

# Military\_Standard-Issue\_NEW

## Camouflage Special (Ultimate)

*Carried by soldiers in combat to camouflage from the eyes of enemies; a dependant warfare kit..*



- **BLADE SIZE:** 10.5 inches approx.
- **THICKNESS:** 9mm approx.
- **ACTUAL WEIGHT:** 575 grams
- **OVERALL WEIGHT:** 775 grams
- **SHIPPING WEIGHT:** 1075 grams
- **FUNCTION:** Combat, Indoor, Jungle Warfare, Military, Outdoor, Trekking
- **ORIGIN:** Dharan, Eastern Nepal
- **CATEGORY:** Military\_Standard-Issue\_NEW
- **BLADE FINISHING:** Semi-Polish

This Kukri is named so due to its important feature where the scabbard is camouflaged by green army textile and the blade especially made for rough use. In addition a leather cord to hold the kukri firmly in the user's thigh to prevent from wobbling while in motion. All these special characteristics in both, the scabbard to assist it's user in the best possible way, and the blade designed only for rough hard use have made this kukri stand ahead of it's siblings. It is mostly famous with trekkers, hunters and safari goers. It is also carried by soldiers in combat to camouflage themselves from the eyes of enemies. It is a typical semi-polished all-purpose utility knife that is also used as a domestic tool in Nepal. Although the blade has semi polishing the surface is very smooth and well balance. The kukri blade is more durable as well as it skips the long machinery process where some temper is lost due to excessive heat. Unlike other kukris, the two small knives (Karda and Chakmak) are completely discarded to make the kukri as light as possible to carry around. This comes as an extra benefit to the user.

[Please be notified that due to severe scarcity of HORN in the market, its constant rising price and now it being banned by the Indian Govt. we are compelled to replace the horn handle of this khukuri/knife by Brown Indian Rosewood handle]

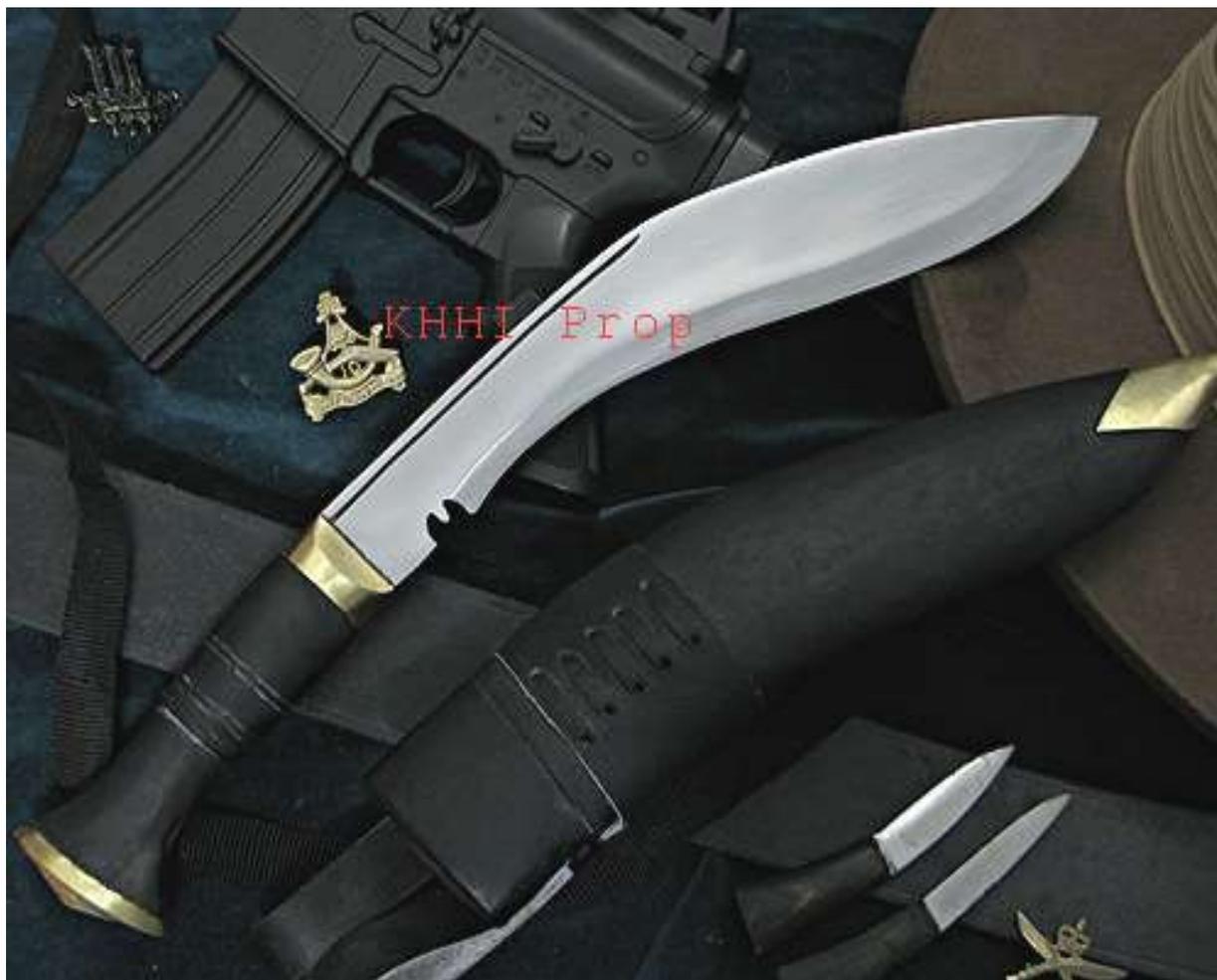
### Materials / Features:

