of courage by their leader, the men took heart and continued to fire at the advancing enemy. Meanwhile, one Rifleman of his Platoon was mortally wounded. Havildar LAL BAHADUR KHATTRI went forward in the face of virtual death to pull this Rifleman out. When he ran short of grenades, he started hurling stones at the advancing enemy while with his left hand he evacuated the Rifleman to a place of safety. This dauntless courage of their leader helped the men regain their spirit and the enemy's counter-attack was beaten back. The enemy withdrew leaving fourteen dead behind.

This was an outstanding example of sustained gallantry that saved his battalion from a serious set back at a most crucial time.

No. 10-Pres./52.—The President is pleased to approve the award of the VIR CHAKRA, to the following for acts of gallantry in the operations in Jammu and Kashmir:—

(The effective dates of awards are given in brackets against the names.)

1. Brigadier HARBAKSH SINGH (IC 31), Commander 163 Brigade, (1948).

In May 1948 Brigadier HARBAKSH SINGH Commander 163 Brigade was ordered to advance and capture TITHWAL with a view to capturing the enemy's base from where he operated towards the HANDWARA Valley and to cut his L of C from MUZZAFFARABAD to GURALS. Tribesmen were then adopting guerilla warfare to infiltrate into the KASHMIR Valley.

On the night of 16/17th May 1948, Brigadier HARBAKSH SINGH, leading the troops on foot made a rapid advance through a very difficult country including the crossing of the 11,000 ft. NASTACHUR PASS and completely surprised the enemy who broke and withdrew in confusion and panic in all directions. TITHWAL was thus captured on 23rd May 1948. The success of the operation was to a very great extent due to his personal leadership.

During the subsequent consolidation at TITHWAL when the enemy concentrated a stronger force and brought heavy fire to bear with numerous counter attacks, Brigadier HARBAKSH SINGH visited every position placing troops on the ground and was frequently under enemy fire. To get himself in touch with Divisional HQ, he made various trips on foot unmindful of the danger of being ambushed as the L of C was still exposed to enemy infiltration.

During these operations Brigadier HARBAKSH SINGH, showed gallantry and courage of a very high order and his personal appearance in forward posts, without regard for personal safety, considerably cheered the defenders.

2. Lieut-Colonel SUKHDEV SINGH, Comd 1 Bn, The Patiala (RS), Infantry. (15th December 1948.)

In May 1948 the enemy had captured KARGIL and DRAS and were advancing towards ZOJILA. Lieut-Colonel, SUKHDEV SINGH OC, 1 Patiala was ordered to take his battalion to secure the ZOJILA and prevent the enemy from penetrating into the KASHMIR Valley. For four months this battalion held their positions against a tough and numerically stronger enemy who made every effort to capture the ZOJILA. The battalion in addition to holding these forward positions had to protect their own very vulnerable L of C, extending to over 30 miles. The battle was fought at heights of 10,000 to 17,000 ft. amidst snows and glaciers without proper equipment and artillery support.

Lieut-Colonel, SUKHDEV SINGH, conducted this operation with great skill and daring, and frequently visited the forward posts and himself came under enemy fire. Thus by his dominating and aggressive personality he inspired all officers and men to carry out amazing feats of endurance and daring, causing heavy casualties on the enemy, and ultimately forcing him on the defensive.

Again in November 1948 in the push to DRAS and KARGIL, Lieut-Colonel SUKHDEV SINGH showed outstanding leadership and gallantry under fire when his battalion pushed rapidly forward to capture DRAS.

Throughout all these operations from May—December 1948, this officer showed great skill in planning, preparations and execution, and displayed outstanding gallantry.

3. Lieut-Colonel GIRDHARI SINGH, MC (IC 616), Comd 4 Bn, The Rajput Regiment. (26th February 1948).

From December 1947 to March 1948 Lieut-Colonel GIRDHARI SINGH was commanding his unit at CHAMB which was in an isolated position and situated very close to PAKISTAN border. The enemy made all-out efforts to capture this position but Lieut-Colonel GIRDHARI SINGH in spite of non-existence of adequate defence stores and supporting arms gave the enemy hard knocks every time they tried to be aggressive.

On the night of 26th February 1948, this officer personally led a two company patrol as far forward as CHOR DHAKKI. The enemy in this area, owing to the boldness of this action, was utterly surprised and left behind thirty dead and a good number of horses and mules. This success would not have been possible but for this officer's personal bravery when in close contact with the enemy and his coolness under fire.

4. Lieut-Colonel DHARITRI KUMAR PALIT (IC 326), 3 Bn, The 9 Gorkha Rifles. (18th May 1948).

On the night of 17/18th May 1948, Lieut-Colonel PALIT Comdr. 3/9th Gorkha Rifles was ordered to capture a hill feature which was very strongly held by about two battalions of the enemy. At about midnight the forward company came up against very heavy opposition half way up the hill and the advance was halted. On seeing this Lieut-Colonel PALIT went forward and led the company himself on to the enemy position. In the hand to hand fighting that ensued, Lieut-Colonel PALIT was seriously wounded by an enemy grenade, but without worrying about his wounds he kept on cheering and leading the men on to the next objective. Though he was not able to walk, he refused to be evacuated and commanded the battalion till the hill was finally captured.

5. Major SAPURAN SINGH (IEC 1516), 7th Bn, The Sikh Regiment. (14th October 1948).

On 8th October 1948, Major SAPURAN SINGH, led a fighting patrol consisting of four platoons in the URI Sector and captured an enemy outpost 1,200 yards in front of the main enemy position.

From this point onward the enemy position overlooked our patrol's approach and subjected it to heavy fire. Major SAPURAN SINGH however contained the advance until he reached a point about 300 yards from main enemy position. Due to the stubborn and courageous advance of our patrol the enemy was forced to give up his forward positions in disorder suffering eighteen killed and several wounded.

Meanwhile the main enemy strength of approximately three companies had deployed and pinned down our patrol with very heavy automatic and 3" mortar fire from three directions. Further advance under these conditions became impossible and successful withdrawal of the patrol presented a most difficult problem. Major SAPURAN SINGH however, exhibited the highest qualities of ability and leadership in successfully getting out, suffering only one casualty in the entire action.

On 14th October 1948, an enemy force of about 300 strong advanced on our position, which was commanded by Major SAPURAN SINGH and managed to get within 30 yards of the outpost and attempted to overrun it. Major SAPURAN SINGH personally took a platoon forward to reinforce the section. A fierce engagement ensued at the end of which the enemy withdrew in disorder, having suffered heavy casualties. Major SAPURAN SINGH also captured a wounded prisoner and a rifle.

On both the occasions, he displayed outstanding leadership, personal example of courage and devotion to duty.

6. Major KAPTAN SINGH RANA (IEC 4570), 2 Bn. The 3 Gorkha Rifles. (28th June 1948).

During the night 27/28th June 1948, Major KAPTAN SINGH RANA led the attack on PIRKANTHI. By excellent control and coordinated movement he achieved complete surprise. His leading Platoon reached within 70 to 80 yards of a very strongly held position. Although enemy inflicted 80 percent casualties on the leading platoon, this officer under very heavy enemy fire, without regard to personal safety rushed forward with what was left of the company and captured the position. His company inflicted more than 40 casualties on the enemy.

This officer displayed devotion to duty of the highest order. His gallantry-courage and initiative were outstanding. His personal example was a great inspiration to his men.

7. Major KARTICK CHANDRA MUKERJEE (MZ 23681), Army Medical Corps. (1948).

Ever since the first attack for the break through beyond ZOJILA in mid September, Major MUKERJEE turned out consistent and sustained hard work in the evacuation of the casualties.

During the first battle, over 80 casualties were evacuated safely from the most difficult line of evacuation by his personal example in the fact of the enemy shall fire, and he was one of the last men to leave.

In the ultimate march to KARGIL, inspite of severe cold weather and difficult terrain, he again rose to the occasion and ensured smooth evacuation of the casualties despite the shortage of porters and ponies. He was also responsible for the excellent siting of Main Dressing Station and Advance Dressing Station.

The success of the medical arrangements for the battle of KARGIL was mainly due to his resourcefulness under the most adverse circumstances.

8. Captain KARTAR SINGH (MZ 16394), Army Medical Corps, attached 2 Bn. The 8 Gorkha Rifles. (2nd December 1948).

Throughout the advance from SKANPUK to BIANGDANGDO Captain KARTAR SINGH kept up with the forward line. On 24th November 1948 during the attack on enemy position, two of our men were wounded seriously. Captain KARTAR SINGH with complete disregard for his personal safety immediately rushed forward through enemy fire and dressed the wounded and evacuated them to safety.

On 2nd December 1948, when our troops launched an attack on an enemy position, Captain KARTAR SINGH was among the first to reach the objective. There were five casualties, all severely wounded in the head. It was entirely due to the courage and resourcefulness of Captain KARTAR SINGH that they were given immediate treatment thereby saving them from much loss of blood.

Besides his Military duties he also attended to civilian patients particularly in the recently recaptured villages thereby gaining much civilian sympathy and support for our troops.

Throughout his service with the battalion, he showed great courage and devotion to duty.

9. Captain VENKATAPATHY RANGASWAMY (M 8747), Army Medical Corps. (20th May 1948.)

The unit with which Captain RANGASWAMY was serving was heavily mortared by the enemy on 19th and 20th May 1948 and a large number of casualties started arriving in the Main Dressing Station. During this difficult period, this officer, worked with untiring energy almost nonstop for 72 hours. Despite the risk of being hit by enemy mortar fire he carried out operations efficiently and without any show of fear. Casualties were received smoothly and in an organised way. Advanced surgery and efficient treatment were provided under the most adverse conditions.

By his personal example and devotion to duty he was largely responsible for maintaining the morale high. But for his endurance and good work, many lives would have been lost.

10. Captain RISAL SINGH (AC 110), 1 J & K Mountain Battery. (15th November 1948.)

Captain RISAL SINGH was Battery 2nd-in-Command of 1 J & K Mountain Battery which was in support of 77 Para Brigade during operations on 1st November 1948. In addition he performed the duties of Forward Observation Officer with every battalion that attacked.

On 6th November 1948 he was in support of 1/5 Gorkha Rifles which attacked the ANANT feature. As they advanced, the enemy opened fire but as Captain RISAL SINGH had registered various points on the feature, he was able to neutralize the hostile fire successfully. Throughout that night he with disregard for his personal safety, continued to observe and neutralize the enemy fire in bitterly cold weather.

On 8th November 1948 he was Forward Observation Officer with 1 Patiala and again supported the advance, by providing effective covering fire. In order to prevent screening he had to occupy positions in the open under enemy fire.

On 14th/15th November 1948 Captain RISAL SINGH again acted as F.O.O. with 1/5 Gorkha Rifles who attacked the ANANT feature. He directed the fire with great coolness and accuracy although most of the time he himself was under enemy fire. This helped a great deal to capture the objective.

Throughout the advance from DRAS to ZOJILA this officer worked with great skill, zeal and endurance in the most adverse conditions, which contributed greatly to the success of the operations.

11. Lieutenant KAMLAL GURUNG (SS 14288), 2 Bn. The 4 Gorkha Rifles. (30th July 1948).

On 23 July 1948 at KAZALWAN two platoons of B Company commanded by Lieutenant KAMLAL GURUNG were encircled by the hostiles in great number. The company was so heavily mortared that any movement was difficult and the company was confined to the bunkers. Although they kept the enemy at bay, they had to remain in this condition for six days. All available food was consumed in the first two days and for four days thereafter the company was altogether without food and water. Lieutenant KAMLAL during this critical period made it a point to maintain personal contact with every soldier in the bunker and thus keep up their spirits.

Ultimately on 30th July '48 when an attack was planned, Lieutenant KAMLAL volunteered to lead it. The company was to cover a distance of about 3½ miles. The whole area was covered with enemy MMG and mortars. They slipped out of their trenches in pitch dark and ascended the hill over four thousand feet, a terrain which was broken up with numerous nullahs, before they could get to the rear of enemy. He contacted 'A' Company at the scheduled time and, to the surprise of the enemy, put an attack in full force.

