

2. कुगुध आरुयुक्त, केरल के स्थान पर डेरी विकास निदेशक केरल, त्रिवेन्द्रम को परिषद के सदस्य के तौर पर नियुक्त करने का भी निर्णय किया गया है।

आदेश

आदेश दिया जाता है कि इस प्रस्ताव की एक-एक प्रति समस्त राज्य सरकारों, संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों के प्रशासनों और भारत सरकार के विभागों तथा मंत्रालयों, योजना आयोग, मंत्रिमण्डल सचिवालय, प्रधान मंत्री सचिवालय, लोक सभा सचिवालय, तथा राज्य सभा सचिवालय को भेज दी जाए।

यह भी आदेश दिया जाता है कि सर्वसाधारण की जानकारी के लिए यह प्रस्ताव भारत के राजपत्र में प्रकाशित किया जाए।

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(पशु पालन तथा राज्य संपर्क)

समाज कल्याण विभाग

नई दिल्ली-110001, दिनांक 15 फरवरी 1974

संकल्प

सं० 2-5/73-आर० पी० यू०-दिनांक 31 जुलाई, 1973 के आंशिक आशोधन में भारत सरकार की वीरग्राहवन, निदेशक (योजना) शिक्षा विभाग, शिक्षा और समाज कल्याण मंत्रालय, के स्थान पर श्रीमती एम० डोरायम्बामी, उप शिक्षा सलाहकार (व्यस्क शिक्षा), शिक्षा विभाग, शिक्षा और समाज कल्याण मंत्रालय, को छोटे बच्चों के विकास को बढ़ावा देने हेतु ग्रामीण स्त्रियों के लिए प्राथमिक औपचारिक शिक्षा परियोजना में सम्बद्ध सलाहकार समिति की एक सदस्या के रूप में नियुक्त करती है।

आदेश

आदेश दिया जाता है कि इस संकल्प को भारत के राजपत्र में प्रकाशित किया जाए।

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संयुक्त सचिव

PRESIDENT'S SECRETARIAT

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 27th February 1974

No. 29-Pres./74.—The President is pleased to approve the award of "Sena Medal"/"Army Medal" to the undermentioned personnel for acts of exceptional devotion to duty or courage :—

1. Lieutenant Colonel SUKHDEV KHULLAR (IC-6743),
The Regiment of Artillery. (Posthumous)

On the 8th December, 1971, when the enemy started shelling the gun position of 183 Light Regiment, Lieutenant Colonel Sukhdev Khullar rushed to the gun position to inspire his men and ensure continuous fire support to our troops. While he was in the gun position, an enemy shell hit an ammunition vehicle resulting in an explosion in which a Junior Commissioned Officer was wounded. At great risk to his life, and undeterred by enemy shelling, he rushed to evacuate the Junior Commissioned Officer. While doing so, another shell exploded near him as a result of which he died.

In this action, Lieutenant Colonel Sukhdev Khullar displayed courage, comradeship and devotion to duty.

2. Lieutenant Colonel ASHOK MANGALIK (IC-6161),
The Regiment of Artillery.

On the 5th/6th December, 1971, Lieutenant Colonel Ashok Mangalik who was commanding a Field Regiment was given the task of providing effective fire support during an attack for the elimination of the Dera Baba Nanak Enclave. With complete disregard to his safety, he positioned himself at a place which was subjected to intense artillery, mortar and small arms fire. Later, he moved around constantly to keep in touch with the Brigade Commander for modification of fire plans to suit the changing tactical situations.

Throughout the attack, Lieutenant Colonel Ashok Mangalik displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

3. Lieutenant Colonel ANIL KUMAR SINHA (IC-5961),
The Regiment of Artillery.

During the operations against Pakistan in December, 1971, Lieutenant Colonel Anil Kumar Sinha was commanding a Mountain Regiment in the Eastern Sector. He ensured effective artillery support to the troops throughout the operations. With utter disregard to his safety, he moved from one location to another to ensure coordinated artillery sup-

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port. His calm and cool posture was a source of inspiration to his men.