Water buffalo leather scabbard, olive/dark army green cloth, brown Indian rosewood handle, buffalo leather string

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### GI5 (Gurkha Issue 5th)

*The longest surviving issue kukri whose reign ran across for almost 3 decades from early 1960's to late 1980's..*



- **BLADE SIZE:** 10 inches approx.
- **THICKNESS:** 8.5mm approx.
- **ACTUAL WEIGHT:** 570 grams
- **OVERALL WEIGHT:** 775 grams
- **SHIPPING WEIGHT:** 1075 grams
- **FUNCTION:** Combat, Defending, Domestic Use, Indoor, Jungle Warfare, Military, Regular work, Trekking
- **ORIGIN:** KHHI, Kathmandu, Nepal (released on 1st Jan 2009)
- **CATEGORY:** Military\_Standard-Issue\_NEW
- **BLADE FINISHING:** Unpolish

Documented sources, archived photos, historical facts and KHHI's deep research into Gurkha Issue khukris point to the fact that GI5 is the longest surviving issue kukri whose reign ran across for almost 3 decades from early 1960's to late 1980's. After the World Wars and with the modernization and advancement of military gears the khukuri's primary role as a main weapon was restricted to a mere back-up / utility knife (gear) or rather as an iconic symbol. Now the

khukuri was seen more as an inseparable integrity of a Gurkha, his self-identity, a stature of courage, honor and pride, and thus to recognize the very fact GI5 issue was started to each new recruits for carriage, parade and duty. The kukri was objected as a Dress Knife to carry in parade (kukri drill), on duty and other official military services. Blade size was reduced to 10 inch, style and shape was changed and GI5s were much simpler and very convention comparatively, a few of them with very strange shape and finishing too, sometimes with inferior quality.

Although GI5 was issued as a “Dress Knife”, supposedly to have well finishing and shiny, the khukuris was not up to the standard required by the army officials for parade. Here it wouldn’t be an offence to write that GI5 was the weakest (poorest) of all Gurkha Issues. Recruits thus had to painstakingly clean the blade and scabbard during their entire nine months span of recruitment training. Blades were roughly grounded, unpolished and black topped sometimes, and scabbards were made from raw buffalo hide. Recruits thus had to literally finish the khukuri with whatever resources available. This trend continued until mid 1970’s after when soldier started to replace the raw hide by patent leather bought from local workshop at the suggestion of their superior. The blades however were mostly self-polished by the carrier.

GI5 is also the first issue of its kind that originated (made) in Dharan, Eastern Nepal. In 1961-62 GI5 production started in Dharan with the help of some army official at “Dharan Recruitment Camp”. “Origin” and “Date” were also stamped initially for a few batches but somehow was discarded or ignored in later years. Local contractors made inferior quality khukuris and supplied to Army in thousands which here is categorized or named as “GI5” by KHHL.

