

GURKHA CENTENARY.

One of the most famous regiments in the world - the 5th Gurkha Rifles - celebrates its hundredth birthday. It's also the most decorated of all Indian regiments, with seven Victoria Crosses to its credit - four of which were won in less than two years of the last war.

Major-General Chopra was the Regiment's first Indian colonel when the British handed over - and this 87-year-old veteran is one of many who have travelled hundreds of miles to be here. General Chopra presents a kukri - the traditional Gurkha weapon - to Brigadier T.R. Harrison - former commander, who served the regiment for nearly 42 years. Representing the Regimental Association in the U.K., Brigadier Harrison in his turn presents a large silver cup to General Chopra. And from their former British comrades, the Brigadier brings a tribute - that under their new commanders, the standards of these formidable soldiers are as high as ever.