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Schedule No. Unit 2/2nd Gurkha Rifles

Brigade Division 579

Rank and Army or Personal No. 7373-10 Subedar

Corps Army

Name KALU CHETTRI

(Christian names must be stated)

Action for which commended
(Date and place of action must be stated)

Subedar Kalu Chettri officiated as Battalion Subedar Major during the retreat from North Malaya to Singapore. He proved throughout to be a tower of strength. The Battalion was constantly in the line and seldom in reserve. It suffered heavy losses from bombing and from artillery, mortar and small arms fire, and by companies and detachments being cut off time and again. It was perpetually worn out and exhausted and often without food. Subedar Kalu, with tireless energy, was always to the fore, improvising administration and encouraging both officers and men, an inspiration to all. It was in no small degree due to his cheerful bearing and indomitable spirit that the portion of the Battalion which reached Singapore was still an effective fighting force.

He distinguished himself on a number of occasions. One only is quoted. At SLIM RIVER on 7th January enemy tanks broke through down the main road, capturing and holding the

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Major J. H. C. Robertson, O.C. 2/2nd Gurkha Rifles.	M.C.	
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the road bridge over the river, the only artery by which two brigades could effectively withdraw. Eventually withdrawal was ordered across a semi-demolished railway bridge which could only be passed with difficulty in single file. All transport and heavy equipment had to be destroyed or abandoned. Enemy tanks on the flank of and behind the forward Companies were preventing their withdrawal to cover the bridge. Subedar Kaly, undaunted by the general atmosphere of confusion, coolly organized details of Battalion H.Q. to form a bridgehead, under enemy mortar and tank fire, and it was

If a casualty as under, fill in date.

Nature of Casualty	Date
Killed in action	
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in no small degree due to his coolness and resource that so many were eventually extricated. Throughout the campaign he set a high standard of courage and devotion to duty.

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