GI5, a conventional kukri knife, issued as a parade knife, other than the fact that its an iconic feat of the legendary Gurkhas has been largely overshadowed by modern times and technologies and more so ever by the very image of the Gurkhas. It remains mystery and confusion as to its exact version, details and facts as it has been hardly documented or archived. Nonetheless the amazing legacy and feat of the Gurkha Issue Kukris of the formidable soldier, the Gurkhas, is successfully and proudly carried by GI5 and handed over to his newer generation.

Besides his historic significance GI5 is also an excellent working kukri knife that would hold a special place in the heart and mind of the user. It is an all-out all-purpose utility knife that carries the history, and also has all characters of an assault knife.

#### **Materials / Features:**

Water buffalo leather scabbard, unpolished water buffalo horn handle, 2 x small knives

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### **Gurkha Combat (Loyal)**

*A Gurkha’s first choice when his duty calls upon him to serve and protect..*



- **BLADE SIZE:** 11 inches approx.
- **THICKNESS:** 9.5mm approx.
- **ACTUAL WEIGHT:** 625 grams
- **OVERALL WEIGHT:** 825 grams
- **SHIPPING WEIGHT:** 1175 grams
- **FUNCTION:** Combat, Defending, Fighting, Jungle warfare, Lethal, Military
- **ORIGIN:** Dharan, Eastern Nepal
- **CATEGORY:** Military\_Standard-Issue\_NEW
- **BLADE FINISHING:** Unpolish

This is so called because of its use as a combat or a fighting knife by Gurkha Soldiers at present days. It is a modern day combat kukri preferred by soldiers for battles and warfare. Gurkha soldiers other than the standard issued khukuris can have their own pick for their secondary knife. Most prefer to have this kukri because of its perfect size, shape and weight and also the simplicity it embraces. All fixtures of the kukri knife are plain and basic yet it retains the solid hardcore look of a classic and deadly weapon designated to destroy and defend. Simple yet stylish, effective and efficient, handy and hardy; Gurkha Combat carries all the required characters needed for a knife to be carried with within the enemy territories where one is unwanted, to safeguard and serve its keeper. A fearsome weapon when you run out of your ammunitions – a Gurkha's first choice when his duty calls upon him to serve and protect.

It is slightly longer and more curved than the standard service kukri issued to them. It is in fact exactly same as the "World War" version except that its blade and handle are unpolished. Here the unpolished version is opted to make the khukuri synchronize with the jungle ambient and to camouflage with the gears and wears of a soldier as anything fancy would attract unwanted attention. The unpolished horn handle gives better grip and blends with the uniform of the carrier perfectly.

Gurkha Combat has a typical plain normal leather scabbard with single belt loop affixed in it. Two traditional accompanying knives are discarded in a view that today's contemporary warfare has become very sophisticated and

demanding so carrying them would prove unnecessary.

It is also a typical all-purpose utility knife especially made for rough use. Although the blade has no finishing and polishing the surface is very smooth and well balanced. Even the handle is unpolished to benefit the user with better grip and easiness in handling. It is also the replica of old khukuris made in ancient times used widely by farmers and villagers for their daily domestic work. This type of kukri is highly recommended for jungle and safari tours and any activities that require cutting.

### **Materials / Features:**

Water buffalo leather scabbard, unpolished water buffalo horn handle

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### **Jungle (Training Knife)**

*Because of its typical look, special feature and very close association with the legendary Gurkhas it is one of the best sellers of all times..*



- **BLADE SIZE:** 10.5 inches approx.
- **THICKNESS:** 9mm approx.
- **ACTUAL WEIGHT:** 570 grams
- **OVERALL WEIGHT:** 775 grams
- **SHIPPING WEIGHT:** 1075 grams
- **FUNCTION:** Combat, Defending, Domestic Use, Hunting, Jungle Warfare, Military, Outdoor, Regular work, Stabbing, Trekking
- **ORIGIN:** Dharan, Eastern Nepal
- **CATEGORY:** Military\_Standard-Issue\_NEW
- **BLADE FINISHING:** Unpolish

This is not a standard army issue khukuri but a popular Gurkha knife carried by Gurkha Soldiers for training, exercise and combat. The knife has been closely associated with the Gurkhas since it was first picked up in around 1950s, often bought from army store called “PRI shop”. The need for a rough utility knife to perform in the active army service (lower rank) provoked the demand of the Jungle and soon it was found widely in use by Gurkhas for just about any activities that involved cutting, clearing and cleaning. The very shape, size and features of the Jungle served the objectives of jungle warfare and thus was categorized as the “Jungle Kukri” to truly meet its identity.