On another occasion when his leading platoon commander collapsed, he immediately evacuated him and himself successfully led the assault. The task was extremely difficult and could not have been accomplished but for the personal bravery, determination, and leadership shown by this officer.

12. 2/Lieutenant THANDI RAM, MC, (SS 14618), 3 Bn. The Jat Regiment. (14th September 1948.)

During the attack on CHAUBUTRA feature in ZOJILA PASS area on 13th/14th September 1948, 2/Lieutenant THANDI RAM was in command of the leading company. On 14th September 1948, at 0100 hours when his company were close to its objective, it was confronted with a slippery snow-bed which proved impossible to cross. This entailed a descent of 2000 ft. into a nullah followed by a sheer climb of an equal height. But much beyond expectation, the inspiring leadership and courage of this officer made it possible to reach the objective at the scheduled time.

As the attack progressed, heavy and accurate MMG and automatic fire was directed by the enemy on his company from all directions. He with one platoon was pinned down to the ground by an enemy machine gun at a distance of 20 yards on a sheer cliff which it was impossible to climb. Under these difficult circumstances and deadly enemy fire, he organised his men into a defensive position to counteract the enemy fire. He stuck to his position and personally directed the fire and encouraged his men.

At 1830 hours the enemy made determined and repeated attacks to outflank and annihilate not only his party but also personnel of Tactical HQ who were about 50 yards on a flank. Heavy automatic fire and grenades were freely exchanged but 2/Lieutenant THANDI RAM kept on directing the fire and encouraging his men, and continued to remain at his post with his party. He withdrew to the camp at 2130 hours bringing with him his men and all the wounded. The casualties suffered by the company were 10 killed, 30 wounded and 13 missing believed killed. It was due to this officer that Tactical Headquarter withdrew safely and about 50 wounded men were evacuated.

13. IO-25697 Subedar RUDRABAHADUR PUN, 2 Bn, The 4 Gorkha Rifles. (th July 1948).

At about mid-night 24/25 July 1948 at KAZALWAN some 300 to 400 hostiles surrounded two of our companies and opened up heavy mortar and MMG fire. There was every danger of our position being overrun.

Subedar RUDRABAHADUR PUN who was 2nd-in-Command of 'B' Company, with complete disregard for his personal safety crawled along the slope swept by enemy mortar fire and contracted the forward platoon. He encouraged his men and restored the confidence of a few of them who were inexperienced recruits. By his tactful handling, he succeeded in bringing down controlled and effective fire on the enemy.

While he was talking to one of the ORs who was firing the LMG, an enemy LMG burst wounded the OR blowing away two of his fingers. Subedar RUDRABAHADUR PUN himself took charge of the LMG. In the meantime they were running short of ammunition. He ordered the platoon commander to hold on with

whatever ammunition had been left and himself, carrying the wounded OR through enemy fire, came back to the Headquarters. He collected ammunition and with the help of two other men carried it to the platoon position despite heavy enemy fire.

Again, on 25 July 1948, Subedar RUDRABAHADUR PUN along with other four or five men volunteered to fetch more ammunition from the supply dump which was about a mile away and was under heavy enemy fire. The party led by Subedar RUDRABAHADUR PUN reached the supply dump after crossing an ice cold nullah waist deep and defying enemy fire. On their way back, however, the party became the main target of the enemy mortars and one of the men was badly wounded on the leg. Subedar RUDRABAHADUR PUN left his ammunition load on the ground, carried the casualty to a shelter and dressed him. He then carried the ammunition along a steep slope where visibility was poor and removed the wounded to another safe place. Thus carrying the wounded and the ammunition alternatively he brought the casualty and ammunition safely to the base.

On 27, 28 and 29 July 1948, Subedar RUDRABAHADUR PUN repeated several times similar acts of gallantry with complete disregard for his personal safety. On all these occasions this fearless JCO showed great qualities of leadership, determination and devotion to duty, and was a source of inspiration to the men.

14. 14792-IO Subedar BHIM CHAND. 2 Bn. The Dogra Regiment. (27th December 1948).

Subedar BHIM CHAND was ordered to take out a Guerilla platoon and capture the last enemy positions in LEH Tehsil. To reach his objective he had to use ropes, picks and shovels on the way and had to cross snow covered peaks 22,000 ft. high. His platoon suffered 50 per cent. casualties from frost bite, but Subedar BHIM CHAND was confident and determined to fulfil his mission. Finally on 27 Dec. 1948 he made a surprise attack and captured enemy positions. The enemy ran away leaving behind six dead, three rifles, bren magazines, blankets and other stores.

In this action the JCO showed great power of endurance, devotion to duty, magnificent capacity to organize and extraordinary determination to win his objective.

15. 47757-IO Subedar SANBAHADUR GURUNG, MC, 2 Bn, The 8 Gorkha Rifles. (15th November 1948).

Subedar SANBAHADUR GURUNG, Commanding a platoon at LEH was ordered to recapture a height of 18,270 ft. (LASIRMOU). On the night of 29 July 1948 he appeared in the rear of the enemy position after a strenuous night march of 13 hrs. in extremely difficult terrain. His successful attack resulted in the route of the enemy who left behind many dead and one prisoner.

In October 1948 he worked as 2nd-in-Command of Guerillas behind the enemy lines destroying an enemy 3.7" Howitzer at BASGO. Again in November 1948 he proceeded 70 miles behind the enemy lines as 2nd-in-Command of Guerillas and destroyed a big enemy ammunition column at LAMAYURU.

On all these occasions he showed outstanding bravery, devotion to duty and inspiring leadership.

16. 32874-IO Subedar P. D. RANA, 601 Company, Army Service Corps. (30th July 1948).

On 23 July 1948 at KAZALWAN Subedar RANA was Officer Commanding Supply Point. The enemy had become aware of the supply dump and subjected it to heavy machine gun fire and encircled two of our Companies. Subedar RANA reorganized the defences of the area and in spite of heavy enemy shelling kept going from post to post encouraging his men and supplying them ammunition and rations till our reinforcements arrived.

On night 24/25 July 1948, Subedar RANA organized a party of men to carry ammunition to two of our companies which were running short. When they reached a nullah they were heavily fired upon by the enemy and all the men had to take cover leaving their load on the open ground. Subedar RANA went back to the dump, collected his men and was the first to carry ammunition through the waist deep ice cold water over slippery boulders, despite heavy enemy shelling. By his personal example he managed to replenish the ammunition.

Again on night 25/26 July 1948 when heavy enemy fire was being directed into our supply dump, he personally took up position behind a LMG and replied to the enemy fire. This had a very good effect on the morale of our men.

Again on night 26/27 and 29/30 July 1948 he repeated several similar acts of gallantry and cheerfully carried ammunition and rations to the forward troops through areas swept by enemy fire.

But for his excellent work and high qualities of leadership, our attack would not have been such a success.

17. IO-22951 Subedar MOHAMMAD EBRAHIM, 1 Bn, The Madras Regiment (8th July 1948).

On 8 July 1948, Subedar MOHAMMAD EBRAHIM and his platoon were in position on a false crest which was overlooked by the enemy who subjected the position to very heavy shelling for over two hours and then launched simultaneous attacks from both flanks. In the ensuing fight though heavily outnumbered and wounded in the head and the chest, Subedar MOHAMMAD EBRAHIM personally led three counter-attacks against the enemy with great dash and gusto beating back the enemy every time.

In spite of his wounds and still under heavy enemy fire, he kept moving about the position organising and encouraging his men till eventually the enemy was driven back with heavy losses.

His bravery, determination, great devotion to duty and utter disregard for his personal safety were an inspiration to all.

18. 21327 Subedar PARMA NAND, 11 Bn. The J. & K. Militia. (19th October 1948).

On 27 August 1948 at POONCH, Subedar PARMA NAND was commanding 'B' Company which was holding a picquet. The enemy about 2 battalions strong launched a heavy attack supported by artillery and mortar fire and a 6 pounder gun sited 300 yards from the picquet. During the attack Subedar PARMA NAND went from post to post under heavy enemy shelling and automatic fire, encouraging his men. He was wounded but continued to carry out his duties undauntedly. This inspired his men who fought back bravely and repulsed the attack inflicting heavy casualties.

Again on night 18/19 October 1948 during the capture of a hill feature, Subedar PARMA NAND was commanding the forward company of the column. The ground over which the troops advanced was extremely steep and difficult. Subedar PARMA NAND went up and down and maintained fast speed and excellent control throughout the advance which surprised the enemy, and the objective was captured after a quick and sharp action by Subedar PARMA NAND's company.

19. IO-48118 Jemedar MEGH SINGH, 6 Bn. The Raj Rif. (16th June 1948).

On 16 June 1948, 'A' Company was ordered to attack and capture a high-hill feature south-west of URI on which the enemy had fortified and well dug positions. The only approach was along a narrow ledge which was covered by very accurate enemy criss-cross automatic fire. Jemedar MEGH SINGH with complete disregard for his personal safety dashed forward through this fire swept area. Taking their cue from their courageous leader the men under his command dashed forward to bayonet the enemy in a sharp, spirited action. Though his platoon had suffered heavy casualties on account of accurate enemy fire Jemedar MEGH SINGH built up the morale of his men by battle cries and launched further attacks. The enemy was completely demoralised and his faith in his fire power completely shattered, put up no resistance and ran away leaving his arms and ammunition behind.

The determined leadership, and personal courage of Jemedar MEGH SINGH was solely responsible for conclusion of a successful attack against a heavily entrenched, well equipped enemy.

20. 2831596 Havildar HAZARI SINGH, 6 Bn, The Rajputatna Rifles (Posthumous). (18th July 1948).

On the night of 17/18 July 1948, Havildar HAZARI SINGH, commanding a platoon led an attack on an enemy position. The platoon was held up by intense enemy fire. In spite of being severely wounded on the leg, Havildar HAZARI SINGH rushed forward firing his sten gun and shouting a battle cry. This inspired

the platoon who followed him in the assault. Finally a fierce battle took place near the enemy position. Havildar HAZARI SINGH received more wounds but he succeeded in breaking through the enemy defences and did not stop until his body was riddled with enemy bullets.

Thus, fighting one of the toughest offensive battles, Havildar HAZARI SINGH sacrificed his life and showed unparalleled gallantry and leadership.

21. 12235 L/Havildar AMAR SINGH BISHT, 3 Bn, The Garhwal Rifles. (15th July 1948).

On the night of July 14/15, 1948, L/Havildar AMAR SINGH BISHT was commanding the leading platoon of his company which was ordered to attack an enemy feature. He led his platoon in pitch darkness along the rough and thickly wooded steep hill which was covered with mines and booby traps. In spite of the casualties due to bursting mines and heavy enemy fire, he kept perfect control over his men and continued the advance. Finally, he charged the enemy position through the gap in the mine field made by our leading scouts, with such great dash and determination that the enemy could not withstand the onslaught and ran in confusion leaving behind a number of dead, arms, and ammunition.

Immediately after the feature was captured, the enemy launched two counter-attacks. L/Havildar AMAR SINGH BISHT, who was now holding the right flank with his platoon kept on cheering his men by going from post to post despite heavy enemy 3" mortar and small-arms fire until the counter-attacks were beaten off with heavy losses to the enemy.

22. 23067 L/Havildar NARAINDAR DATT, 69 (Bengal Engineer Group) Field Company Engineers. (15th December 1948).

L/Havildar NARAINDAR DATT, was travelling in 40 A/B & Park Company Engineers vehicle when the convoy came under heavy enemy shelling at Beripatan about mid-day on 15th December 1948. As a result, Havildar Daulat Singh of his company was very badly wounded and was crying for help away from the road. L/Havildar NARAINDAR DATT rushed to help and after giving whatever first aid he could, proceeded to remove him to hospital. With complete disregard for his own life in the midst of intense and continuous enemy shelling he carried the wounded havildar to the road about 400 yards away and managed to bring him to Sundarbani hospital in a vehicle.

It was due to the great courage and selflessness shown by L/Havildar NARAINDAR DATT that Havildar Daulat Singh's life was saved as he reached the hospital just in time.