Throughout, Lieutenant Colonel Anil Kumar Sinha displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

4. Lieutenant Colonel ANIL BARAN GUHA (IC-7557).
The Regiment of Artillery. (Posthumous)

On the 3rd December, 1971, a Medium Regiment deployed in the Chhamb Sector was heavily attacked by the enemy. Lieutenant Colonel Anil Baran Guha, who was commanding a Field Regiment volunteered to lead a group of the Medium Regiment to the gun position to recover the guns and reorganize the regiment. Unmindful of the heavy and accurate enemy shelling and air raids, he pressed forward and reached the Gun Area. In this process, he was hit by an enemy rocket as a result of which he died.

In this action Lieutenant Colonel Anil Baran Guha displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

5. Lieutenant Colonel PATWITTAR SINGH TAKHAR (IC-5830). The Armoured Corps.

During the operations against Pakistan in December, 1971, Lieutenant Colonel Pawittar Singh Takhar was commanding an Armoured Regiment in the Eastern Sector. On the 7th December, 1971, his regiment established a road block so as to split the enemy forces. This action was executed with great speed and took the enemy by surprise and forced him to abandon the position. The enemy counter-attacked this position on the night of the 7th/8th December 1971 with armour and infantry. Under the inspiring leadership of Lt. Col. Takhar, the attack was repulsed and heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy. On the 10th December, 1971 Lieutenant Colonel Pawittar Singh Takhar successfully manoeuvred the regiment in a wide outflanking move, thus entrapping a battalion group of the enemy occupying well coordinated defences and captured its complete transport, supporting artillery and tanks, besides large quantities of arms, ammunition and explosives.

Throughout, Lieutenant Colonel Pawittar Singh Takhar displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

6. Major PAHLAD TORO (IC-15613). Artillery.

Major Pahlad Toro was the affiliated battery commander with an infantry battalion operating in the Shakargarh sector. On the 15th December 1971, the battalion was given the task of establishing a bridge-head across the Basantar River. The objectives were captured but the enemy reacted violently

and on the 16th and 17th December 1971, put in a fierce counter attack supported by intense artillery and tank fire. Due to the very wide frontage covered by the battalion, the two forward observation officers with the companies could not adequately cover the same. Major Pahlad Toro, though normally located with the battalion headquarters, moved to one of the forward companies in spite of heavy enemy artillery and tank fire and with complete disregard to his personal safety, provided effective artillery fire, which, along with the infantry mortars foiled all enemy attempts to re-capture the position.

In this action, Major Pahlad Toro displayed courage, initiative and devotion to duty.

7. Major VIRENDRA KUMAR BHATNAGAR
(IC-8251),
63rd Cavalry.

Major Virendra Kumar Bhatnagar was commanding a Squadron of the 63rd Cavalry during the advance from Daudpur to Bhaduria in the Eastern Sector. On the 8th December 1971, while leading the advance, the squadron encountered stiff resistance from an enemy infantry company supported by tanks and artillery at Bajitpur and Bhaduria. Major Bhatnagar handled his squadron with competence and skill and on each occasion moved his troops boldly to encircle the enemy and forced him to withdraw. In the encounters, the enemy suffered heavy casualties.

Throughout, Major Virendra Kumar Bhatnagar displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

8. Major RAM LAL VERMA (IC-18712),
The Rajputana Rifles.

When the defences occupied by a Battalion of the Rajputana Rifles in the Telikhal area in the Eastern Sector were subjected to repeated attacks by the enemy forces, Major Ram Lal Verma, commanding a Company, showed exemplary courage and leadership in moving about in the open from trench to trench to inspire his men to hold their ground. He also directed artillery fire with skill and accuracy and repulsed the enemy attacks.

In this action, Major Ram Lal Verma displayed courage and leadership.