British Gurkhas can make their own pick when it comes to a jungle (utility) khukuri. One may go for a shorter or longer, heavier or lighter, or even thinner or broader but KHHI’s deep research point to the fact that after the formation of the “Brigade of Gurkhas” by British in 1948 army gear shops were operated by army, sometimes individuals that commonly sold the standard army issue version (“Sarkhari Khukuri” as called by Gurkhas) but in unpolished format intended for rough use required by the army. Since the standard issue khukuri had to be well looked after; very clean and shiny, Gurkhas opted for another knife that was ideally filled in by the khukuri from the army shop which Gurkhas later named it as “Jungle”. This trend still continues to date but now with the changing time and fashion modern Gurkhas even go for other improvised versions.

Since the “Jungle” was discovered it has faced numerous official trainings, exercises, operations and even combats but sadly it deeds have hardly been documented or recognized. It is our belief that the development of modern more effective army gears overshadowed the importance and usage of the kukri.

It is a totally unpolished full-size khukuri identical to Service no.1. Since it is designed for rough use finishing (shining) is not done either in the blade or handle. This also comes as an advantage to the khukuri as the total unpolished format enhances the cutting ability and durability of the blade as losing of temper is prevent by avoiding the long machinery process undertaken to polish a blade. The unpolished horn handle of the Jungle provides better grip and easier handling too. Some Jungles are also camouflaged by green cotton cloth or similar materials by soldiers for warfare to ensemble with their uniform and not to attract any unwanted attention. Jungle has a basic black colored buffalo hide leather scabbard with twin belt loop frog as seen in the picture. Brass fixtures are fitted to complete (make) the khukuri.

Jungle because of its typical look, special feature and very close association with the legendary Gurkhas is one of the best sellers of all times. It is an all-out all-purpose utility knife that carries the history, and also has all characters of an assault knife.

