

These Ghoorkas are of very small stature generally, and of those I saw on parade of the whole regiment, few exceeded five feet six in height, while the greater number were much shorter, but with stout, well-knit bodies; they are fairer in complexion than the usual Sepoys of the many hill tribes far up in the Interior of India; they are very hardy, and, as a rule, can stand a greater amount of fatigue than other troops in the Bengal army, which seems to be accounted for by the climate and country from which they come in the hilly parts towards the Himalaya Mountains. Yet their food does not differ from that of the Bengal Sepoys in any great degree, excepting perhaps in using more beef and other animal food, and their being brought up in a more bracing climate makes them hardier than the Bengal Sepoys, brought up in a warmer and more enervating part of India.

As they appear on parade in their light grey uniforms, with puggrees or turbans to match, they form a striking contrast to the red-coated stalwart fellows of H.M.'s 52nd, marshalled on the parade ground of Fort William at a short distance off; and, while they form line and march in quick and slow time, or in close columns of companies march steadily past, or at the double, any one who, like myself, is no soldier can see that they are well up in their drill and a credit to