

well in keeping with tradition. His behaviour, beyond doubt, adversely affected the enemy's plans, causing him to pull out prematurely from his ambush site and thus saving Number 10 Platoon from suffering further heavy casualties.

Military Medal

21147282 Lance Corporal SHERBIKRAM ALE, 2nd King Edward VII's Own Gurkha Rifles (The Sirmoor Rifles).

On 6th September 1964, Lance Corporal Sherbikram commanded a Section in an action against Indonesian regular soldiers in the Pensiangan area of Sebah. His section was detached to cover the nearest part of the enemy position whilst flanking troops moved into position to attack. He saw an enemy sentry moving along a track towards him and deliberately allowed the sentry to approach within a few yards in order not to prejudice surprise by opening fire before the flanking troops got into position. At a few yards range the sentry saw him and fired, the bullet passing through Lance Corporal Sherbikram's hat. He then killed the enemy sentry and led his section forward, under heavy machine gun and small arms fire, to better fire positions. Throughout this period he remained absolutely calm, giving clear fire orders and never once taking cover himself. His section then charged the first objective and he killed another enemy.

After the capture of the second objective Lance Corporal Sherbikram saw a counter attack developing and defeated it by standing in the open under heavy fire whilst he directed the weapons of his section on the attacking enemy.

Throughout the action Lance Corporal Sherbikram had complete command of his section. By his cool courage, his fine example and outstanding leadership he contributed greatly to the success of the whole operation in which eight Indonesians were killed and others wounded.

Military Medal

21151703 Rifleman RUDRABAHADUR GURUNG, 2nd King Edward VII's Own Gurkha Rifles (The Sirmoor Rifles).

On 23rd October 1964, Rifleman Rudrabahadur Gurung of Number 10 Platoon, C Company, 2/2nd Gurkha Rifles, was with his platoon in ambush in the Batu Lintang area in the Second Division of Sarawak.

Rifleman Rudrabahadur was the Number 1 light machine gunner in the right-hand group of the ambush party when a large Indonesian force, some forty to seventy strong, started to enter the ambush killing ground from the right. When ten of the enemy had entered the killing ground the ambush commander sprung the ambush by firing his own weapon. At this juncture six Indonesians were moving along the track immediately in view of Rifleman Rudrabahadur who at once opened accurate fire killing three enemy outright and wounding the remaining three with his first magazine. The main enemy force, which had yet to reach the killing ground, now reacted sharply and deployed at once, bringing into action two mortars and numerous light machine-guns and under the cover of fire from these weapons commenced a spirited counter-attack on the right flank of Number 10 Platoon's ambush position. Rifleman Rudrabahadur was, at this stage, the nearest Machine-gunner to the enemy's assaulting groups. Appreciating the dangerous situation which was rapidly developing, he picked up his gun and doubled forward without orders to an exposed position from where he could better see the area through which the Indonesians were pressing their counter-attack. Regardless of the fact that his presence in his new position was attracting heavy enemy rifle and machine-gun fire this brave young soldier commenced spraying the scrub and jungle, through which the enemy were advancing, with his machine-gun. He fired five magazines in this fashion, every movement from the enemy drawing his fire, until such time as the Indonesians' attack petered out and they withdrew.

Rifleman Rudrabahadur's gallant conduct under fire was an example to all the soldiers in his platoon taking part in the action and was well up to standard. His marksmanship in killing three Indonesians and wounding certainly three more contributed greatly to the success of his platoon's ambush and the prompt and accurate use of his machine-gun during the phase of the enemy's counter-attack when he undoubtedly

inflicted further casualties on the Indonesians, was very probably, decisive in beating off the numerically superior enemy force.

Mentioned in Despatches

Colonel (temporary Brigadier) Arthur Gordon PATTERSON, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., Staff (late Infantry).

22252273 Warrant Officer Class II Joseph Arthur WEBSTER, Royal Regiment of Artillery.

Major Alfred Christopher BATE, M.B.E. (400751), Royal Corps of Signals.

19056979 Warrant Officer Class II (acting Warrant Officer Class I), Gerald Ivan David GUBLER, Royal Corps of Signals.

22250483 Warrant Officer Class II Robert STATHER, Royal Corps of Signals.

22779555 Corporal (Lance Sergeant) Frank Goldsberry BOYD, Irish Guards.

Captain Raymond William ENGLAND (457158), The Lancashire Fusiliers, attached Special Air Service Regiment.

22834379 Warrant Officer Class II Thomas Clarke McCOMBE, The Royal Ulster Rifles.

23846368 Lance Corporal (acting Corporal) Terence Bernard Joseph DEIGNAN, The Royal Ulster Rifles.

23889793 Rifleman John HUNTER, The Royal Ulster Rifles.

Major Alexander Crawford Simpson BOSWELL, M.B.E. (397816), The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (Princess Louise's).

Lieutenant-Colonel David George HOUSE, O.B.E., M.C. (203138), 1st Green Jackets.

Lieutenant Christopher John Penrose MIERS (470118), 2nd Green Jackets, The King's Royal Rifle Corps.

22276729 Sergeant Bernard James WALKER, 1st Green Jackets.

23915492 Rifleman John Wilson Norman COWAN, 1st Green Jackets.

22843177 Rifleman Alfred STEPHENSON, 1st Green Jackets.

23500060 Lance Corporal James CATTERALL, The Parachute Corps, attached Special Air Service Regiment.

Major Ian MAYMAN (377493), 10th Princess Mary's Own Gurkha Rifles.

Captain Leonard James LAUDERDALE (449001), 2nd King Edward VII's Own Gurkha Rifles (The Sirmoor Rifles).

Lieutenant (temporary Captain) Bruce Clive JACKMAN (470091), 2nd King Edward VII's Own Gurkha Rifles (The Sirmoor Rifles).

Lieutenant (Q.G.O.) DILBAHADUR GURUNG (474512), 2nd King Edward VII's Own Gurkha Rifles (The Sirmoor Rifles).

Lieutenant (Q.G.O.) KHARKAPARSAD PUN (473285), 6th Queen Elizabeth's Own Gurkha Rifles.

Lieutenant (Q.G.O.) SOBARAM PUN (469342), 6th Queen Elizabeth's Own Gurkha Rifles.

21137603 Warrant Officer Class II JITBAHADUR LIMBU, 10th Princess Mary's Own Gurkha Rifles.

21131347 Sergeant RUPSING GURUNG, 2nd King Edward VII's Own Gurkha Rifles (The Sirmoor Rifles).

21179100 Sergeant MUKHBAHADUR MALL, 10th Princess Mary's Own Gurkha Rifles.

21131965 Corporal SANTABAHADUR GURUNG, 6th Queen Elizabeth's Own Gurkha Rifles.

21150325 Rifleman NAUPARSAD PUN, 2nd King Edward VII's Own Gurkha Rifles (The Sirmoor Rifles).

21149246 Rifleman TEKBAHADUR PUN, 2nd King Edward VII's Own Gurkha Rifles (The Sirmoor Rifles).

21132498 Corporal RANBAHADUR PUN, Gurkha Signals.

23501030 Trooper William Edward WHITE, Special Air Service Regiment. (Posthumous.)

S/21023965 Warrant Officer Class II (acting Warrant Officer Class I) Colin Victor ROSE, Royal Army Service Corps.

T/22325290 Sergeant Eric Wooldrage, Royal Army Service Corps.

Major Robert Sidney BLEWETT (446840), Royal Army Medical Corps.