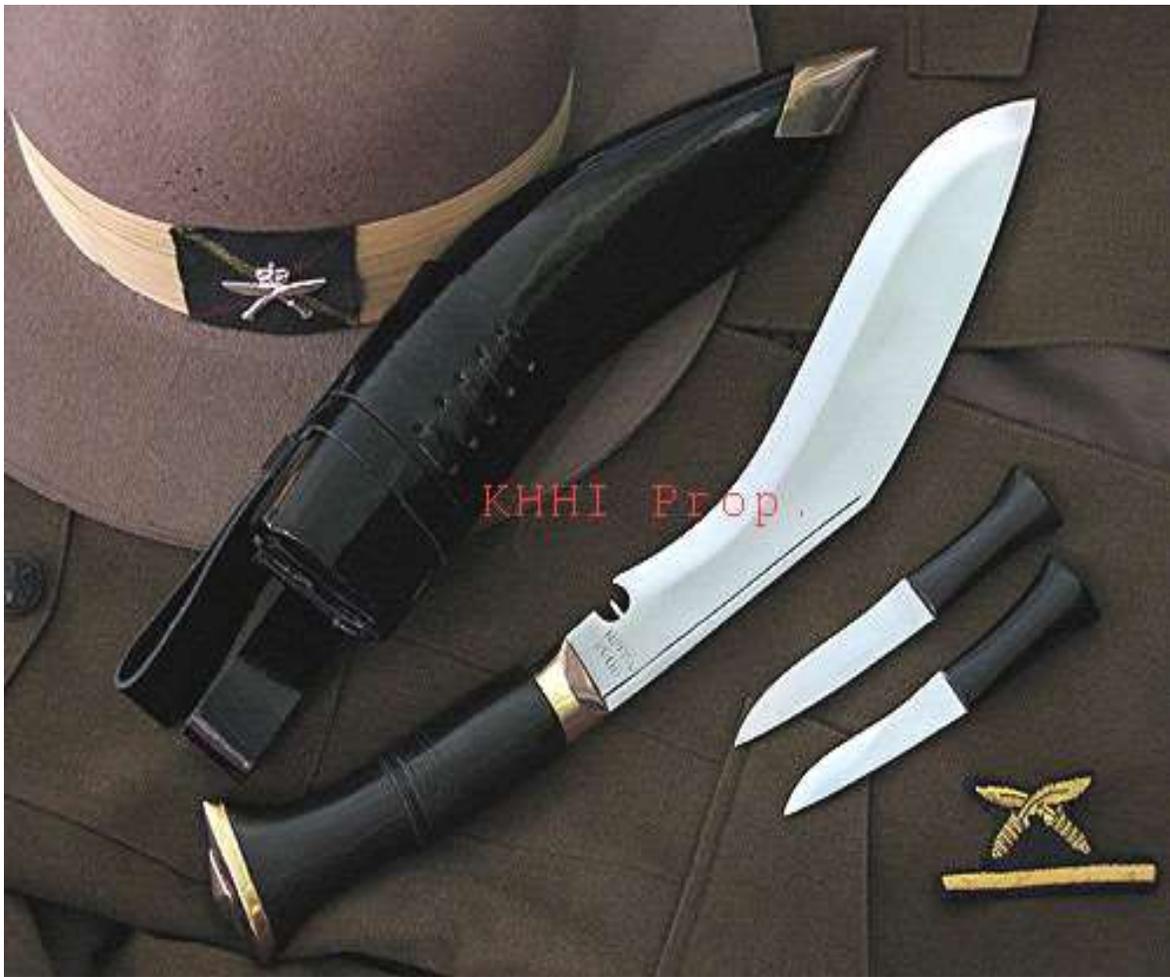
#### **Materials / Features:**

Water buffalo leather scabbard, unpolished water buffalo horn handle, 2 x small knives

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#### **Service Ceremonial (Dress Knife)**

*It is this modern day kukri that stupendously distinct a Gurkha from others and has become an integral part of a Gurkha’s official uniform..*



- **BLADE SIZE:** 10.5 inches approx.
- **THICKNESS:** 9mm approx.
- **ACTUAL WEIGHT:** 550 grams
- **OVERALL WEIGHT:** 725 grams
- **SHIPPING WEIGHT:** 1025 grams
- **FUNCTION:** Collection, Decoration, Gift, Military, Regular work, Show Piece
- **ORIGIN:** Dharan, Eastern Nepal
- **CATEGORY:** Military\_Standard-Issue\_NEW
- **BLADE FINISHING:** Polish

Service Ceremonial or Dress knife or also known as “No.1 Khukuri” is a standard issue khukuri wore by soldiers on parade and on duty. It is this modern day kukri that stupendously distinct a Gurkha from others and has become an integral part of a Gurkha’s official uniform. It is still currently issued each year to the Gurkhas in the same template however with some minute changes in the shape and style of the khukuri as approved by the panel of selectors.

After the formation of 1st Gurkha unit back in 1815-1816 and getting official recognition from the British in 1857 after the “Great Indian Mutiny” many Gurkha knives have been issued to Gurkhas amongst which “Service Ceremonial” is the latest version till date which was actually issued very late that is only in around early 1990’s. The need for a better looking kukri knife (especially the scabbard), to bring more tidiness (uniform) and probably to ease the work load of the carrier may have obliged the supply of this kukri to the recruits by the army. Soldiers were found polishing the standard issue (Sarkhari Khukuris; GI5 and Service No.1) and sometime even changing the original buffalo hide scabbard to patent leather on their own to meet the demand of army to maintaining discipline (shininess), and which tradition continued till early 1990’s. It is therefore only with the initiative of TBBK of KHHI and a few set of dedicated and knowledgeable Gurkha officers the “Service Ceremonial” was finally realized and started its issue from 1993. Service Ceremonial’s inbuilt very shiny patent leather case and mirror polished blade brought the much needed neatness to the kukri and blended with the uniform exceptionally well. This feature also saved time and labor of a

soldier of “Shining the khukuri” that had to be done in the past by earlier soldiers. Khukuri veteran and master craftsman TBBK who started supplying khukuri to British Gurkhas since 1989 knew the importance and necessities of the Service Ceremonial and thus started the campaign of the khukuri which was finally approved and became an official issued from 1993.