9. Major GURCHARAN SINGH PREET (IC-20646),
The Sikh Light Infantry.

Major Gurcharan Singh Preet, who was commanding a mixed force, was assigned the task of exerting pressure on the enemy defences at 'Durgapur' in the Eastern Sector. Despite intense enemy fire, he inspired his men to move forward and succeeded in encircling the enemy. The enemy launched a determined counterattack, but Major Preet quickly readjusted his position and by his close presence succeeded in repulsing the attack. The enemy, completely unnerved, gave up the position and withdrew in haste.

In this action, Major Gurcharan Singh Preet displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

10. Major KALLIANPUR KRISHANJI RAO (IC-14662),
(Posthumous)
The Brigade of Guards.

Major Kallianpur Krishanji Rao was a company commander in a Battalion of The Brigade of Guards which was deployed in the Eastern Sector. While attacking the enemy he secured a foot-hold on the objective and led his men in a bayonet charge on the enemy. Fighting from bunker to bunker, with utter disregard to his safety and unmindful of his own serious wounds, he motivated and inspired his troops and the objective was captured. Major Rao later succumbed to his injuries.

In this action, Major Kallianpur Krishanji Rao displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

11. Major RANJIT SINGH (IC-11504),
The Garhwal Rifles.

During the operations against Pakistan in December, 1971, Major Ranjit Singh was company commander in a Battalion of Garhwal Rifles which was deployed in the Eastern Sector. He led his company's attack to capture an enemy position. Realising that any move forward frontally was dangerous, Major Ranjit Singh moved his company to the flank and charged the enemy position. With utter disregard to his safety, he led his company fighting from bunker to bunker. He personal-

ly charged and destroyed the enemy machine gun which was inflicting casualties and had halted the attack of his company and was thus instrumental in the capture of the objective.

In this action, Major Ranjit Singh displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

12. Major ASHOK RAJ KOCHHAR (SS-19750),
The Brigade of Guards.

On the night of 5th/6th December, 1971 Major Ashok Raj Kochhar who was commanding a company of a Battalion of the Brigade of Guards was assigned the task of attacking a well defended enemy post in the Western Sector. During the attack, intense and accurate enemy medium machine gun fire slowed down the momentum of the assault. Major Kochhar changed the direction of the company's assault, completely surprising the enemy who fled from the position in confusion leaving behind large quantities of arms, ammunition and equipment.

In this action, Major Ashok Raj Kochhar displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

13. Major SHER SINGH GREWAL (IC-14009),
The Punjab Regiment.

On the night of the 10th December 1971, Major Sher Singh Grewal was commanding a company of a Battalion of the Punjab Regiment which was assigned the task of attacking an enemy position in the Poonch Sector. Unmindful of the effective enemy fire and in spite of his own injury sustained during the action, he led his men with great determination and captured the objective.

In this action, Major Sher Singh Grewal displayed courage, determination, leadership and devotion to duty.

14. Major NARAIN SINGH KOAK (IC-14488),
The Sikh Regiment.

On the 3rd December 1971, the enemy launched a company attack on a border post in the Amritsar Sector which was manned by an infantry platoon. Due to the shelling, the communications between the platoon and the company headquarters were disrupted. Major Narain Singh Koak promptly led a patrol of 10 men from the company headquarters to establish contact with the platoon position under intense artillery and mortar shelling. Having done so, he brought back the wounded and the equipment captured from the enemy.

In this action, Major Narain Singh Koak displayed courage, determination and devotion to duty.

15. Major JAGTAR SINGH VIRK (IC-19923),
The Regiment of Artillery.

On the night of the 4th December 1971, Major Jagtar Singh Virk was the Forward Observation Officer with an Infantry company which captured Jhandi-Mall in the Western Sector. As the company was settling down on the objective, the enemy counter-attacked the position in strength, supported by heavy and effective artillery fire. With complete disregard for his safety, Major Virk moved in the open and brought down accurate fire from own artillery and was thus instrumental, in repulsing the attack.

In this action Major Jagtar Singh Virk displayed courage, determination and devotion to duty.

