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	2/2 G.R.	Regimental No. 5446 (I.O. No. 7373)	SUB. KALU CHETTRI (NOW A/SUB.MAJOR)	Sub. Kalu was a prisoner of war in Japanese hands in Singapore for more than 3½ years after its fall, during the whole of which time, except for the period spent in a concentration camp, he was with the men of his battalion, separated and entirely cut off from his King's Commissioned Officers, who were in the British Camps and with whom all contact was strictly forbidden under pain of very severe punishment. For the first six months he loyally and faithfully carried out the policy laid down by his Subedar Major of resisting and opposing the attempts of the "Indian National Army" to subvert his men. When the Sub. Major was removed to a concentration camp Sub. Kalu became the senior officer with his battalion. Shortly afterwards he, together with the remaining Gurkha Officers was ordered to I.N.A. H.Q. to be given a "last chance" to join. The men of the battalion, incensed at this persecution and the removal of their officers, prepared to resist it by force. Sub. Kalu counselled restraint, good discipline and steadfastness, explaining that he was their representative and would answer for them all, inspite of what it might entail to himself. His wise counsel eventually prevailed and a tragedy was averted. At the subsequent interrogation he encouraged and advised his other officers and firmly declined to surrender his loyalty and allegiance to threats. He was, as a result, removed to a concentration camp. Here he was made to work carrying heavy loads at the double, in spite of his 45 years Contd.	MAJOR D.B.C. ROBERTSON	MEMBER OF BRITISH EMPIRE CLASS V	

*Previous Awards
MC. vide HQ
19/12/46. Service
in Malaya 1942*

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				and cleaning latrines, for 8 hours each day, being constantly beaten with heavy sticks. When not working he was confined to an open pen, given small quantities of rice mixed with mud twice a day which was quite inedible and caused vomiting, and a little water only at meal times. On the third day the beating increased in frequency and savagery. Constantly he was tempted with the offer that he had only to sign to be relieved of his misery. At the end of the fourth day he collapsed, exhausted by the heavy work, the heat, hunger (for he had eaten nothing at all) and thirst and with his back, arms and legs lacerated and bleeding. Still he remained steadfast and eventually was returned to his men where, as soon as he had recovered from his ill-treatment, he continued his stout resistance for the next 20 months. In June 1944, when all attempts by propaganda, cajolry, threats, ill-treatment and torture had failed to break or even shake his brave spirit, he, together with some 800 of his men, was removed from I.N.A. control and placed in a separate camp at TANJONG PAGAR under direct Japanese control. Here he was the senior P.O.W. and had under him men of other Indian Units in addition to his own, in all some 1500 men. For ten months he held this position and, as Representative officer, waged a daily struggle with the Japanese commander and guards, who pursued their usual tactics of humiliating the senior prisoners, to ameliorate the conditions under which the men were existing. The			

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				tactics of the Japanese, from whom every concession or minor improvement had to be wrung by persistent representation, were sufficient to wear down the bravest spirit. But Sub.Kalu, weakened as he was by nearly three years of privation, ill-treatment, and hardship, never wavered in the discharge of his responsibility for the welfare and morale of his men. When he went to make his daily representations he would often be made to stand to attention for hours in front of the Guard Room and was frequently struck. Undeterred he persisted valiantly day after day and month after month, not for himself but for his fellow prisoners. During this period too he sent written signed reports on the conditions of his battalion, coupled with assurances of loyalty, by secret means to his Commanding Officer in the British Camp, well knowing the great risk he ran to himself by so doing. His one thought/throughout was to bring his battalion through their long ordeal with their morale, discipline and loyalty intact and, as far as lay within his power, to preserve their health. How well he succeeded was shown by the magnificent spirit of his battalion at the end, inspite of their long years of privation and overwork; by the fact that more than 95% of his men had remained utterly and staunchly loyal in the face of allpropaganda/and coercion; and that fatal casualties from sickness were exceptionally low. His men were the admiration of all who saw them - British, Indian, /cruelty ...Contd.			

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				Australian, and Dutch, and even of the Japanese. Sub. Kalu throughout, inspite of all adversity, and through the darkest and often most hopeless days, never wavered or lost heart. He maintained the highest traditions of his Regiment and of the Indian Army and showed moral and physical courage, tenacity, resource and devotion to duty of the highest order.	His Excellency the Commander in Chief in India.		
				Formerly Comdg. 2/2 Gurkha Rifles. in Malaya Major		Recommended for the M.B.E.	
				COLONEL. OFFG. MILITARY SECRETARY. FOR COMMANDER IN CHIEF IN INDIA.			

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