

The Sutlej Medal 1845-1846



Approved in April 1846 issued to officers and men of the British Army and Honourable East India Company who served in the Sutlej campaign of 1845-46 (also known as the First Anglo-Sikh War). This medal was the first to use clasps to denote soldiers who fought in the major battles of the campaign.

Description: Silver 36mm diameter with a swivelling cusped suspension. Obverse: The 'Wyon Head', diademed head of Queen Victoria and the legend VICTORIA REGINA. Reverse:

depicts Victory standing beside a trophy, holding a wreath in her outstretched hand with the inscription 'ARMY OF THE SUTLEJ' above, and the action and date in the exergue below.

Exergues & Clasps: The Sutlej medal was unusual in that it was issued with four different exergues, the particular one issued representing the first action the recipient took part in. The four exergues were: (1) Moodkee 1845; (2) Ferozeshuhur 1845; (3) Aliwal 1846; and (4) Sobraon 1846. For each additional action the recipient took part in, a clasp for that action was attached to the medal. As a result, the official medal roll overstates by one the actual number of clasps for each medal, as the reverse of the medal reflects the recipient's initial clasp entitlement.

Naming: Unknown.

Ribbon: Dark blue with crimson striped edges, 1¼ inches wide.