

# The Gwalior Star 1843

[Maharajpoor Star: First Division]  
[Punniar Star: Second Division]

**Sanctioned in January 1844** was awarded to officers and men of the British Army by the Honourable East India Company for services against the Mahrattas. This was one of the shortest of the many campaigns in India, with two battles on the same day - 29 Dec 1843.



**Description:** The award, in the shape of a star, was made from the bronze of captured guns and is of a unique design.

The obverse of this six-pointed star has, in the centre, an identical but much smaller star in silver; on the latter is the name of the battle in which the recipient fought, either 'Maharajpoor' or 'Punniar'. The reverse is plain except for the naming.

When issued these awards were designed to be worn from a buttonhole, and therefore had brass hooks screwed onto the reverse centre. However, most recipients converted their stars in various ways to accommodate the ribbon, and therefore a variety of types of suspension are found.

**Naming:** Almost always in cursive script and is arranged in several lines.

**Ribbon:** Watered red, white, yellow, white and blue.