23. 2731600 Naik BABU REWANE, 5 Bn. The Mahratta Light Infantry. (Posthumous). (6th September 1948).

Naik BABU REWANE was Section Commander with the forward platoon of B Company in an attack on Mukund Bridge on 6th September 1948. On reaching the objective the enemy opened up heavy fire and continued it throughout the day which prevented the Company from consolidating. Naik BABU REWANE controlled his fire extremely well in an effort to silence the enemy. Shortly after when the Bren gunner was wounded Naik BABU REWANE got hold of the Bren Gun which was exposed to enemy fire, manned it himself and knocked out an enemy post which had been firing at the Company.

The enemy fire had by this time increased. This NCO with complete disregard for his personal safety, collected his men and led them to the top.

While maintaining control of his Section, he continued firing the Bren Gun for 2½ hours. When he started running out of ammunition, he crawled to get some more but in doing so he got a burst of enemy fire in his chest and died instantly.

The brave manner in which he fought inspired his men.

24. 8355 Naik LAUKU RAM, 4 Bn, The Dogra Regiment. (15th December 1948).

On 15th December, 1948, Naik LAUKU RAM was attached to D Company on PUNJAB HILL as medical NCO. At about 1600 hours the enemy strafed the company position with medium gun shell fire. Within a short space of 3 hours more than 350 shells were hurled on to the company position. No. 3830842 Sepoy DHARAM SINGH was hit in a slit trench and although he lost both arms and a leg he remained alive and cried for help. Naik LAUKU RAM dashed forward to render first aid. While performing this humane task Naik LAUKU RAM, was himself exposed to enemy shelling and twice wounded in the face, but refused to leave his dying comrade. In full view of enemy artillery Observation Posts he lifted his wounded comrade and brought him to a place of safety.

25. 9120032 L/Naik GIAN SINGH, 11 Bn. The J. & K. Militia. (25th November, 1948).

L/Naik GIAN SINGH was the bren-gunner of the forward Section of the platoon. On 25th November, 1948, at 0300 hours, the Section, after capturing a ridge, advanced to capture a hill feature, on which the enemy had consolidated and were firing with their automatics. The enemy position was very close and the axis of advance was only over a ridge. There was deep fall on either side of the ridge. L/Naik GIAN SINGH, at great personal risk, jumped forward in the face of heavy enemy fire and took a position opposite the enemy LMG post. He fired with all the speed and silenced the enemy LMG. As a result the column advanced and charged the enemy. His remarkable courage was an inspiration to all.

26. 30909 L/Naik GOPAL SINGH, 4 Bn, The Kumaon Regiment. (27th July, 1948).

L/Naik GOPAL SINGH was the bren-group Commander of a Section of 'D' Company which was holding a feature. At 0300 hours on 27th July 1948, the enemy but in a very strong attack supported by 3" Mortar, which was repulsed twice. As the enemy was reorganising to put in a third attack, the company decided to launch a counter offensive from the flank.

Before the assault could be launched, it was necessary to remove out own booby traps. L/Naik GOPAL SINGH volunteered to go alone through an area swept by heavy enemy fire, with complete disregard for his personal safety, he crawled forward and with cold courage removed all the booby traps. As the assault went in, he again brought his bren group into action and was personally responsible for annihilating an enemy bren group. He once again crawled forward and brought in the enemy gun intact.

By his actions L/Naik GOPAL SINGH made the job of the counter-attacking platoon very easy.

His extreme devotion to duty in the face of the enemy was an inspiring example to all the men.

27. 43604 L/Naik PURANBAHADUR THAPA, 2 Bn, The 3 Gorkha Rifles (*Posthumous*). (28th June, 1948).

On night 27/28 June 48 L/Naik PURANBAHADUR THAPA was commanding a section of the forward Platoon which was attacking an enemy feature. The approach to the objective was very steep and swept by enemy fire from all directions. L/Naik PURANBAHADUR THAPA rushed forward under heavy shower of grenades, and though wounded while approaching the enemy post, he threw a grenade in the enemy bunker and killed the enemy LMG crew. He died in the action but his personal gallantry enabled the Platoon to capture the objective.

28. 13353 L/Naik JAMAN SINGH PATAKI, 3 Bn. The Garhwal Rifles. (*Posthumous*). (15th July, 1948).

29. 17310 Rifleman SANGRAM SINGH RAWAT, 3 Bn. The Garhwal Rifles. (*Posthumous*). (15th July, 1948).

L/Naik JAMAN SINGH PATAKI and Rifleman SANGRAM SINGH RAWAT were the leading scouts of the leading Platoon of 'D' Company. On night 14/15 July when they reached near their objective, they came across enemy mines and booby traps. L/Naik PATAKI and Rifleman RAWAT realizing the danger of delay rushed forward through the mine swept area and blew up a number of them but while thus clearing the way they themselves were blown up. Their action gave an opportunity for the unit to move forward through the gap made in the mine field and to capture the objective.

L/Naik JAMAN SINGH PATAKI and Rifleman SANGRAM SINGH RAWAT's sacrifice was of the highest order.

30. 9518 L/Naik JASBAHADUR THAPA, 2 Bn. The 8 Gorkha Rifles. (2nd December, 1948).

On 2nd December, 1948, L/Naik JASBAHADUR THAPA, was commanding a Section when an enemy position was attacked. Hand to hand fight ensued which continued for an hour or so. At this time he saw that two of our National Guards, who had tried to climb and assault the enemy bren gun position, had been wounded and were lying twenty yards from an enemy gun at the top of the hill. L/Naik JASBAHADUR THAPA, at the risk of his own life, crawled forward to the wounded men and evacuated them one after the other to the Regimental Aid Post.

31. 48275 L/Naik DALBAHADUR PUN, 1 Bn, The 4 Gorkha Rifles. (8th November 1948).

On 8th November 1947, L/Naik DALBAHADUR PUN was Section Commander of a Platoon which was ordered to capture an enemy held feature wherefrom heavy fire was obstructing the advance of the battalion. L/Naik DALBAHADUR PUN was ordered to creep up to the enemy position and capture it. As soon as he got within ten yards of the enemy, he was fired at. Taking no notice of the enemy fire, he rushed the post. While approaching the enemy position, he noticed one of the enemy taking a grenade out of his pocket. L/Naik DALBAHADUR PUN jumped over him, snatched the grenade and killed him with his khukri. This timely and gallant action not only saved the lives of his Section but also inspired them to kill the remainder of the enemy with Khukries.

Throughout this action, L/Naik DALBAHADUR PUN displayed a great courage and determination and set an example of bravery to his comrades.

32. 8358797 L/Naik PERIMBAM ISAAC, 1 L of C Postal Unit. (16th December 1948).

On 14th December, 1948, when L/Naik PERIMBAM ISAAC, L of C Postal Courier on the Jammu Naushera sector, reached BERIPATAM Bridge the road was under heavy enemy fire. This prevented him from crossing the bridge with the mails and though he made several attempts throughout 15th December 1948, he did not succeed. On 16th December, 1948, he waited at the sentry check post on the bridge and with strong determination dashed forward with three days accumulated mails despite serious danger facing him. While he was crossing the bridge the enemy opened up again but he succeeded in getting through safely and carried the mails to Naushera.

Next day he collected outward mails to Jammu and also signals which had been held up and crossed the bridge again through the enemy fire at great personal risk and danger.

L/Naik PERIMBAM ISAAC displayed devotion to duty, initiative and courage and his utter disregard for his personal safety was the main driving force that enabled regular flow of mail for troops to be maintained under adverse circumstances and helped to keep their morale high. His daring and courage was an inspiration to the other Postal Couriers and an example to all.

33. 2831646 Rifleman REWAT SINGH, 6 Bn, The Rajputana Rifles. (18th July, 1948).

On the night of 17/18th July 1948, Rifleman REWAT SINGH was in the forward Section when an enemy feature was attacked. The section was counter-attacked by the enemy and No. 1 Bren gunner was severely wounded. In spite of the incessant enemy fire, Rifleman REWAT SINGH carried him back to a place of safety and then assisted his section. In this grim battle which lasted for four hours, he was the only survivor of the section but he denied to the enemy every inch of the ground gained, by firing a bren which swept the whole of the enemy position and kept them at bay. His courage and coolness was an example to his comrades.

34. 5228864 Rifleman JASBAHADUR THAPA, 2 Bn, The 3 Gorkha Rifles. (Posthumous). (28th June, 1948).

On the night of 27/28th June 1948, during an attack on Pirkanthi feature, Rifleman JASBAHADUR THAPA was in the forward section of a leading platoon. The platoon was held up by three enemy LMG posts at about fifty yards from the objective. Rifleman JASBAHADUR THAPA crawled forward with the intention of throwing grenades into one of the enemy posts but he came under heavy shower

of enemy grenades and was seriously wounded. Not caring for his life, he continued crawling forward and completed his mission by throwing two grenades into enemy LMG post and silenced it. Though he died a little later, he enabled the rest of his platoon to move forward and capture the objective.

By this action he showed courage, complete disregard for his personal safety and high sense of duty.

36. 77160 Sapper ARUNACHALAM, 433 Field Company Engineers. (Posthumous) (8th July 1948).

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At Thitlwal on 8th July 1948, at about 0330 hours a piquet of the 1 Madras Regiment, was being heavily shelled by the enemy and our troops decided to withdraw over a suspension bridge on the river Kishengmaga. In order to avoid enemy infiltration into our position, it became imperative to destroy the bridge. A detachment of Madras S & M was therefore ordered to carry out this job.

Sappers ACHARI and ARUNACHALAM began to fix demolition charges to the bridge. By this time the bridge had become a registered target for enemy gunners and shells began to fall thick and fast around the gallant party. But Sappers ACHARI and ARUNACHALAM continued their task. The shells were now unpleasantly close and a few minutes later just when their task was almost complete, a shell scored a direct hit and killed them both. But their supreme effort was not in vain for their comrades fired with the same selfless courage and enthusiasm, took up where they had left and successfully demolished the bridge. This was a magnificent example of steadfast and selfless devotion to duty in the midst of heavy shell fire.

37. 3334654 Sepoy SEWA SINGH, 7, Battalion, The Sikh Regiment. (24th August 1948).

On the night of 22nd May 1948, whilst advancing on URI-DOMEL Road, 7 Sikh Regiment came under heavy enemy fire. The leading platoon of the Company was only at 40 yards from the enemy bunker and the rest of the platoon was pinned down in a nullah under the incessant mortar and LMG fire. The communication between Platoon and Company HQ broke down. As it became imperative for the forward platoon to withdraw and, in the pitch dark no signalling was possible, Sepoy SEWA SINGH went forward from his Company HQ under intensive fire and communicated the orders to the Platoon. He not only carried out his mission successfully but brought back a severely wounded Sepoy from the forward line.

Again, on 24th August 1948, an offensive patrol went forward into enemy occupied territory. Sepoy SEWA SINGH was the leading scout of the patrol. Close contact with the enemy was made and the patrol came under heavy fire. Three men were wounded but the patrol continued their advance. The deadly grenade throwing of Sepoy SEWA SINGH was largely responsible for the enemy's hasty retreat. This gallant Sepoy though exposed to enemy fire, disregarding any risk to personal safety, went round and collected our casualties and brought them back.

Sepoy SEWA SINGH's courageous and gallant action set an excellent example of devotion to duty.

38. 44175 Sepoy JAI PAL, 3 Battalion, The Jat Regiment, (14th September 1948).

On the night 13/14th September 1948, during an attack on a hill feature in the Zozila Pass area, Sepoy JAI PAL was No. 2 Bren gunner of a Section of the leading platoon. His section was giving covering fire to the front section, which was completely wiped out and Sepoy JAI PAL's section was ordered to advance. Although he was badly wounded in the stomach by an enemy hand grenade and his intestines were bulging out, he pushed them back and asked another Sepoy who was near him to apply a first field dressing. After this had been done, he threw two hand grenades into the enemy bunker and killed two men.

Even after sustaining such severe injury, this sepoy insisted on remaining at his post until his platoon had reached about 20 yards of the objective, and then walked back to the Regimental Aid Post a distance of about 2½ miles—a very remarkable feat.

