

While he was consolidating his position, the enemy opened heavy fire with grenade dischargers, and at the same time put in a strong counter-attack in three waves of twenty each from a flank. It seemed that the platoon must be overwhelmed but Subadar Ram Sarup Singh got another light machine gun into position and led a charge against the advancing enemy, bayonetting four himself, and checking them. Although badly wounded in the thigh, he got up and, ignoring his wound, again went for the enemy shouting encouragement to his men. He bayoneted another Japanese and shot a further one, but was mortally wounded by a burst of medium machine gun fire in the chest and neck.

It would be difficult to find a finer example of cool bravery, cheerfulness, leadership and determination. His action had a profound effect on the rest of the Company, and when volunteers were called for to bring in his body, under the heaviest fire, the entire Company volunteered.

Subadar Ram Sarup Singh's gallantry will inspire the Regiment for all time.

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*War Office, 8th February, 1945.*

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

No. 24782 Sepoy Bhandari Ram, 10th Baluch Regiment, Indian Army.

On the 22nd November, 1944, in East Mayu, Arakan, during a Company attack on a strongly held Japanese bunker position, Sepoy Bhandari Ram was in the leading section of one of the Platoons. In order to reach its objective, it was necessary to climb a precipitous slope, by way of a narrow ridge with sheer sides.

When fifty yards from the top of the slope, the leading section of the Platoon came under heavy and accurate light machine gun fire. Three men were wounded, amongst them Sepoy Bhandari Ram, who received a burst of light machine gun fire in his left shoulder and a wound in his leg. The Platoon was pinned down by intense enemy fire. This Sepoy then crawled up to the Japanese light machine gun, whilst in full view of the enemy, and approached to within fifteen yards of the enemy position. The enemy then hurled grenades at him, seriously wounding him in the face and chest. Undeterred, severely wounded by bullets and grenade splinters and bespattered with blood, this Sepoy, with superhuman courage and determination, crawled up to within five yards of his objective. He then threw a grenade into the position, killing the enemy gunner and two other men, and continued his crawl to the post. Inspired by his example, the Platoon rushed up and captured the position. It was only after the position had been taken that he lay down and allowed his wounds to be dressed.

By his outstanding gallantry, determination to destroy the enemy at all cost, and entire disregard for his personal safety, this young Sepoy enabled his Platoon to capture what he knew to be the key to the whole enemy position.

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS  
OF KNIGHTHOOD.

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

*8th February, 1945.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointment to the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India, in recognition of services in connection with the operations in Burma and the Eastern Frontier of India during the period 16th November, 1943, to the 15th May, 1944:—

*To be an Additional Companion of the said  
Most Exalted Order:—*

Charles Ridley Pawsey Esq., C.I.E., M.C., Deputy Commissioner, Naga Hills, India.

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*8th February, 1945.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following promotions in, and appointments to, the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in Burma and on the Eastern Frontier of India:—

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

Brigadier (temporary) William Oswald Bowen, O.B.E. (11976), Royal Corps of Signals.

Brigadier (temporary) Richard Freeman Colwill, M.B.E. (I.A.735), Indian Army.

Brigadier (temporary) John Henry Edward de Robeck, M.B.E. (1925), Royal Regiment of Artillery.

Colonel (temporary) Cecil James Fisher, D.S.O., O.B.E. (49336), Pioneer Corps (Res. of Off.).

Major-General (temporary) Douglas David Gracey, O.B.E., M.C. (I.A.38), Indian Army.

Brigadier (temporary) Alfred Francis Hely, D.S.O. (34589), Royal Horse Artillery.

Brigadier (temporary) Thomas Richard Henry (I.A.76), 8th Punjab Regiment, Indian Army.

Brigadier (temporary) Leslie Innes Jacques, M.C. (14843), Corps of Royal Engineers.

Brigadier (temporary) Paul Theodor James, M.C. (I.A.593), Indian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers.

Brigadier (temporary) David Alexander Laurence Mackenzie, D.S.O. (A.I.337), 12th Frontier Force Regiment, Indian Army.

Brigadier (temporary) Lancelot Edgar Connop Mervyn Perowne (23654), Corps of Royal Engineers.

Major-General (acting) Ouvry Lindfield Roberts, D.S.O. (10009), late Corps of Royal Engineers.

Major-General (acting) Arthur Hugh Jay Snelling, O.B.E. (I.A.598), Indian Army.

Brigadier (temporary) Lechmere Cay Thomas, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C. (12601), The Royal Northumberland Fusiliers.

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

Colonel (temporary) Robert Alexander Anderson, M.B. (26294), Royal Army Medical Corps.

Major (temporary Lieutenant-Colonel) John Alexander Baty, M.B. (227045), Royal Army Medical Corps (Rotherham, Yorks).

Colonel (temporary) William Woodney Boggs (15392), Corps of Royal Engineers.

Major (temporary Lieutenant-Colonel) Cyril Percy Christopher Sibthorpe Bright (26951), Corps of Royal Engineers (Ripley, Surrey).

Major (temporary Lieutenant-Colonel) Joseph Gilles Maurice Alphonse Brunet (64091), Royal Army Medical Corps (Montreal).

Major (temporary Lieutenant-Colonel) Gilbert Kennedy Cassels (463), Corps of Royal Engineers (Bungay, Suffolk).

Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Henry Cooper (I.A.738), Royal Indian Army Service Corps.

Major (temporary Lieutenant-Colonel) Francis Roy Seppings Cosens, D.S.O. (I.A.147), 10th Gurkha Rifles, Indian Army.

Major (temporary Lieutenant-Colonel) Charles Francis Cox (36452), The South Wales Borderers (Ross, Herefordshire).

Major (temporary Lieutenant-Colonel) John Francis Crimmin (34704), Indian Armoured Corps.