



DARSANA

5TH BN THE 1ST GORKHA RIFLES

5th Battalion of the 1st Gorkha Rifles, was initially raised in Jan 1942 at Dharmsala and was later demobilized in Dec 1946 after an eventful innings in Baluchistan. It was re raised on 01 Jan 1965 at Solan (HP).

The Battalion took part in OP CACTUS LILY 'East Pakistan' in 1971. The unit for its exemplary operational performance was honoured with Battle Honour 'DARSANA' and Theatre Honour 'EAST PAKISTAN' besides being awarded with three Maha Vir Chakras and two Vir Chakras.

The Battalion as part of Indian Peace Keeping Force in Sri Lanka has to its credit the successful conduct of the most difficult operations in entire Jaffna Peninsula. For its operations in Sri Lanka the Battalion was awarded with two Vir Chakras and six Sena Medals.

The Battalion for its exemplary performance in Counter Insurgency Operations during OP RAKSHAK in Kupwara Sect of Jammu and Kashmir was awarded with Chief of **Army Staff Unit Citation in 2000**.

The unit as Air Mobile Reserve Battalion during its deployment in United Nations Mission in Sudan in 2008-09 was awarded with **Force Commander UNMIS Unit Citation** for its contribution towards the cause of peace.

For its outstanding performance in Counter Insurgency role in OP RHINO (Assam) the Battalion was awarded with the **GOC-in-C, Eastern Command Unit Citation** in 2013.

For the glorious history of the Battalion, it was selected as the President's Ceremonial Army Guard at Rashtrapati Bhawan wherein it played an instrumental role in the successful conduct of various ceremonial activities and national level events in Delhi. For its magnificent discharge of duties, the Battalion was decorated with '**President's Unit Appreciation**' and "**GOC-in-C, Western Command Unit Citation**".

The Motto of the Battalion is 'KAYAR HUNO BHANDA MARNU RAMRO' which translates to 'IT IS BETTER TO DIE THAN BE A COWARD'. The Battle cry of the Battalion is "Aayo Gorkhali!"

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AGE QADAM

6TH BN THE SIKH REGIMENT

The Bn was the first Bn of the Indian Army to be raised after the out break of World War II as 6/11 Bn The SIKH Regiment on 07 Aug 1940. In 1942 the Bn gave a noteworthy account of itself during the Arakan Campaign. Consequent to the cessation of hostilities and general demobilization the unit was put into suspended animation on 15 Aug 1946.

The Bn was re-raised as the 6th Bn the SIKH Regiment as Meerut on 09 Feb 1962. The Bn adopted its old motto of **AGE QADAM** meaning '**FOREVER FORWARD**'. Since its raising, the Bn has successfully participated in numerous operations which the Indian Army has undertaken. During the 1971 conflict, the heroic stand of the Bn against numerically superior enemy saved the politically important town of Poonch. The nation recognized the valour and courage of the Bn by awarding it the **Battle Honour 'DEFENCE OF POONCH 1971'** and '**Theatre Honour JAMMU & KASHMIR**'.

The Bn has time and again displayed its mettle in Counter Insurgency operations and it is the first Bn to be honoured with the '**The Chief of Army Staff Unit Citation**' for exemplary service to the nation. It has also been honoured with the '**Silver Salver of the Governor of J&K**' for outstanding operational performance.

The Bn has contributed immensely in the sports arena both at International and National levels in the discipline of Athletics, Cross Country, Boxing and Shooting, winning numerous medals. In one of the rare opportunities that the Bn got to serve in the elite Parachute Brigade, it earned the respect of Para fraternity by winning the coveted '**Para Brigade Championship Banner**' by winning almost all the professional, endurance and sports competitions.

The Bn for its overall excellence was selected for the UN mission in Democratic Republic of Congo, where it served commendably in pursuit of peace from Jan 08 to Jul 09. The Bn made history in the UN mission by being awarded with the '**Force Cdr Unit Mission Commendation**' and '**Brigade Cdr Unit Appreciation**' for outstanding operational contribution towards enforcement of peace in the region. 106 personnel of the unit were also awarded for individual acts of bravery.

Unit continued to prove its mettle in all spheres of soldiering to include trg, sports & professional competitions. Unit was awarded '**Unit Appreciation**' by **GOC-in-C South Western Comd** for its stupendous performance during Bathinda tenure (2015-2018).

In the short period since its raising, the Bn today is one of the most decorated Bn of the Indian Army post independence. All soldiers of the Bn draw inspiration from their rich martial traditions and the sacrifices of their comrades who unflinchingly laid their lives for the honour of the Bn, the Regiment and the Nation.

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