

# **SLIM STATUETTE: EDITION ONE. THE AYO GURKHALI COLLECTION**



**Field Marshal The Viscount Slim KG GCB GCMG GCVO GBE DSO MC  
1891 - 1970**

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## **AGC THE SLIM STATUETTE, EDITION ONE: BACKGROUND AND PROVENANCE**

I am writing to you to inform you of a recently commissioned Brigade of Gurkhas statuette.

The Slim statuette was sculpted in 2017 by Robert Jones who has very generously made a significant contribution to Gurkha history with his sculptures and paintings of Gurkhas.

Edition One of The Slim Statuette is a limited edition of twenty which may be produced in silver or bronze resin.

The statuette will be available to individuals and organisations that have a connection to Field Marshall 1st Viscount Slim. The statuette will be a visual reminder of Slim and mark, in a modest way the outstanding contribution of Britain's greatest General who served at regimental duty with the first battalion of the Sixth Gurkha Rifles and commanded the second battalion of the Seventh Gurkha Rifles.

Privately funded the AGC does not seek profit. Robert Jones generously undertakes all of the AGC commissions and accepts neither a fee nor expenses for which we are most

grateful. The statuettes are cast in UK and are keenly priced as the AGC's aim is to enhance the availability of tasteful Gurkha historical memorabilia to the discerning.

If this statuette is of interest to you please get in touch with me personally. Please be advised the Edition will be numbered and so embossed with both the artists mark and assay where appropriate. The Image on the left below is the Slim statuette beside the WW1 Gurkha Soldier statuette. There are a number of Inscription options that may be discussed.

Of background interest, The AGC was founded in 2007 and includes tasteful silver memorabilia, oil paintings, water colours and statuettes which all have a Gurkha and Nepali theme.



### **SLIM BRIEF BIOGRAPHY**

A truly great military commander, he led the Fourteenth Army in the victorious Burma Campaign during the Second World War, was Chief of the Imperial General Staff 1948 - 1952 and Governor- General of Australia 1953 -1960 and is regarded by many Australians as an authentic war hero who had fought with the Anzacs at Gallipoli.

Slim saw active service in both the first and second world wars and was wounded in action three times.

During the Second World War he led the 14th Army the so-called "forgotten army" in the Burma campaign and was respectfully and affectionately referred to by his soldiers as "Uncle Bill". After the war he became the first British officer who had served in the Indian Army to be appointed Chief of the Imperial General Staff.

Slim is undoubtedly considered one of Britain's greatest generals and was revered by all who served with him.

### SLIM LIST OF HONOURS:



Knight of The Most Noble Order of The Garter



Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath



Knight Grand Cross of the Order of The Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George



Knight Grand Cross of The Royal Victorian Order



Knight Grand Cross of The Most Excellent Order of The British Empire



Knight of the Order of St John



Distinguished Service Order



Military Cross



Chief Commander of the Legion of Merit

(United States of America)

### SLIM LIST OF MEDALS:

1914-15 Star

British War Medal 1914-20.

Victory Medal 1914-19

1939-45 Star

Africa Star

Burma Star

Defence Medal 1939-45

War Medal 1939-45 with Mention-in-Despatched emblem

General Service Medal 1918-62 with clasp "S.E. ASIA 1945-46"

Coronation Medal 1953.

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The Gurkha Museum

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Headquarters Brigade of Gurkhas

6<sup>th</sup> QEO Gurkha Rifles Regimental Association

The Queen's Own Gurkha Logistic Regiment

The Gilham Innes Farlow Trust (GIFT)

Regimental Statuette Manufacturers

All Arms Manufacturing and Marketing Organisation Company Limited (AMMO)

## INTEREST AND ORDERS

This offer is at this stage only available to 6 GRRA, RGRRA and QOGLR Assn members and the only remaining Edition numbers available are:

**Bronze: 4, 8, 9, 11, 12, 15 & 18.**

**Silver: 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 15 & 18.**

The bronze resin is valued with a plinth in either a mahogany finish or black colour at £161 incl p&p and VAT (hall marked silver plaque is an additional c£50 less VAT with an Inscription of your choice).

The EPNS statuette with assay mark with a plinth in either a mahogany finish or black colour is keenly priced at £499 incl p&p and VAT (hall marked silver plaque is an additional c£50 less VAT with an Inscription of your choice).

Interested purchasers are requested to contact Paul Gilham (01264 358238).