39. Civilian ZUMA MOHAMMAD (19th June 1948).

On 19th June 1948, Civilian ZUMA MOHD, was one of the party, carrying ammunition and rations which accompanied Lieut-Colonel M. M. KHANNA, Comd, 4 Kumaon, from Pandoo Hill to another feature. The party consisted of half a section plus a small Tactical H. Q.

While on the way the party was ambushed by a full company of enemy troops. In the encounter the majority of our men were killed and Lieut-Colonel KHANNA was also severely wounded and took refuge in a broken hut.

As soon as the enemy withdrew having suffered heavy casualties, ZUMA MOHD came into the hut and seeing the precarious condition of Lieut-Colonel KHANNA rendered him all possible help. He tried to carry the officer on his back to the HQ, but the seriousness of his wounds prevented him from doing this so he stayed with the officer for several hours, knowing fully well that the enemy troops were likely to return. During this period repeated attempts were made by the enemy to regain their lost position, but he remained at the side of the wounded officer at his personal risk. On regaining conscience, Lieut-Colonel KHANNA gave him a message to be communicated to one of the reinforcement parties which he carried with great personal risk through the enemy dominated area.

ZUMA MOHD showed great bravery and determination as without his efforts the life of the officer would not have been saved.

No. 11-Pres./52.—The President has been pleased to give orders for publication in the *Gazette of India* of the names of the following officers and other ranks mentioned in the despatches received by the Hon'ble Minister for Defence from the Commander-in-Chief, Indian Army:—

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- Lt Gen S. M. SHRINAGESH (IA 415), I.A.
- Brig JAI SINGH (393 IA), Comd J & K L of C Sub Area.
- Brig T. B. HENDERSON BROOKS (IA 824), I.A.
- Brig K. P. CANDETH (IC 143), Comd Artillery Div.
- Lt Col H. S. PARAB (IC 249), 2 Bn, The 8 Gorkha Rifles.
- Lt Col GYAN SINGH (IC 439), 11 Field Regiment Artillery.
- Lt Col SHIV DIAL SINGH (IC 265), Engineers. (Second Award).
- Lt Col JASWANT SINGH (IC 433), Signals.
- Lt Col MATHURA SINGH (IC 151), 7 Bn, The Sikh Regiment.
- Lt Col ZORAWAR SINGH (IC 312), MC, Central India Horse.
- Lt Col M. M. KHANNA (IC 88), 4 Bn, The Kumaon Regiment.
- Lt Col S. N. THAKAR (IC 619), 2 Bn, The Dogra Regiment.
- Lt Col G. SETURAM (IC 2783), 2nd (Para) Bn, The Madras Regiment.
- Lt Col KUNWAR SINGH RAWAT (SS 2284), 1 Bn, The Garhwal Rifles.
- Lt Col AMAR SINGH (IC 1827), HQ J & K Militia.
- Lt Col P. C. RAJRATNAM (IC 1927), 1 Bn, The Madras Regiment.
- Lt Col J. J. D. LOBO (M 13515), 33 Field Ambulance.
- Lt Col SOBHA CHAND, MC (IC 547), 1 Bn, The Grenadiers.
- Lt Col RAN SINGH AHLAWAT (IC 464), 3 Bn, The Jat Regiment.
- Lt Col RAJ SINGH (SS 15215), Sawai Man Guards.
- Major S. C. CHATTERJEE (M 8968), 4 Fd, Sug Team, A.M.C.
- Major J. S. SIDHU (IC 3743), 2nd Bn, The 8 Gorkha Rifles.
- Major BHUPENDRA SINGH (IC 2030), 11 Field Regiment Artillery.
- Major BALWANT SINGH (IC 2791), 3 Bn, The Assam Regiment.
- Major S. R. UBEROI (IC 892), MC, 9 Bn, The Gorkha Rifles.
- Major GURDAS SINGH (IC 742), 2 Lancers.

Major DALJIT SINGH (SS 15454), 1 Bn, The Patiala (RS) Infantry.
 Major R. S. BASERA (IC 2793), 4 Bn, The Kumaon Regiment.
 Major P. N. KHANDURI (IC 2902), 4 Bn, The Kumaon Regiment.
 Major BANT SINGH (IEC 11569), 7 Bn, The Sikh Regiment.
 Major SHAMSHER SINGH MALHOTRA (IC 299), 1 Bn, The Gorkha Rifles.
 Major NARENDRA PARTAP SINGH (IC 2591), Army Service Corps.
 Major M. L. BHARDWAJA (IC 2585), 5 Bn, The 11 Gorkha Rifles.
 Major P. T. ALLEN (IC 2595), (2 Para) Bn, The Madras Regiment.
 Major SUKHDARSHAN SINGH, MC, (IC 833), 2 Bn, The 3 Gorkha Rifles.
 Major P. W. PATHAK (IC 504), 2 Bn, The 3 Gorkha Rifles.
 Major V. K. NAIR (IC 3703), 1 Bn, the Madras Regiment.
 Major SUKHBIR SINGH (IC 2460), 3 Bn, The Jat Regiment.
 Major E. D'SOUZA (IC 518), H.Q., J & K Militia.
 Major S. B. RAZA (IC 806), 11 Fd, Regiment Artillery.
 Major R. S. BAWA (IC 443), 31 Fd, Bty Artillery.
 Major SHAMSHER SINGH (IEC 12001), 1 Bn, The Patiala (RS) Infantry.

(Second award)

Major MADAN LAL (J & K AC 81), J & K Mtn Bty.
 Major L. E. R. B. FERRIS (IC 471), The Madras Regiment.
 Major J. D. BOBB (IC 2786), The Punjab Regiment.
 Major J. C. SHARMA (IEC 784), The Rajputana Rifles.
 Major ONKAR SINGH KALKAT (IC 810), 2 Bn, The Punjab Regiment.
 Major BHAIRON SINGH, M.C. (SS 15406), Swai Man Guards.
 Major KISHAN SINGH (SS 15218), Sawai Man Guards.
 Major HARMANDAR SINGH (IC 419), 7 Light Cavalry.
 Major GURNAIB SINGH SIDHU (SS 15457), 1 Bn, The Patiala (RS) Inf.
 Major SHER SINGH KANG (IEC 4217), 1 (Para) Bn, The Punjab Regiment.

(Second award).

Capt NIRVAIR SINGH (IC 1651), 4 Bn, The Kumaon Regiment.
 Capt KISHAN SINGH (IEC 8699), Swai Man Guards.
 Capt A. K. BASU (M 24678), 60 Para Fd Amb, A.M.C.
 Capt W. J. DAVINSON (SS 13229), 3 Bn, The Assam Regiment.
 Capt CHARENJIT SINGH (IC 1507), 16 Fd Regt, Artillery.
 Capt MAC MILLAN SMITH (IC 3039), The Rajputana Rifles.
 Capt SARDUL SINGH RANDHAWA (IC 2651), 2 Bn, The 8 Gorkha Rifles.
 Capt JAGIR SINGH (IEC 5226), 7 Bn, The Sikh Regiment.
 Capt HARBANS SINGH (IC 3598), 2 Bn, The Dogra Regiment.
 Capt G. R. SHINDE (IEC 12754) 5 Bn, The Mahratta Light Infantry.
 Capt S. C. POL (IEC 7249), Army Service Corps.
 Capt JAGVIR SINGH (IEC 5406), 5 Bn, The 11 Gorkha Rifles (Posthumous).
 Capt M. ANATHAN NAIR, MBE, (IC 2072), 2 (Para) Bn, The Madras Regt.
 Capt V. V. K. NAMBIAR (IC 3702), 1 Bn, The Madras Regiment.
 Capt ELDRIC COELHO (IC 1675), 3 Bn, The Jat Regiment.
 Capt S. G. PAYARA (IC 1479), 11 Field Regiment Artillery.
 Capt S. S. OPAL (IC 1572), 11 Field Regiment Artillery.
 Capt SHIVDEV SINGH (IC 1985), 17 (Para) Field Regiment Artillery.
 Capt G. A. DAVID (IC 2157), 11 Field Regiment Artillery.
 Capt C. C. WALTERS (IC 3805), 19 Division Signals.
 Capt RAM CHAND (IC 3677), 237 Composite Platoon Army Service Corps.
 Capt L. C. KHURANA (IC 3404), 711 Supply Platoon Army Service Corps.
 Capt B. P. NOVA (IC 1048), 19 Division (80) Provost Unit, Corps of Military Police.

Capt. D. S. CHOUDHRY (SS 14350), 7 Light Cavalry.
 Capt MOHINDER SINGH (SS 15300), The Patiala Mountain Battery.
 Capt KRISHAN KUMAR DUTTA (J & K AC 120), J & K Mountain Battery.
 Capt K. RAJAN RAJU (IEC 8876), 32 Field Company Engineers.
 Capt TIKARAM THAPA (SS 14500), 2 Bn, The 8 Gorkha Rifles.
 Capt BADRI SINGH (SF 99), 6, Kashmir Infantry.
 Capt SARASWATI SARAN (IEC 6803), 6 Bn, The Rajputana Rifles.
 Capt GANGA DUTT (IEC 6677), 6 Bn, The Rajputana Rifles.
 Capt C.R.F. LICHMORE (IC 823), 1 Bn, The Sikh Regiment. (Since died).
 Capt HAZURA SINGH (IEC 4509), 1 Bn, The Sikh Regiment.
 Capt KHIAJOOR SINGH (91), 7 J & K BG Cavalry.
 Capt MADAN SINGH (SS 15224), Sawai Man Guards.
 Capt PADAM BAHADUR SINGH (SS 15221), Sawai Man Guards.
 Capt DEWAN SINGH (122), 1 Bn, The J & K Infantry. (Second award)
 Lieut BHUPINDER SINGH (IC 1598), 51 Para Field Battery Artillery.
 Lieut KARTAR SINGH SANDHU (SS 13034), 5 (Bombay) Mtn Bty Arty. (Second award).

Lieut PRITAM SINGH (IC 2558), 7/22 Mtn Regt; Artillery.
 Lieut BUDHIBAL GURUNG (IC 2188), 2 Bn, The 3 Gorkha Rifles.
 Lieut RAJ KUMAR SINGH (SS 15401), Patiala Mountain Battery.
 Lieut BALRAJ SINGH (SS 15402), Patiala Mountain Battery.
 Lieut K. A. MUNISWAMY (SS 14915) 433 Field Company, Engineers.
 Lieut THAN SINGH (SS 14635), 4 Bn, The Rajput Regiment.
 Lieut JAI SINGH (SS 15442), Sawai Man Guards.
 Lieut J. G. WALKAY (SS 15263), Gwallor Mountain Battery.
 2/Lieut P. K. KRISHNAN (IC 2169), 32 Aslt, Field Coy, Engineers.
 2/Lieut V. GURUMURTHY (SS 14498), 13 Fd Coy, Engineers.
 2/Lieut A. A. IRANI (IC 2330), 5 Bn, The Mahratta Light Infantry.
 2/Lieut KAMLALL GURUNG (SS 14288), 2 Bn, The 4 Gorkha Rifles.
 2/Lieut K. M. ACHHAPPA (SS 14821), 11 Field Regiment Artillery.
 2/Lieut V. N. K. NAYAR (SS 14220), 17 Para Field Regiment Artillery.
 2/Lieut ICCHE GURUNG (SS 14310), 1 Bn, The 5 Gorkha Rifles.
 2/Lieut DALIP SINGH (SS 14194), 3 Bn, The Gorkha Rifles.

