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The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the VICTORIA CROSS to:—

No. 10119 Rifleman Tulbahadur Pun, 6th Gurkha Rifles, Indian Army.

In Burma on June 23rd, 1944, a Battalion of the 6th Gurkha Rifles was ordered to attack the Railway Bridge at Mogaung. Immediately the attack developed the enemy opened concentrated and sustained cross fire at close range from a position known as the Red House and from a strong bunker position two hundred yards to the left of it.

So intense was this cross fire that both the leading platoons of "B" Company, one of which was Rifleman Tulbahadur Pun's, were pinned to the ground and the whole of his Section was wiped out with the exception of himself, the Section Commander and one other man. The Section Commander immediately led the remaining two men in a charge on the Red House but was at once badly wounded. Rifleman Tulbahadur Pun and his remaining companion continued the charge, but the latter too was immediately badly wounded.

Rifleman Tulbahadur Pun then seized the Bren Gun, and firing from the hip as he went, continued the charge on this heavily bunkered position alone, in the face of the most shattering concentration of automatic fire, directed straight at him. With the dawn coming up behind him, he presented a perfect target to the Japanese. He had to move for thirty yards over open ground, ankle deep in mud, through shell holes and over fallen trees.

Despite these overwhelming odds, he reached the Red House and closed with the Japanese occupants. He killed three and put five more to flight and captured two light machine guns and much ammunition. He then gave accurate supporting fire from the bunker to the remainder of his platoon which enabled them to reach their objective.

His outstanding courage and superb gallantry in the face of odds which meant almost certain death were most inspiring to all ranks and were beyond praise.

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1.*

*9th November, 1944.*

The King has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following promotion in, and appointments to, the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in the field:—

*To be an Additional Commander of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order:—*

Colonel (local) Lindsay Tasman Ride, O.B.E., Indian Army.

*To be an Additional Officer of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order:—*

Major Raymond Thomas Binns (SX.9123), Australian Military Forces.

*To be Additional Members of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order:—*

Captain Henry Judson Byrnes, The Royal Canadian Army Service Corps.

Lieutenant (temporary Captain) John Gerrard Kerins (86248), Corps of Royal Engineers.

Lieutenant (temporary Captain) John Henry Mark Fane (69631), The Green Howards (Alexandra, Princess of Wales's Own Yorkshire Regiment).

Lieutenant (temporary Captain) William Magson (74402), Corps of Royal Engineers.

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*9th November, 1944.*

The King has been graciously pleased to give orders, on the advice of His Majesty's Canadian Ministers, for the following promotion in, and appointment to, the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in Italy:—

*To be Additional Commanders of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order:—*

Major-General (acting) Bertram Meryl Hoffmeister, D.S.O., E.D., The Canadian Army.

Brigadier James Desmond Blaise Smith, D.S.O., O.B.E., The Canadian Army.