Service Ceremonial has “Nepal” and “Recruitment Date” stamped in the blade to denote the origin and year of recruitment of a soldier. The overall look of the khukuri is very shiny, from blade to handle to scabbard to the two small accompanying knives, which chiefly enforced selectors to pick this knife as the “No.1 Issue Kukri” to new soldiers. The scabbard is made from high quality extra shiny pattern leather to furnish intense shininess and smartness to the uniform and the carrier himself in whole. Gurkhas also carry this khukuri on events like "Ceremonial Kukri Drill" and on special army occasions attended by high-ranking military officers, VIP dignitaries, honorable guests etc. During the presentation they withdraw the khukuri from scabbard and hold it out for the guest to inspect.

A soldier retains his “Service Ceremonial” throughout his army career (Other ranks) as a soldier and is a prize possession after retirement. Twin belt-loop frog with brass bottoms at the back as seen in the picture is fitted in the scabbard for the large standard issue belt to go through.

Service Ceremonial has a simple basic khukuri blade with brass fixtures. It has Buffalo Horn handle fitted to go with the boots and belt of a carrying soldier. The 10” long blade is highly polished to go with the shiny patent leather scabbard. A rat tail tang goes through the handle (hidden) which is peened over at the brass pommel (butt cap). A protective brass chape (tip) is also fitted in the scabbard for support and good look. Two accompanying knives “Karda (Small Knife)” and “Chakmak (Sharpener)” are also highly polished.

Service Ceremonial is mainly a decorative kukri to honor the most formidable soldiers, a collectible item of the legendary Gurkhas and an iconic souvenir with historic significance and country’s pride to take back home as a memento to pay one’s respect and tribute to the Gurkhas, or even as gift for loved ones from Nepal that no other things could compete or surpass.