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IO-8582 Sub-Maj G. PERUMAL, 2 (Para) Bn, The Madras Regiment.
 IO-10084 Sub-Maj BIR BAHADUR GURUNG, 2 Bn, The 3 Gorkha Rifles.
 IO-11705 Sub-Maj BHAGWAN SINGH BAHADUR, OBI, 3 Bn, The Jat Regt.
 IO-11629 Sub-Maj AMI LALL, 1 Bn, The Grenadiers.
 9070459 Sub-Maj MOHD DIN, 1 Bn, The J & K Militia.
 IO-8321 Sub-Maj AMAR CHAND, 4 Bn, The Kumaon Regiment.
 IO-26987 Sub PREMBAHADUR THAPA, 2 Bn, The 8 Gorkha Rifles.
 IO-39201 Sub CHRIST HALAN MANSIDH CHAMPIA, 2 Bn, The Bihar Regt.
 IO-19992 Sub NARBAHADUR GURUNG, 2nd, Bn, The 8 Gorkha Rifles.
 IO-61151 Sub INDAR SINGH, 7 Bn, The Sikh Regiment.
 IO-21178 Sub KABOOL SINGH, 6 Bn, The Rajputana Rifles.
 IO-33299 Sub BHAKTASING THAPA, 2 Bn, The 3 Gorkha Rifles.
 IO-21657 Sub BALWANT SINGH, 3 Bn, The Jat Regiment. (Posthumous).
 IO-50508 Sub HARDIAL SINGH, 51 Para Field Battery Artillery.
 IO-20943 Sub BEG RAJ, 4 Mountain Battery Artillery.
 IO-24916 Sub D. N. SINGH, 60 Para Fd Amb.
 IO-11031 Sub DAMBAHADUR GURUNG, 1 Bn, The 4 Gorkha Rifles.

- SF-235 Sub AUTAR SINGH, 1 Bn, The Patiala (RS) Infantry.
 IO-14382 Sub GOPAL SINGH, 4 Bn, The Kumaon Regiment.
 IO-28274 Sub MANGAL SINGH, 7 Bn, The Sikh Regiment.
 IO-45826 Sub SHER SINGH, 7 Bn, The Sikh Regiment.
 IO-25691 Sub ANGREZ SINGH, 7 Bn, The Sikh Regiment.
 IO-14786 Sub MEGH SINGH, 2 Bn, The Dogra Regiment.
 IO-18882 Sub GULER CHAND, 2 Bn, The Dogra Regiment.
 IO-50934 Sub HARI RAM, 6 Bn, The Rajputana Rifles.
 IO-19425 Sub T. GOPALAN, 2 (Para) Bn, The Madras Regiment.
 IO-31643 Sub MANOHAR SINGH NEGI, MC, 1 Bn, The Garhwal Rifles.
 IO-10733 Sub HARKABAHADUR GURUNG, 2 Bn, The 3 Gorkha Rifles.
 IO-12808 Sub BHAGWANT RAO MORE, 37 Fd Company Engineers. (Second
 award)
 IO-39803 Sub TIKARAM RANA, 2 Bn, The 3 Gorkha Rifles.
 IO-30034 Sub GANESAN 1 Bn, The Madras Regiment.
 IO-52821 Sub POKHAR SINGH, 3 Bn, The Jat Regiment.
 IO-19007 Sub PRITHI SINGH, 3 Bn, The Jat Regiment.
 IO-13628 Sub PHUL SINGH, 1 Grenadiers.
 IO-13629 Sub GOPAL RAM, 1 Bn, The Grenadiers.
 IO-25697 Sub RUDER BAHADUR GURUNG, 2 Bn, The 4 Gorkha Rifles.
 IO-41548 Sub DEO BAHADUR GURUNG, 2 Bn, The 4 Gorkha Rifles.
 9075505 Sub RADHA KRISHEN, 2 Bn, The J & K Militia.
 9080444 Sub AMAN ULLAH, 3 Bn, The J & K Militia.
 IO-49180 Sub MULKRAJ SINGH, 3 Bn, The J & K Militia.
 IO-25448 Sub P. S. GURUKAL, 40 Medium Regiment Artillery.
 IO-18687 Sub G. B. GHADJE, 1 Bn, The Mahar (MG) Regiment.
 12921 Sub CHINNADORAI, 13 Field Company Engineers.
 IO-19992 Sub NARBAHADUR THAPA, 2 Bn, The 8 Gorkha Rifles.
 IO-10722 Sub MAMCHAND RAM, 6 Bn, The Rajputana Rifles.
 IO-18396 Sub GURCHARAN SINGH, MC, 1 Bn, The Sikh Regiment.
 IO-16958 Sub PREBHU SINGH, 4 Bn, The Kumaon Regiment.
 IO-22907 Sub GANGA RAM, 161 Bde Signals.
 ISF-353 Sub L. B. SONWANE, Gwalior Mountain Battery.
 IO-23689 Sub JAGBAHADUR THAPA, 1 Bn, The 4 Gorkha Rifles.
 IO-21382 Ris BANTA SINGH, 4 Animal Transport Regiment, Army Service Corps.
 IO-13526 Ris THAN SINGH, 7 Light Cavalry.
 IO-0120245 Jem DINA NATH, 11 J & K Militia.
 IO-39429 Jem RAM LAL, 45/16 Fd Regt. Artillery.
 IO-53286 Jem GAJJE SINGH, 6 Bn, The Rajputana Rifles.
 IO-46475 Jem MAROTI KAMLE, 1 Bn, The Mahar (MG) Regiment.
 Jem KRISHAN SINGH, 1 J & K Mountain Battery.
 IO-59525 Jem MILKHI RAM, 4 Bn, The Dogra Regiment.
 IO-53446 Jem GEL RAM, 1263 Pioneer Coy.
 4102 Jem DAN SINGH, 3 J & K Rifles.
 IO-58133 Jem KIRTI BAHADUR CHAND, 4 Bn, The Kumaon Regiment.
 IO-51245 Jem SOHAN SINGH, 7 Bn, The Sikh Regiment.
 IO-54868 Jem HARCHAND SINGH, 7 Bn, The Sikh Regiment.
 IO-61925 Jem PARSHOTAM SINGH, 2 Bn, The Dogra Regiment.
 3930612 Jem RAM DITTA, 2 Bn, The Dogra Regiment.
 IO-57416 Jem BHARGAV DALVI, 5 Bn, The Mahratta Light Infantry.
 IO-52638 Jem DHOND AMBRE, 5 Bn, The Mahratta Light Infantry.,
 2576 Jem RANAPARSAD RAI, 5 Bn, The 11 Gorkha Rifles.

- IO-38918 Jem RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI, 2 (Para) Bn, The Madras Regt.
IO-50470 JemINDER SINGH SHAH, 1 Bn, The Garhwal Rifles.
IO-5516 Jem JOT SINGH RAWAT, 1 Bn, The Garhwal Rifles.
IO-53256 Jem DHIRBAHADUR GURUNG, 2 Bn, The 3 Gorkha Rifles.
IO-53254 Jem ASBAHADUR GURUNG, 2, Bn, The 3 Gorkha Rifles.
17541 Jem MOSES, 13 Field Company Engineers.
7378 Jem WALSING GURUNG, 2 Bn, The 3 Gorkha Rifles.
IO-55640 Jem SINGH RAM, 3 Bn, The Jat Regiment.
IO-54279 Jem GABAR SINGH RAWAT, 3 Bn, The Garhwal Rifles.
IO-4091 Jem TEK BAHADUR THAPA, 2 Bn, The 4 Gorkha Rifles.
IO-8150 Jem LAL BAHADUR THAPA, 2 Bn, The 4 Gorkha Rifles.
IO- 61164 Jem NARAYAN SINGH KANWAR, 2 Bn, The 4 Gorkha Rifles.
9075509 Jem MOHD TAQI, 2 Bn, The J & K Militia.
90800 Jem MOHD ISMAIL, 3 Bn, The J & K Militia.
IO-26766 Jem RAJINDER SINGH, 19 Division Signals.
IO-38824 Jem SOHAN SINGH, 19 Division Signals.
Jem ANANT SAWANT, 1 Bn, The Mahar (MG) Regiment.
IO-50422 Jem DEEP CHAND, 7 Light Cavalry.
Jem SARDUL SINGH, 7 Light Cavalry.
IO-47677 Jem PRITAM SINGH, 17 Mountain Battery.
933 Jem LAL SINGH, Patiala Mountain Battery.
3096 Jem MOHINDER SINGH, 1 Bn, The Patiala (RS) Infantry..
IO-58210 Jem JIGINDER SINGH, 1 Bn, The Sikh Regiment.
IO-46471 Jem TEK CHAND, 4 Bn, The Kumaon Regiment.
29709 Jem MELA SINGH, 4 A.T. Regiment, Army Service Corps.
IO-42735 Jem R. N. ISSAR, Army Service Corps.
755 Jem GUMAN SINGH, Sawal Man Guards.
58 Jem BAHADUR SINGH, Sawal Man Guards.
IO-22880 Jem KRISHNA FADTARE, 37 Field Coy Engineers, (Second award).
IO-56220 Jem HAMIR SINGH, 2 Bn, The Rajputana Rifles. (Second award).
3936357 CQMH BALDEV SINGH, 2 Bn, The Dogra Regiment.
3936390 CQMH SUKHDEV SINGH, 2 Bn, The Dogra Regiment.
3136439 CQMH BADRI PARSHAD, 3 Bn, The Jat Regiment.
2509 CQMH JOHN BAPTIST KARKETTA, 3 Bn, The J & K Militia.
39665 BHM SHAM SINGH, 17 (Para) Field Regiment Artillery.
1208 RQMD NAHAR SINGH, 7 Light Cavalry.
179572 Sqn/Daff/Maj CHANAN SINGH, 4 A.T. Regiment, A.S.C.
418 Sgt BHANWAR SINGH, Sawal Man Guards.
7715 CHM BUDHE GURUNG, 2 Bn, The 4 Gorkha Rifles.
7780 CHM TEJBAHADUR GURUNG, 2 Bn, The 4 Gorkha Rifles.
3936352 CHM BELI RAM, 2 Bn, The Dogra Regiment.
3936354 CHM MUNSHI RAM, 2 Bn, The Dogra Regiment.
2534662 CHM APPA RAO, 2 (Para) Bn, The Madras Regiment.
2534667 CHM HAFIZ, 2 (Para) Bn, The Madras Regiment.
7612 CHM KALAM SINGH RAWAT, 1 Bn, The Garhwal Rifles.
7637 CHM UDE SINGH PUNDIR, 1 Bn, The Garhwal Rifles.
90675 CHM MUKUNDAN NAIR, 1 Bn, The Madras Regiment.
2424 CHM SANKARA SUBBU, 1 Bn, The Madras Regiment.
7982 CHM LILAMBAR THAPA, 2 Bn, The 4 Gorkha Rifles.
17775 Hav Maj MASAT RAM, 1 Bn, The J & K Mountain Battery
18279 Hav Ck BHIM SINGH, 4 Bn, The Kumaon Regiment.