16. Major SHREE KUMAR NARAYAN (MR 1498),
The Army Medical Corps.

During the operations against Pakistan in December 1971 in the Rajasthan Sector, Major Shree Kumar Narayan displayed exceptional devotion to duty and professional skill. Showing boundless energy, great endurance and selfless service, he worked long hours resuscitating the wounded and undertaking life and limb saving surgery of a large number of serious casualties even under heavy enemy shelling and air attacks.

Throughout, Major Shree Kumar Narayan displayed courage, professional skill and devotion to duty.

17. Major SURESH YESHWANT REGE (IC-7306),
The Regiment of Artillery.

On the 6th December, 1971, while flying ahead of own advancing ground columns in the Shakargarh Sector, Major Suresh Yeshwant Rege spotted the advancing enemy tanks and engaged them by directing own artillery fire as a result of

which two enemy tanks were hit. Though his own aircraft was damaged, he continued to direct our artillery fire till the enemy withdrew. Later, on the 16th December 1971, while on an airborne mission, he was intercepted by enemy aircraft. Even though his aircraft was damaged, he succeeded in evading the enemy aircraft and stayed on till the mission was completed.

In this action, Major Suresh Yeshwant Rege displayed courage, professional skill and devotion to duty.

18. Major SUSHIL KUMAR SEKHRI (IC-13019),
The Regiment of Artillery.

During the operations against Pakistan in December, 1971, Major Sushil Kumar Sekhri was in charge of the Fire Direction Centre of an Independent Artillery Brigade. During the first four days, he continuously manned the centre for sixty hours and controlled the fire of the guns in a most effective manner. It was due to his efforts that the capture and subsequent foiling of the counterattacks on the Dera Baba Nanak position was made possible.

Throughout, Major Sushil Kumar Sekhri displayed courage, determination and devotion to duty.

19. Major CODANDA KARIAPPA KARUMBAYA
(IC-11019),
The Maratha Light Infantry.

On the 4th December 1971, Major Codanda Kariappa Karumbaya Second-in-Command of a Battalion of the Maratha Light Infantry was with a company which attacked an enemy position in the Eastern Sector. As the attack progressed, the enemy brought down heavy and intense machine gun fire. Major Karumbaya, with complete disregard to his safety, rushed ahead encouraging and exhorting his men to capture the objective and in the process inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy.

In this action, Major Codanda Kariappa Karumbaya displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

20. Major JANAK RAJ RAJPUT (IC-19272),
The Rajputana Rifles.

On the 10th December 1971, Major Janak Raj Rajput was commanding a company of a Battalion of the Rajputana Rifles which was assigned the task of capturing an enemy position in the Rajasthan Sector. The company attack was held up due to heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire. Undeterred, Major Janak Raj Rajput rallying his men charged the objective and destroyed the enemy machine gun. His action was a source of inspiration to his command and enabled them to capture the objective.

In this action, Major Janak Raj Rajput displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

21. Major NARESH SHARMA (IC-14439),
The Kumaon Regiment.

On the 8th December, 1971, Major Naresh Sharma was commanding a company of a Battalion of the Kumaon Regiment during the attack on the enemy defences in an area in the Eastern Sector. Despite strong enemy resistance and seriously wounded, he exhorted and encouraged his men to press forward and capture the objective.

In this action, Major Naresh Sharma displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

22. Major SUBHASH CHANDER SHARMA (IC-22672),
The Rajputana Rifles.

When the enemy attacked one of our Border Out Posts in the Eastern Sector and the Officer Commanding was wounded, Major Subhash Chander Sharma rose to the occasion and inspired his men to fight back and repulse the enemy attack.

In this action, Major Subhash Chander Sharma displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

23. Major OM PRAKASH KOHLI (SS-19586),
The Brigade of the Guards.

During the operations against Pakistan in December, 1971, Major Om Prakash Kohli who was commanding a company of a Battalion of the Brigade of the Guards, was ordered to capture an enemy post in the Eastern Sector. Attacking on a narrow frontage, over a railway line, the company was held up by heavy and effective machine gun and recoilless gun fire.

Major Kohli, with complete disregard to his safety, enthused and encouraged his men, to press home the attack and captured the objective inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy.