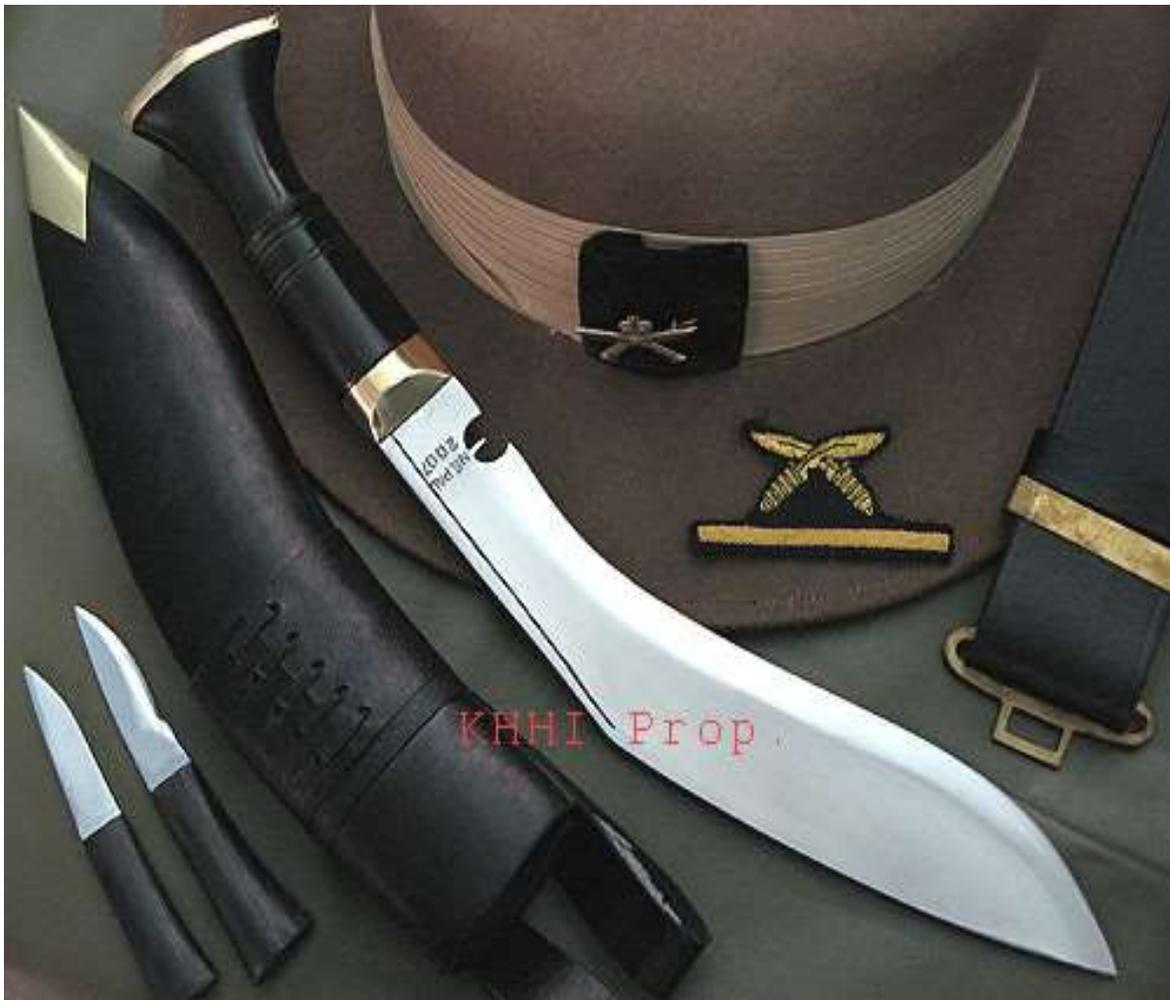
#### **Materials / Features:**

Patent leather scabbard, water buffalo horn handle, 2 x small knives

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#### **Service No.1 (Sarkhari Khukuri)**

*The most famous of all because its a modern day issue with very close ties with Gurkhas militarily and emotionally, iconic fate to represent the Gurkhas and above all Gurkhas irrefutable faith and an acute bond to the this incredible Khukuri..*



- **BLADE SIZE:** 10.5 inches approx.
- **THICKNESS:** 9mm approx.
- **ACTUAL WEIGHT:** 550 grams
- **OVERALL WEIGHT:** 750 grams
- **SHIPPING WEIGHT:** 1050 grams
- **FUNCTION:** Collection, Combat, Decoration, Defending, Domestic Use, Fighting, Gift, Military, Regular work
- **ORIGIN:** Dharan, Eastern Nepal (released on 30th June 2007)
- **CATEGORY:** Military\_Standard-Issue\_NEW
- **BLADE FINISHING:** Polish

It is one of the two late standard issues of Gurkhas (“Service Ceremonial” being the other one) that came in production from mid 1980’s. It is actually the better version or format of the “GI5” that was initiated by Til Bahadur Bishwakarma (TB BK) after he retired, to better the quality and standard of the issue khukuri given to the British Gurkhas then. It is closely associated to the Gurkhas and a favored version by the Gurkhas themselves because of its better look and feature compared to its older counter part the GI5. Shiny aspect, better finishing, better shape and smarter look of the khukuri perfectly blended with the tidiness and image of the Gurkhas and soon it came into limelight whose legacy still continues to date. It is also the most famous and common khukri in the local khukuri market sold almost everywhere by everybody.

Service No.1 is identical to GI5 except for its well polished blade and handle and its shape that is slightly modified, in fact bettered. With GI5 soldiers had to literally polish the blade with whatever local resources available and thus had to put a lot of time and effort to achieve the objective or the army’s high standard. But with the Service No.1, its already polished (inbuilt) format, not only saved time and energy but it brought tidiness and uniformity to the khukuri and uniform as a whole. Since a standard issue from 1950’s onwards is typically a parade knife, need for a shiny and smart kukri knife was must for which now soldiers did not have to worry with the Service No.1. However the soldiers still

had to work on the buffalo hide leather scabbard of the khukuri to make it shiny thus most replaced by patent leather from local workshops.

Late 1980's witnessed huge production of Service No.1 for military standards. Even more production was seen in the local market to meet the ever increasing demand for a standard issue "high quality" Gurkha knife. TB BK's noble action to shine the khukuri and to better the shape won the hearts of selectors and even of the users. The khukuri then instantly stormed the military and public demand whose copy is still being used today and whose production still continues in thousands respectively.