15085 Hav Ck CHIRANJIT LAL, 4 Bn, The Kumaon Regiment.
 4839 Hav Ck AMAR SINGH, 1 Bn, The Patiala (RS) Infantry.
 7670 Hav MEHARWAN SINGH CHAUHAN, 3 Bn, The Garhwal Rifles.
 8202 Hav DATTU CHAWAN, 5 Bn, The Mahratta Light Infantry.
 26011 Hav PAHALJIT RANA, 6 Bn, The 8 Gorkha Rifles.
 155617 Hav MOHAN RAM, 1263 Pioneer Coy.
 860 Hav DHAN BAHADUR, 2 J & K Rifles.
 13215 Hav KEHAR SINGH, 7 Bn, The Sikh Regiment.
 3334569 Hav MOHINDER SINGH, 7 Bn, The Sikh Regiment.
 3938584 Hav SHER SINGH, 2 Bn, The Dogra Regiment.
 3936403 Hav BARITA SINGH, 2 Bn, The Dogra Regiment.
 3936353 Hav PREM SINGH, 2 Bn, The Dogra Regiment.
 8635 Hav KESAVAN NAIR, 2 (Para) Bn, The Madras Regiment.
 2534733 Hav LAWRENCE, 2 (Para) Bn, The Madras Regiment.
 6399 Hav BALAKRISHNAN, 2 (Para) Bn, The Madras Regiment.
 2534421 Hav ELLAPPAN, 2 (Para) Bn, The Madras Regiment.
 6290 Hav KHEM SINGH NEGI, 1 Bn, The Garhwal Rifles.
 7461 Hav BHAGT SINGH RAWAT, MM, 1 Bn, The Garhwal Rifles.
 7752 Hav NARBAHADUR PUN, 2 Bn, The 3 Gorkha Rifles.
 35821 Hav RUP SINGH CHETTRI, 2 Bn, The 3 Gorkha Rifles.
 4190 Hav GOPALAN, 1 Bn, The Madras Regiment.
 3136442 Hav NANU RAM, 3 Bn, The Jat Regiment.
 3136493 Hav HOSHIAR SINGH, 3 Bn, The Jat Regiment.
 12032 Hav RANJIT SINGH NEGI, 3 Bn, The Garhwal Rifles.
 16170 Hav CHARAN SINGH, 6 Bn, The Rajputana Rifles.
 18830 Hav GEG SINGH, 6 Bn, The Rajputana Rifles.
 20754 Hav CHATRU RAM, 6 Bn, The Rajputana Rifles.
 21238 Hav BHAIRON SINGH, 6 Bn, The Rajputana Rifles.
 23640 Hav NAURANG RAM, 6 Bn, The Rajputana Rifles.
 109680 Hav APPASWAMY, 11 Field Regiment Artillery.
 115209 Hav-Tech/Asst A.M. RAJU, 11 Field Regiment Artillery.
 69 Hav BARJIT SINGH, Patiala Mountain Battery.
 16931 Hav SRAWAN DASS, 1 Bn, The J & K Mountain Battery.
 9637 Hav KARTAR SINGH, 19 Division Signals.
 A-484 Hav NAZAR SINGH, 19 Division Signals.
 65 Hav BARKU JADHAV, 1 Bn, The Mahar (MG) Regiment.
 6202 Hav RAJARAM KINGALE, 1 Bn, The Mahar (MG) Regiment.
 ME-131909 Hav HUDSON, Electrical & Mechanical Engineers, att 7 Light Cavalry.
 77230 Hav NATARANJAN, 433 Field Company, Engineers.
 19482 Hav. M BALAKRISHNAN NAIR, 32 Field Company Engineers.
 3212 Hav GULZARA SINGH, 1 Bn, The Patiala (RS) Infantry.
 3520 Hav JAWALA SINGH, 1 Bn, The Patiala (RS) Infantry.
 22113 Hav HARDWARI LAL, 4 Bn, The Kumaon Regiment.
 4137260 Hav TIKHUR SINGH, 4 Bn, The Kumaon Regiment.
 14759 Hav DHAN SINGH, 4 Bn, The Kumaon Regiment.
 59618 Hav GANPAT UTTEKAR, 37 Field Company Engineers (Second award).
 65476 Daff WARYAM SINGH, 4 Animal Transport Regiment, A.S.C.
 6452 Dfr HARBAL SINGH, Gwallor A.T. Coy.
 712 Dfr BIR SINGH, 7 Bn, The J & K BG Cavalry.
 52622 L/Hav NIWRATHI JAGTAP, 37 Asslt Fd Coy Engineers.
 40096 L/Hav SHRIPATI SALUNKE, 37 Asslt Fd Coy Engineers.

14989 L/Hav SHEO NATH, 4 Bn, The Kumaon Regiment.
 15872 L/Hav GAJJAN SINGH, 7 Bn, The Sikh Regiment.
 11063 L/Hav RAMAN, 2 (Para) Bn, The Madras Regiment.
 21931 L/Hav CHATHUKUTTY NAIR, 2 (Para) Bn, The Madras Regiment.
 2534672 L/Hav JOHN THOMAS, 2 (Para) Bn, The Madras Regiment.
 6756 L/Hav MOHAMMAD, 2 (Para) Bn, The Madras Regiment.
 2534800 L/Hav KRISHNAN NAIR, 2 (Para) Bn, The Madras Regiment.
 8788 L/Hav BAYAT SINGH NEGI, 1 Bn, The Garhwal Rifles.
 7945 L/Hav HARKA SINGH GURUNG, 2 Bn, The 3 Gorkha Rifles.
 9953 L/Hav GOVIND SING RAWAT, 3 Bn, The Garhwal Rifles.
 2376 L/Hav ALBERT KUNUR, 3 Bn, The J & K Militia.
 48595 L/Hav RULDA SINGH, 17 (Para) Field Regiment Artillery.
 18198 L/Hav LAJURA RAM, J & K Mountain Battery.
 2573 L/Dfr PIARA SINGH, 7 Light Cavalry.
 9120577 Nk CHANDU RAM, 11 J & K Militia.
 9120179 Nk SARDEV SINGH, 11 J & K Militia.
 16990 Nk BHIM SINGH, 4 Bn, The Kumaon Regiment.
 7769 Nk BACHAN SINGH ASWAL, 3 Bn, The Garhwal Rifles.
 22980 Nk KHUSHAL SINGH, 6 Bn, The Rajputana Rifles.
 22274 Nk RAMJILAL RAM, 6 Bn, The Rajputana Rifles.
 178110 Nk DALIP SINGH, 4 Animal Transport Regiment, A.S.C.
 4991 Nk CHANDRAKANTA RAJKUMAR, 3 Bn, The Assam Regiment.
 3357 Nk HAUSUAN VAIPHEI, 3 Bn, The Assam Regiment.
 3777 Nk NGUPALHI, 3 Bn, The Assam Regiment.
 4265 Nk RAMSING THAPA, 1 Bn, The 4 Gorkha Rifles.
 4431228 Nk GIAN SINGH, 1 Bn, The Sikh Light Infantry.
 85431 Nk KARNABAHADUR THAPA, 2 Bn, The 8 Gorkha Rifles.
 6434 Nk BHATRU, Gwallor A. T. Coy.
 Nk AJAB SINGH, 3 J & K Rifles.
 72468 Nk NATARAJAN, 13 Fd Coy Engineers.
 125896 Nk MURUGESAN, 13 Fd Coy Engineers.
 6244038 Nk AMAR SINGH, 26 (2AB) Div Signal Regiment.
 ME/171074 Nk K. VARKEY, E.M.E. att Central India Horse.
 1894 Nk BHAGWAN DASS, 16 Fd Regiment Artillery.
 3928950 Nk JAGDISH RAM, 7 Bn, The Sikh Regiment.
 3936462 Nk MEHAR SINGH, 7 Bn, The Sikh Regiment.
 2731824 Nk SOPANA CHOPADE, 5 Bn, The Mahratta Light Infantry.
 2731663 Nk SAYABA MORE, 5 Bn, The Mahratta Light Infantry.
 9400725 Nk GAJAHANG LIMBU, 5 Bn, The 11 Gorkha Rifles.
 7625 Nk TIRLOK SINGH NEGI, 1 Bn, The Garhwal Rifles.
 12589 Nk BACHAN SINGH RAWAT, 1 Bn, The Garhwal Rifles.
 7956 Nk HARKA BAHADUR GURUNG, 2 Bn, The 3 Gorkha Rifles.
 5230150 Nk SING BAHADUR GURUNG, 2 Bn, The 3 Gorkha Rifles.
 6922 Nk FRANCIS, 1 Bn, The Madras Regiment.
 7023 Nk DANIEL, 1 Bn, The Madras Regiment.
 90901 Nk DAMODHARAN, 1 Bn, The Madras Regiment.
 3130915 Nk SUNDER SINGH, 3 Bn, The Jat Regiment.
 3136504 Nk TULLA RAM, 3 Bn, The Jat Regiment.
 18403 Nk DHANNA RAM, 6 Bn, The Rajputana Rifles.
 4114 Nk HARCHAND SINGH, Nabha Akal Infantry.
 43352 Nk BASANTE THAPA, 2 Bn, The 4 Gorkha Rifles.
 34402 Nk BAGH SINGH, 17 (Para) Field Regiment Artillery.

11477 Nk BISHAMBAR SINGH, 17 (Para) Field Regiment Artillery. .
 SR-16218-Nk (SHT), D.S. GARDE, 711 Supply Platoon, A.S.C.
 75706 Nk AROKIASAMI, 433 Field Company Engineers.
 17926 Nk SARAVANAN PILLAI, 433 Field Company Engineers.
 18037 Nk MUNISWAMY, 433 Field Company Engineers.
 123984 Nk KANNAN, 13 Field Company Engineers.
 3865 Nk AYA SINGH, 1 Bn, The Patiala (RS) Infantry.
 3373 Nk SARWAN SINGH, 1 Bn, The Patiala (RS) Infantry.
 4246 Nk BHAGWAN SINGH, 1 Bn, The Patiala (RS) Infantry.
 2731639 Nk MAUGUTRAO JAGDALE, 5 Bn, The Mahratta Light Infantry
 15569 Nk NAND SINGH, 1 Bn, The Sikh Regiment.
 16046 Nk MUKHTIAR SINGH, 1 Bn, The Sikh Regiment.
 30831 Nk NAR SINGH, 4 Bn, The Kumaon Regiment.
 2008 Nk ATTAR SINGH, 1 Bn, The Indore Infantry.
 591 Cpl NAND SINGH, Sawai Man Guards.
 26852 L/Nk CHAMANSING GURUNG, 6 Bn, The 8 Gorkha Rifles.
 88656 L/Nk PURANLAL GURUNG, 2 Bn, The 8 Gorkha Rifles.
 7406 L/Nk UDHAM SINGH, 2 Bn, The Dogra Regiment. (Posthumous).
 10709 L/Nk JAI SINGH RAWAT, 3 Bn, The Garhwal Rifles.
 62811 L/Nk KANNAN, 13 Fd Coy Engineers.
 29544 L/Nk BISHAN SINGH, 69 (Bengal Engr Gp) Fd Coy Engineers.
 87891 L/Nk ANANT SURVE, 22 Fd Coy Engineers.
 43773 L/Nk JAGAN NATH, 22 Fd Coy Engineers.
 10128 L/Nk AMAR NATH, 1 J & K Infantry.
 66058 L/Nk DUDH NATH, 82 Fd Ambulance, A.M.C.
 44198 L/Nk KHIALI RAM, 45/16 Fd Regiment Artillery.
 47904 L/Nk KHEM CHAND, 22 Mtn Regiment Artillery.
 8358580 L/Nk DEVI DUTT, 77 Section Base Post Office.
 31182 L/Nk SHYAM CHAND, 4 Bn, The Kumaon Regiment.
 22771 L/Nk NARPATI CHAND, 4 Bn, The Kumaon Regiment.
 18310 L/Nk DATTA RAM, 4 Bn, The Kumaon Regiment.
 9090 L/Nk WAMAN SHINDE, 5 Bn, The Mahratta Light Infantry.
 2530945 L/Nk GOVINDA RAO, 2 (Para) Bn, The Madras Regiment.
 16663 L/Nk BAHADUR SINGH PANWAR, 1 Bn, The Garhwal Rifles.
 17105 L/Nk RAGHUNATH SINGH RANA, 1 Bn, The Garhwal Rifles.
 8972 L/Nk HARI SINGH NEGI, 1 Bn, The Garhwal Rifles.
 35170 L/Nk BAHADUR LAMA, 2 Bn, The 3 Gorkha Rifles.
 37947 L/Nk JIT BAHADUR GHALE, 2 Bn, The 3 Gorkha Rifles.
 20979 L/Nk MADHAVAN PILLAI, 1 Bn, The Madras Regiment.
 22974 L/Nk KUNHAMBUR, 1 Bn, The Madras Regiment.
 3131372 L/Nk RAM SINGH, 3 Bn, The Jat Regiment.
 3131521 L/Nk LADHU RAM, 3 Bn, The Jat Regiment.
 16853 L/Nk BHAG CHAND SINGH NEGI, 3 Bn, The Garhwal Rifles.
 18435 L/Nk MAMRAJ RAM, 6 Bn, The Rajputana Rifles.
 37787 L/Nk BHAGWAN SINGH, 6 Bn, The Rajputana Rifles.
 40197 L/Nk RAM KANWAR SINGH, 6 Bn, The Rajputana Rifles.
 18775 L/Nk LADHY RAM, 1 Bn, The Grenadiers.
 46167 L/Nk DILE PUN, 2 Bn, The 4 Gorkha Rifles.
 3834 L/Nk SITARAM SINGH, 3 Bn, The J & K Militia.
 54746 L/Nk KUNJAN NAIR, 11 Field Regiment Artillery.
 1106529 L/Nk CHELLAPPAN PILLAI, 11 Field Regiment Artillery.
 9927 L/Nk RAM SUNDAR SINGH, 17 (Para) Field Regiment Artillery.

