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NAMING OF TRAIN AFTER TULBAHADUR PUN VC – 23 JUNE 21

1. **General.** The Great Western Railway (GWR) are honouring Tulbahadur Pun VC by naming an Inter-City train after him. A brief, Covid compliant, ceremony is to be held at Paddington Station on 23 June 21.
2. **Aim.** The aim of this letter is to inform those attending of the timings and format of the event.
3. **General Outline.** The GBA and HQBG have been asked to support and participate in the GWR event. Due to Covid restriction only a few guests have been invited, but RA members are welcome to attend as members of the public.
4. **Venue.** Platform 1, Paddington Station. Platform 1 is on the extreme left, as you look at the platforms. See Annex A.
5. **Timings.** The planned timings for the event are as follows:
 - a. 0959 hrs – Train arrives at Paddington Station.
 - b. 1015 hrs – Guests arrive at “Clock Arch” area of Platform 1.
 - c. 1025 hrs – Move to event area.
 - d. 1030 hrs – Ceremony starts.
 - (1) HR Director GWR (Ruth Busby) start the Ceremony and introduce President GBA.
 - (2) President GBA’s speech.
 - (3) HR Director speech – “History Behind Naming Trains”.
 - (4) Tulbahadur Pun VC citation - Director Gurkha Museum.
 - (5) HR Director introduces Joanna Lumley.
 - (6) Megh and Arjun (Daughter/Son of Tulbahadur Pun VC) officially name the train.
 - (7) Thank you, speech, on behalf of the family – Bde Sec
 - e. 1055 hrs – Stage moved away from train for photos and interviews.
 - f. 1115 hrs – Train Departs.
6. **Admin.**
 - a. **Covid.** With Covid Level 3 restriction still in force, all attendees are required to wear masks, maintain social distancing and use hand gels.
 - b. **Guests:** The following have been invited by GWR:
 - (1) President GBA – Lieutenant General Sir David Bill KCB
 - (2) Chairman GBA – Colonel David Hayes CBE
 - (3) Secretary GBA - Major Mani Rai MBE, DL
 - (4) Colonel Brigade of Gurkhas – Colonel Jody Davies MBE

- (5) Director Gurkha Museum – Dr Daren Bowyer MA, M Phil, PhD, FRSA
- (6) Chairman 6GRRA - Lieutenant Colonel Duncan Briggs
- (7) Tulbahadur's Family Friend - Lt Col Brian O'Bree 6GRRA.

c. **Spectators.** RA spectators are welcome.

d. **Dress:**

- (1) Col BG – No 1 Dress; medals no sword.
- (2) Remainder – Suits, medals (full size) and Hats Felt Gurkha. 6GR personnel may wish to wear their Regimental Tie.

e. **Train.** GWR have gone to great lengths to make the event special by selecting train number 800 006 to be called Tulbahadur Pun VC. See example at Annex A.

f. **Refreshments:** Refreshments will be available for guests in the alcove beneath the clock arch from 1000 hrs. See Annex A.

2. **Point of Contact.**

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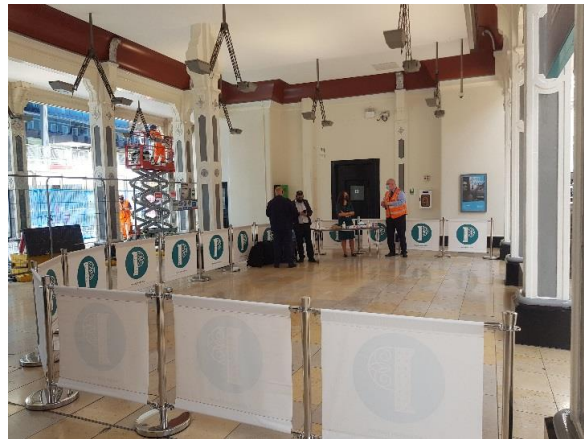
Annex:

A. Platform 1, Padding Station

PLATFORM 1, PADDINGTON STATION



Platform 1 showing Clock Arch



Reception Area under Clock Arch



Reception Area under Clock Arch



Inter-City Train similar to that to be named:
Tulbahadur Pun VC