From the formation of 1st Gurkha unit in 1814 to the Great Indian Mutiny in 1857 to the Great War in 1914-18 to 2nd world war in 1944-45 to Borneo Confrontation in 1962-66 to Falklands war in 1982 Gurkhas have been issued with a number of khukuris amongst which Service No.1 is probably the most famous of all because its a modern day issue with very close ties with Gurkhas militarily and emotionally, iconic fate to represent the Gurkhas and above all Gurkhas irrefutable faith and an acute bond to the this incredible Khukuri.

Besides Service no.1's military and historic significance, it is still a hardcore utility kukri knife that would not disappoint a hard user. Its perfect size and range, well balanced weight, smart finishing and effective feature make it an ideal knife to use for just about anything that requires cutting. It is also THE knife for collection and for a gift since its inseparable bond with the Gurkhas and their image is extraordinary, momentous, commendable, unique, exemplarily and encouraging.

### **Materials / Features:**

Water buffalo leather scabbard, water buffalo horn handle, 2 x small knives

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### **World War (Historic)**

*The old army model issued to the Gurkhas during WW years..*



- **BLADE SIZE:** 11 inches approx.
- **THICKNESS:** 10mm approx.
- **ACTUAL WEIGHT:** 625 grams
- **OVERALL WEIGHT:** 825 grams
- **SHIPPING WEIGHT:** 1175 grams
- **FUNCTION:** Attacking, Collection, Combat, Defending, Fighting, Gift, Hunting, Lethal, Military, Regular work
- **ORIGIN:** Dharan, Eastern Nepal
- **CATEGORY:** Military\_Standard-Issue\_NEW
- **BLADE FINISHING:** Polish

Since the formation of 1st Gurkha Military unit back in early 19th century many kukri knives have come into limelight and countless legendary tales attached to it. The World War version is one of them and believed to have been used by British Gurkhas towards the end of 2nd world war period. The documented sources do not really point to the fact that it was issued then but because of its more effective size, shape and weight Gurkhas were individually found widely using the kukri during the war torn days. Particularly it is learnt that Gurkhas used to bring this kukri from their villages when returning back from their official leave.

The historic and commendable relationship of Gurkhas and British has come a very long way that in fact began with horrific violence and intense battle only to turn into mutual understanding, friendship and brotherhood. Both parties were fascinated by the khukuri and when British decided to make it a part of standard gears of a Gurkha it swiftly earned a friendly and fearsome reputation and more so important became a very battle cum domestic utility knife. The same story goes with the World War; one of the many khukuris used by Gurkhas that famed them into glory and victory.

The World War is a very common and famous khukuri in the local khukuri world in Nepal. It actually existed in early 1980's when makers made this kukri believing it was issued and used by Gurkhas in World War days, and hence named so. The khukuri was such a success probably because of its appealing name, shape and size, it quickly stormed the khukuri market and within a year it was seen made by all local and international makers. Ironically, KHHI's deep study and research does not lead to the fact that world war was indeed issued and officially used. The shape, style, size and structure heavily vary than the original issued versions. This World War version was more like a preferred knife of the Gurkhas since they bought and brought on their own for service. Nevertheless it cannot be ruled out that it was never issued as the documented sources are very sketchy and imprecise itself.

This 11 inch long kukri knife has a beautiful shape with no peak in the back edge. The belly is small and enlarges as it moves towards the head-point portion. The knife carries much of its weight at the front area but nonetheless the over-all weight is well balanced and effective. The blade is well polished and is fitted with a regular wooden handle. The rat tang of the blade goes through the handle and is peened over at the brass pommel cap at the base of the hilt. Brass metal is used to make the bolster and butt cap.

World War has a basic sheath made from wooden frame in inside and wrapped with buffalo hide from outside. A simple single shoe leather (2mm) loop frog is fitted, for the belt to go through.

It comes with two traditional accompanying knives, KARDA (the small utility knife) and CHAKMAK (the sharpener).

### **Materials / Features:**

Water buffalo leather scabbard, Indian rosewood handle, 2 x small knives

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