416 L/Nk CHARAN SINGH, Patiala Mountain Battery.
 MTN-963482 L/Nk RAM SINGH, 640 Coy Army Service Corps (BDE).
 18151 L/Nk NARASIMHAN, 32 Field Company, Engineers.
 43967 L/Nk MITHU, 3 Bn, The Jat Regiment.
 2731657 L/Nk RAJARAM BHILARA, 5 Bn, The Mahratta Light Infantry.
 18350 L/Nk RAMPAT RAM, 1 Bn, The Grenadiers.
 20099 L/Nk MOHINDER SINGH, 1 Bn, The Sikh Regiment.
 13705 L/Nk KARNAIL SINGH, 1 Bn, The Sikh Regiment.
 20732 L/Nk GAJJAN SINGH, 1 Bn, The Sikh Regiment.
 23099 L/Nk BHOLA DATT, 69 Field Company Engineers.
 25735 L/Nk MITRA DEO, 69 Field Company Engineers.
 20934 L/Nk KARTAR SINGH, 1 Bn, The Sikh Regiment.
 6244067 L/Nk LASHKAR SINGH, 161 Bde Signals.
 15192 L/Nk HARIDIAL SINGH, 161 Bde Signals.
 MTN-914636 L/Nk MUTHRA DUTT, Army Service Corps.
 18344 L/Nk NAMARDAN, 7 Bn, The J & K Infantry.
 527 L/Nk SRIPATH SALVI, 1 Bn, The Mahar (MG) Regiment.
 30010 L/Nk NARAIN CHAND, 4 Bn, The Kumaon Regiment.
 91331 Amb/L/Nk BHAWANI DATT, 3 Light Field Ambulance.
 752 L/Cpl LADHU SINGH, Sawai Man Guards.
 94 CSM SHEONARAIN SINGH, Sawai Man Guards.
 1326 GDSM GIYAN SINGH, Sawai Man Guards.
 6009 GDSM BAHADUR SINGH, Sawai Man Guards.
 1291 GDSM BHANWAR SINGH, Sawai Man Guards.
 54937 OWA GIAN CHAND, 45/16 Fd Regiment Artillery.
 44358 OWA KESAR SINGH, 36/13 Fd Regiment Artillery.
 1105134 OWA JUGNOO RAM, 16 Fd Regiment Artillery.
 27786 OWA PHUL CHAND, 16 Fd Regiment Artillery.
 1203217 Gunr BHAGWAN SINGH, 7/22 Mtn Regiment Artillery.
 1103961 Gunr. P. KARUPPAN, 11 Field Regiment Artillery.
 1106521 Gunr OWA C. GOPALAN, 11 Field Regiment Artillery.
 17090 Gunr LINGAPA KOLI, 17 (Para), Field Regiment Artillery.
 1105400 Gunr RADHAKRISHNAN, 11 Field Regiment Artillery.
 6248734 Sigmnn JAGAT SINGH, Sigs Sec 8 Fd Regiment Artillery.
 6244046 Sigmnn P. RAMAN NAIR, MM, 26 (2AB), Div Sig Regiment.
 6247155 Sigmnn BALIAH, 26 (2AB), Div Sig Regiment.
 ISC-76217 Sigmnn BINDHIYACHAL, 26 (2AB), Div Sig Regiment.
 849 Sigmnn BANTA SINGH, Patiala Mountain Battery.
 38575 Sigmnn KEHAR SINGH, 165 Bde Signal Section.
 ME-167059 Craftman NIRMAL SINGH, E.M.E. att 7 Light Cavlary.
 128009 Spr KRISHNASWAMY, 13 Fd, Coy Engineers.
 100587 Spr BISHAN SINGH, 69 Fd, Coy Engineers.
 1305147 Spr SUBRAMANI, 433 Fd, Coy Engineers.
 130034 Spr MUTHUKRISHNAN, 433 Fd, Coy Engineers.
 133341 Spr KRISHNAN, 433 Fd, Coy Engineers.
 1301029 Spr THIRUPATHI, 433 Fd, Coy Engineers.
 100416 Spr LAXMAN CHAND, 69 Fd, Coy Engineers.
 40001 Rfn HANWANT SINGH, 6 Bn, The Rajputana Rifles.
 17966 Rfn KIRPAL SINGH CHAUDHARI, 3 Bn The Garhwal Rifles.
 51765 Rfn KABIRAM THAPA, 1 Bn, The 4 Gorkha Rifles.
 51628 Rfn BAJRABAHADUR RAI, 1 Bn, The 4 Gorkha Rifles.

- 31747 Rfn PURANBAHADUR GURUNG, 6 Bn, The 8 Gorkha Rifles.
 2831953 Rfn BAHADUR SINGH, 5 Bn, The Rajputana Rifles.
 2833624 Rfn RAGHUBIR SINGH, 6 Bn, The Rajputana Rifles.
 9400839 Rfn GANGABAHADUR LIMBU, 5 Bn, The 11 Gorkha Rifles.
 15178 Rfn GAJE SINGH NEGI, 1 Bn, The Garhwal Rifles.
 15176 Rfn INDER SINGH RAWAT, 1 Bn, The Garhwal Rifles.
 17194 Rfn SHEKHAR SINGH RAWAT, 1 Bn, The Garhwal Rifles.
 7955 Rfn UMAR GURUNG, 2 Bn, The 3 Gorkha Rifles.
 37351 Rfn GOP BAHADUR THAPA, 2 Bn, The 3 Gorkha Rifles.
 40327 Rfn NARBAHADUR LIMBU, 2 Bn, The 3 Gorkha Rifles.
 5228079 Rfn HEM LAL THAPA, 2 Bn, The 3 Gorkha Rifles.
 5231466 Rfn SALIGRAM RANA, 2 Bn, The 3 Gorkha Rifles.
 10369 Rfn NAIN SINGH BISHT, 3 Bn, The Garhwal Rifles.
 28162 Rfn BODHU RAM, 6 Bn, The Rajputana Rifles.
 32881 Rfn SINGHASAN SINGH, 6 Bn, The Rajputana Rifles.
 40022 Rfn YADU RAM, 6 Bn, The Rajputana Rifles.
 42087 Rfn CHAMAN SINGH, 6 Bn, The Rajputana Rifles.
 42734 Rfn PAHLAD SINGH, 6 Bn, The Rajputana Rifles.
 5328814 Rfn TIKARAM NEWAR, 2 Bn, The 4 Gorkha Rifles.
 85485 Rfn MOTILAL THAPA, 2 Bn, The 8 Gorkha Rifles.
 8028 Rfn DIL BAHADUR GURUNG, 2 Bn, The 4 Gorkha Rifles.
 1259 Sowar RISAL SINGH, J & K (BG), Cavalry. (*Posthumous*).
 49524 Sowar PRITAM SINGH, 7 Light Cavalry.
 1004047 Sowar GURDEV SINGH, 7 Light Cavalry.
 18812 Sep RUDAR BAHADUR, 2 Bn, The J & K Infantry. (*Posthumous*).
 482 Sep RAI SINGH, 7 Bn, The J. & K Infantry. (*Posthumous*).
 23867 Sep PARTAP SINGH, 4 Bn, The Kumaon Regiment.
 9120212 Sep KALI DASS, 11 J & K Militia.
 11222 Sep PANGU, 9 J & K Infantry.
 13329 Sep NANK CHAND, 8 J & K Infantry.
 7009 Sep BINA RAM, 8 J & K Infantry.
 13674 Sep BALAK RAM, 1 J & K Infantry.
 13040 Sep REN GARBH, 1 J & K Infantry.
 13704 Sep LAKSHMI CHAND, 1 J & K Infantry.
 75735 Sep RAM SHAMUJH, 54 Fd Amb, A.M.C.
 93787 Amb/Sep PARTAP SINGH, 3 Light Field Ambulance.
 4130687 Sep SURAJ BHAN, 4 Bn, The Kumaon Regiment.
 27354 Sep NARINJAN SINGH, 7 Bn, The Sikh Regiment.
 2731469 Sep RAJARAM KHANVILKAR, 5 Bn, The Mahratta Light Inf.
 2731353 Sep DINKAR JAGDALE, 5 Bn, The Mahratta Light Infantry.
 2729735 Sep KESHAV DUDHWADKAR, 5 Bn, The Mahratta Light Infantry.
 2534773 Sep AUGUSTINE, 2 (Para) Bn, The Madras Regiment.
 3134107 Sep SURAT SINGH, 3 Bn, The Jat Regiment.
 9070242 Sep GHULAM MOHD NAJAR, 1 Bn, The J & K Militia.
 9070244 Sep AKBAR NAIK, 1 Bn, The J & K Militia.
 Sep SAID ULLAH, 2 Bn, The J & K Militia.
 2424 Sep SIBU NONHAB, 3 Bn, The J & K Militia.
 3226 Sep DATURI GOPE, 3 Bn, The J & K Militia.
 6816 Sep APPA DHALU, 1 Bn, The Mahar (MG) Regiment.
 ME-132434 Sep/Dvr G. BHASKARAN NAIR, E.M.E. att 7 Cavalry.
 4382 Sep MELA SINGH, 1 Bn, The Patiala (RS) Infantry.

4732 Sep RULIA SINGH, 1 Bn, The Patiala (RS) Infantry.
 3134109 Sep HUKAM CHAND, 3 Bn, The Jat Regiment.
 14218 Sep LABH SINGH, 1 Bn, The Sikh Regiment.
 19413 Sep SADHU SINGH, 1 Bn, The Sikh Regiment.
 30475 Sep TEJA SINGH, 1 Bn, The Sikh Regiment.
 31517 Sep CHANAN SINGH, 1 Bn, The Sikh Regiment.
 3330739 Sep BHARAT SINGH, 1 Bn, The Sikh Regiment.
 14622 Sep RAM SINGH, 7 Bn, The Sikh Regiment.
 13026 Sep HARNAM SINGH, 2 Bn, The Dogra Regiment.
 64362 Amb/Sep RISHI RAM, 83 Field, Ambulance.
 4400 Sep/Cook ATMA SINGH, 1 Bn, The Patiala (RS) Infantry.
 43302 Nursing Orderly RAMSARUP SINGH, 3 Light Field Ambulance.
 F/35 Sweeper RAHIM, 4 Bn, The Kumaon Regiment.

No. 12-Pres./52.—The President is pleased to approve the award of the ASHOKA CHAKRA, Class I, to the undermentioned personnel for most conspicuous bravery in the Hyderabad Police Action—1948:

13730 Havildar BACHITTAR SINGH, 2 Bn, The Sikh Regiment (Posthumous).

Hav BACHITTAR SINGH was commanding the leading Platoon on 13 Sep 48 when two vehicles were seen approaching his position from NALDRUG. He ordered a rifleman to fire on the approaching vehicles and himself with one man ran forward to capture the vehicles and their escort. Disregarding the fire opened on him, he continued his charge and captured both the vehicles and their escort.

The same day fire was opened on the leading platoon from a strong point with a Bren Gun. Hav BACHITTAR SINGH with great skill and determination led the attack on the position. When about 30 yds from the objective, he got a LMG burst in his thigh and fell. In spite of his wounds, he crawled forward and threw two grenades on the LMG post, thus silencing it. Hav BACHITTAR SINGH although mortally wounded refused to allow any one to dress his wounds and kept on encouraging his men to advance and capture the objective, which they did.

His personal example of unsurpassed valour, grim determination devotion to duty and leadership was an inspiration to all who saw it.

2. 10341 Naik NARBAHADUR THAPA, 5 Bn, The 5 Gorkha Rifles.

On 13th September 1948, No. 2 Pl 'A' Company 5/5 GR was held up on the left flank of the TUNGABHADRA RS Bridge by automatic fire from a Bren Gun post and sniping from a second position. As soon as the positions were engaged by Section fire Naik NARBAHADUR THAPA seized his opportunity, dashed across 100 yds of open ground under heavy fire, and with his Khukri silenced the Bren Gun crew.

