

of the Zakka Khel question was so rapidly and satisfactorily brought to a conclusion. I cannot speak too highly of his valuable services which are deserving of full recognition.

Khan Bahadur Sahibzada Abdul Qaiyum, Assistant to the Chief Political Officer.—I have brought his services prominently to the notice of the Foreign Department of the Government of India, and I would here only add that his assistance to the troops during our first advance was thoroughly appreciated by us all.

Mr. J. W. Littlewood, District Traffic Superintendent, North-Western Railway.—Gave me great assistance and at the shortest possible notice arranged for the many trains necessary to move up the Reserve Brigade to Nowshera.

32. For His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief's information I have attached on a separate list—Appendix A—the names of officers, warrant and non-commissioned officers and men (British and Native) who did extra good work during the operations.

33. I beg to recommend the following Native non-commissioned officers and men for distinguished gallantry in the field. [In each case the records are attached —Appendix B] :—

28th Punjabis—

No. 2992 Havildar Hari Singh.

No. 4165 Naik Gurdit Singh.

No. 4178 Sepoy Munshi.

54th Sikhs (Frontier Force)—

No. 1877 Sepoy Bishn Singh.

Khyber Rifles—

Havildar Tar Baz.

34. A list of casualties is attached.

APPENDIX A.

Colonel S. F. Biddulph, 19th Lancers, Commanding the Line of Communication.

Lieutenant-Colonel M. W. Kerin, R.A.M.C., Senior Medical Officer to the Force.

Lieutenant-Colonel W. J. D. Dundee, C.I.E., R.E., Commanding Royal Engineer Force.

Major G. L. H. Sanders, Supply and Transport Corps, Chief Supply Officer with the Force.

Major C. L. Gregory, 19th Lancers, Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General.

Major F. G. Lucas, D.S.O., 5th Gurkha Rifles.

Captain W. N. Lushington, Supply and Transport Corps, Commandant, 28th Mule Corps.

Captain P. H. Dyke, 127th Baluch Light Infantry, Commandant, 6th Mule Corps.

Captain J. R. E. Charles, D.S.O., R.E., Commanding No. 6 Company, 1st Sappers and Miners.

Captain and Adjutant C. A. Milward, 53rd Sikhs.

No. 31873 Sergeant Charton, 3rd Mountain Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery.

Sergeant-Major Norman-Reid, The Seaforth Highlanders.

No. 2739 Colour-Sergeant John Smith, The Seaforth Highlanders.

Conductor W. J. Lyttle, 6th Mule Corps.

Native officers and non-commissioned officers.

Jemadar Mir Ahmad, Khyber Rifles.

Subadar Mihan Singh, 28th Punjabis.

Jemadar Daud Shah, 55th Coke's Rifles (Frontier Force).

Subadar-Major Amar Singh Thapa, 2-5th Gurkha Rifles.

Subadar Sayyid Ali, 53rd Sikhs (Frontier Force).

Havildar Mobin Khan, 59th Scinde Rifles (Frontier Force).

No. 698 1st Class Hospital Assistant Karn Chand, 45th Sikhs.

No. 766 Driver Mangal Singh, 22nd Derajat Mountain Battery.

APPENDIX B.

Records in the Case of Non-Commissioned Officers and Men recommended for the Indian Order of Merit.

Extracts from a letter from Officer Commanding 28th Punjabis.

No. 2992 Havildar Hari Singh "stayed behind with wounded men during the action on February 21st, and directed their removal under a heavy fire."

No. 4165 Naick Gurdit Singh "remained to the last when hotly pressed and carried a wounded Dogra down the hill on his back under a heavy fire."

No. 4478 Sepoy Munshi "carried wounded Sepoy Shama for a long distance on his back down the China hill under fire."

Extract from a memorandum from Officer Commanding, 54th Sikhs.

No. 1877 Sepoy Bishn Singh "during the action of February 18th accompanied Lieutenant Shirley when he went back to assist the wounded man (Havildar Partab Singh) and helped to bring him back behind the firing line under cover."

Extract from a letter from the Officer Commanding Khyber Rifles.

Havildar Tar Baz (Political Orderly to Lieutenant-Colonel Roos-Keppel, C.I.E.), "went on four occasions during the expedition into the Zakka Khel villages to obtain information, and also reconnoitred the Afghan lashkar below Thabai, on each occasion at the greatest risk of his life."

Return of Casualties in Action, Bazar Valley Field Force, from 15th to 29th February, 1908.

SUMMARY.

Officers—1 killed, 4 wounded (one of whom died).

Non-commissioned Officers and men—2 killed, 33 wounded (two of whom died).

Nominal Return of Officers Killed, Wounded and Missing.

I.—Killed.

Rank.	Name.	Nature of Wound.
Major	The Honourable D. Forbes-Sempill, 1st Seaforth Highlanders	Gunshot wound of chest penetrating heart