He acted with great courage and complete disregard for his personal safety, and by this very gallant effort he enabled his platoon to advance and secure the vital bridge.

No. 13-Pres./52.—The President is pleased to approve the award of the ASHOKA CHAKRA, Class II, to the undermentioned personnel for acts of conspicuous gallantry in the Hyderabad Police Action—1948:—

1. Captain JOGINDRA SINGH GHARAYA (IC 1984) I Bn, The Bihar Regiment.

On 24 September 1948, Capt GHARAYA while proceeding with his Company to village PUCHANAPET was suddenly fired upon by two truck loads of Razakars who then made away. Capt. GHARAYA immediately engaged them from his jeep and, followed closely by some of his men in a truck, he gave chase. Although constantly under fire, he kept up the chase and returned fire. Eventually he managed to shoot down two Razakars. Later the driver too was killed and the truck halted. The Razakars, however, took up positions and continued the fight. Captain GHARAYA then with one Section only, charged the Razakars, killing twelve. Six .303, six Henry Martini Rifles and one Pistol were captured.

Throughout this action, as well as on other numerous occasions during the Police Action, Capt. GHARAYA showed great leadership, courage and initiative in rounding up armed Razakars.

His utter disregard for his personal safety coupled with his cheerfulness were an inspiration and example to all who came in contact with him.

2. 2431079 Havildar AMAR SINGH, 7 Bn, The Punjab Regiment.

The BALHARSHAH single track railway bridge spanning the river PAIN GANGA is approximately 300 yds. long. The capture of this bridge intact was of vital importance. It was, therefore, decided to send over a suicide squad riding in a sandbagged flat which would be pushed forward over the bridge in front of a railway engine. Strong forces were known to be entrenched on the other side of the bridge.

When 18 volunteers were asked for, Hav. AMAR SINGH was the first to volunteer. They all fully realized the chances of either being blown up in the middle of the bridge or being over-run by superior numbers on the far side.

At the appointed time, the engine moved forward, but it did not even reach the bridge before heavy and accurate LMG fire was opened on the flat. The flat was pushed forward at great speed and as soon as it reached the last span, the brakes were applied. Hav. AMAR SINGH seeing the sentry about to blow up the bridge jumped out and shot him down. He then attacked and single-handedly silenced the MG post which was firing on the supporting troops.

There is no doubt that had this NCO not shown outstanding gallantry and initiative, the bridge would have been blown up thus delaying the operations.

3. 20415 Naik HARDIAL SINGH, 3 Bn, The Sikh Regiment (Posthumous).

On 3 November 1948, the Union Circle Inspector, JINTUR reported the presence of six notorious dacoits fully armed in a nearby jungle. Naik HARDIAL SINGH who was a Section Commander in the platoon was ordered to capture these dacoits.

The platoon was guided to a nullah in an area covered with high grass, trees and thick shrubs. Placing two sections on the flanks, the platoon Commander ordered Naik HARDIAL SINGH's section to comb the suspected area. When Naik HARDIAL SINGH was hardly 30 yds. from the dacoits' position, he was fired upon and sustained a severe wound in his right thigh. Although he was offered a first-aid dressing, he refused to accept it and rushed towards the position, firing his Sten gun and killing 3 dacoits. Two dacoits, however, retreated to take up a new position. Naik HARDIAL SINGH chased them and threw a grenade at them. This killed one and wounded the other. The wounded dacoit fired a burst from his Thompson Sub-Machine Gun and a bullet hit Naik HARDIAL SINGH in the neck killing him on the spot.

Naik HARDIAL SINGH showed exemplary courage, leadership and self-sacrifice throughout this operation.

4. 3532319 Sepoy SEWA SINGH, 2 Bn, The Sikh Regiment.

On 13th September 1948, Sepoy SEWA SINGH was ordered to assault a dug-in position which was protecting a 25 Pdr. Gun at JALKOT. His section was held up by heavy LMG fire. Sepoy SEWA SINGH entirely on his own initiative crawled forward and threw two hand-grenades into the trench, thus silencing the LMG. He then dashed forward and bayoneted three of the LMG crew in the post. This bold action of his helped the advance of his Section, and enabled them to carry out their task successfully and without any casualties.

Sepoy SEWA SINGH, the youngest soldier in his Platoon thus displayed great offensive spirit and determination and set an example to all.

5. 2630785 Sepoy DARYAO, 3 Bn, The Grenadiers.

Sepoy DARYAO's section was ordered to advance and liquidate a position which was firing on his platoon. As the section advanced up the slope, it came under fire from a LMG, and was forced to halt. Sepoy DARYAO realising that the destruction of this LMG was vital came out of cover thereby attracting the fire towards himself. No sooner had the LMG been aimed at him than he got under cover again and proceeded to advance towards the LMG position. He then asked a sepoy to crawl in the opposite direction and engage the LMG position with rifle fire. As soon as Sepoy DARYAO got close to the position, he dashed forward and pulled the LMG clear of the gunner, turned it round quickly, aimed and fired at his adversaries killing both the No. 1 and No. 2 of the Gun. During this gallant act Sepoy DARYAO remained calm and collected although under fire and showed complete disregard for his personal safety. His courage, initiative and quick action were in keeping with the highest traditions of the service.

No. 14-Pres./52.—The President is pleased to approve the award of the ASHOKA CHAKRA, Class III, to the undermentioned personnel for acts of gallantry in the Hyderabad Police Action—1948:—

- Major P. S. GAHOON (IEC 3037), 7 Bn, The Punjab Regiment.
 2/Lieut. M. THULASIRAM (SS 14254), 65 Field Company Engineers.
 24406-IO Subedar KARTAR SINGH, MC, 3 Bn, The Punjab Regiment.
 61148-IO Jemadar SAMANDAR SINGH, 3 Bn, The Grenadiers.
 15848 L/Naik MILKHA SINGH, 3 Bn, The Punjab Regiment.
 2432176 L/Naik BISHAN SINGH, 7 Bn, The Punjab Regiment.
 2430514 Sepoy SHANKAR DASS, 3 Bn, The Punjab Regiment.

No. 15-Pres./52.—The President is pleased to approve the award of the ASHOKA CHAKRA, Class II, to the undermentioned personnel for acts of conspicuous gallantry during the civil disturbances—1947:—

1. Major GURCHARAN SINGH, (IEC. 11), 26 Light A. A. Regiment.

Major GURCHARAN SINGH was escorting a refugee train out of Delhi. The train was held up approximately three miles from Ludhiana on the mid-night of the 19/20th September 1947, by a well armed mob estimated to be over a thousand strong. It was a pitch dark night and there were no lights in the train.

The mob opened fire which was returned by the escort. A crowd, armed with spears and swords, however, succeeded in getting into the train. As they could not be dislodged by firing, Major GURCHARAN SINGH got down with eight Other Ranks and charged the crowd. During this attack, he sustained three bullet wounds in his leg and two spear wounds on his arm. Although he was bleeding profusely, he continued to lead his men, inflicting casualties on the mob and clearing them from the train. Five Other Ranks also sustained injuries but by then the crowd had dispersed.

Major GURCHARAN SINGH refused all help until the wounded refugees had been given first-aid and put back into the train.

By his courage, leadership and devotion to duty in the face of such heavy odds, Major GURCHARAN SINGH saved the lives of 3500 refugees entrusted to his care and set an example of the highest order.

2. 22544 Sowar PRITHI SINGH, 3 Cavalry.

At 0200 hrs. on the night of the 25/26th August 1947, a military special carrying about 1500 civilians picked up from various stations *enroute*, was attacked by a hostile mob near CHAK PIRANA railway station. The mob which was approximately 2000 strong, fired at the train and rushed towards it. The troops got down and managed to disperse the mob. As the night was dark, a few of the attackers managed to get near the train and detached the engine along with some of the bogies. The rest of the train which had been immobilized was thus in great danger. Sowar PRITHI SINGH seeing that the engine was moving away with only a few of the bogies ran forward and boarded it. He shot one of the two ruffians who were forcing the driver to drive on. The other on seeing his accomplice shot, jumped out of the running engine. Sowar PRITHI SINGH then ordered and made the frightened engine driver take the engine back to its original position, and thus by his courage and initiative, averted a very grave situation.

No. 16-Pres./52.—The President is pleased to approve the award of the ASHOKA CHAKRA, Class III, to the undermentioned personnel for acts of gallantry during the civil disturbances—1947:—

- Lt. Col. R. A. Shebbeare (IA-188), 3 Bn. The Grenadiers.
 Major (now Lt.-Colonel) S. L. MENEZES (IC 540), 3 Bn, The Grenadiers.
 Major A. T. Stephenson (AI-761), 3 Bn. The Garhwal Rifles.
 7650 Sub-Major DHAN SINGH, 26 Lt. AA Regiment Artillery.
 199 Hav. NARANJAN SINGH, 1 Bn, The Sikh Regiment.
 5103 L/Dafadar SULTAN SINGH, 17 Poona Horse.
 4028159 Rifleman BAKHTAWAR SINGH BHANDARI, 3 Bn, The Garhwal Rifles.
 20989 Sepoy HARCHAND SINGH, 1 Bn, The Sikh Regiment.
 21497 Sepoy RICHHPAL SINGH, 3 Bn, The Grenadiers.
 1 (P) Bn, The Kumaon Regiment.

No. 17-Pres./52.—The President is pleased to approve the award of the ASHOKA CHAKRA, Class II, to the undermentioned personnel of the I.A.F. for acts of conspicuous gallantry:—

FLT. LT. U.A. D'CRUZ (3296)

Flt. Lt. U.A. D'CRUZ while carrying out an offensive reconnaissance over the AKHNUR-BHIMBER area was shot down and captured by Pathan tribesmen on 1st December 1947. He remained a prisoner with the tribesmen, and later with the Pakistan Army, until December 1948, when he was returned to India under a scheme for the exchange of prisoners of war.

While a prisoner, Flt. Lt. D'CRUZ was often beaten and threatened with death by his captors but neither ill-treatment nor the offer of monetary rewards could undermine his loyalty to his country or his service.

The fortitude and devotion to duty displayed by Flt. Lt. D'CRUZ while a prisoner of war is in accordance with the highest traditions of his service and an example to his fellow officers and men.

FLT. SGT. O. SUNDARESIYA (10072).

On 1st May 1950, Flt. Sgt. O. SUNDARESIYA, having noticed that a fire had broken out in one of the compartments of the 603 Down Jhansi-Lucknow Passenger between Chirgaon and Moth Stations. As pulling the emergency communications cord failed to stop the train, he climbed out of his carriage and working his way along the foot-boards at great personal risk, got as near to the engine as possible, attracted the attention of the engine crew and thus succeeded in bringing the train to a stop. But for his timely action, there might have been many casualties among the passengers and heavy damage to Railway property.

SGT. RAM CHANDRA DUA (21075).

Sgt. Ram Chandra Dua whilst attending Mahatma Gandhi's Prayer Meeting at 1500 hours on the 20th January, 1948 displayed outstanding initiative and courage in pursuing and successfully apprehending Madan Lal. Madan Lal after throwing a bomb at Mahatma Gandhi was running away and threatened to kill Sgt. Ram Chandra Dua when the latter intercepted him. Completely disregarding his own safety Sgt. Ram Chandra Dua held on to Madan Lal till the arrival of the Police. Madan Lal when searched was found to be in possession of a live grenade which he was taking out of his pocket when Sgt. Ram Chandra Dua apprehended him.

SGT. DEV RAJ SINGH (10052).

Sgt. Dev Raj Singh was attending the prayer meeting at Birla House on the 30th January, 1948. As Mahatma Gandhi came out of the house and was proceeding towards the dais, he was fired at by Godse. Sgt. Dev Raj Singh who was standing close by immediately closed with the assailant. He snatched the smoking pistol from Godse's hand and pointed it at him and with the assistance of a civilian held on to him until the arrival of the police.

In grappling with Godse, Sgt. Dev Raj Singh exposed himself to great personal risk as there were still four bullets in the pistol.

SHAVAX A. LAL, Secy.