In this action, Major Om Prakash Kohli displayed courage, determination and leadership.

24. Major KAILASH NATH (IC-8460),
The Regiment of Artillery.

When the enemy launched determined attacks on a defensive position held by a Battalion of the Punjab Regiment, Major Kailash Nath who was the Battery Commander affiliated with this battalion manned the Observation Post and directing accurate and effective fire, repulsed the enemy attack. Despite heavy shelling and small arms fire, he moved from one defended locality to another, directing the fire and inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy.

In this action, Major Kailash Nath displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

25. Major SANTOSH CHAUHAN (IC-20402),
The Kumaon Regiment.

On the 17th December, 1971, Major Santosh Chauhan was commanding a company of a Battalion of the Kumaon Regiment which had captured certain enemy positions in the Shakargarh Sector. The enemy counter-attacked this position in strength supported by intense and accurate artillery fire. Major Santosh Chauhan, undeterred by the heavy volume of fire, moved from trench to trench encouraging his men to remain steadfast and beat back the attack.

In this action, Major Santosh Chauhan displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

26. Major SURENDRA KUMAR BHARDWAJ
(IC-7364),
The Army Ordnance Corps.

When one of the wagons of a military special train carrying a Medium Regiment to the Amritsar Area caught fire, the tractor loaded in the wagon with gun ammunition was completely burnt and the ammunition lay scattered all over the track in a highly sensitive state. Removal of the live ammunition from the track and its vicinity was imperative for the resumption of traffic. At great personal risk, Major Surendra Kumar Bhardwaj removed all the live rounds, fuzes and other components.

In this action, Major Surendra Kumar Bhardwaj showed courage, determination and devotion to duty.

27. Major TIRATH SINGH (IC-13931), (Posthumous)
The Sikh Light Infantry.

On the night of the 11th December 1971, Major Tirath Singh was commanding a company of a Battalion of the Sikh Light Infantry which captured Dussi Bund Junction in the Western Sector. The enemy launched two counter attacks but these were beaten back under the inspiring leadership of Major Tirath Singh. The third counter attack launched by the enemy in strength was also repulsed but in the process Major Tirath Singh was mortally wounded and died on the spot.

Throughout, Major Tirath Singh displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

28. Major SUSHIL KUMAR SIKKA (IC-8232),
The Corps of Engineers.

On the 9th December 1971, Major Sushil Kumar Sikka was assigned the task of establishing the depth and composition of the enemy defensive minefield in Lohara-Mehlwan-Laisar Kalan area in the Western Sector. To achieve this task, he led two reconnaissance patrols on the nights of 9th and 10th December 1971. Undeterred by enemy shelling and small arms fire, he penetrated 600 yards into the minefield and brought back valuable information.

In this action, Major Sushil Kumar Sikka displayed courage, determination and devotion to duty.

29. Captain RABINDER SINGH DEOL (IC-16714),
17th Horse.

On the night of the 15th December, 1971, Capt. Rabinder Singh Deol was leading the 17th Horse's Column which was crossing the Basantar River from the bridgehead established by

the infantry. Undeterred by heavy enemy shelling, he forced his way through the minefield over-running the enemy strong point at Saraj Chak. Despite the pitch dark night, he brought his squadron to the bridgehead. In the tank battle that followed on the morning of the 16th December 1971, Captain Deol repulsed repeated counter-attacks. When his own tank was hit and started burning, he with complete disregard to his safety, and in the face of enemy fire, pulled out his driver from the burning tank and brought him to safety.

In this action, Captain Rabinder Singh Deol displayed courage leadership and devotion to duty.

30. Captain KAILASH CHANDRA SHARMA
(IC-22304),
Artillery.

Captain Kailash Chandra Sharma was the Ground Liaison Officer at the Air Force Station at Jaisalmer. In addition to his own duties, he carried out the duties of Air Force Intelligence Officer and Air Photo Interpreter most efficiently. He took great pains to brief the debrief the pilots. He established a good rapport with the pilots and helped them to reduce their reaction time in visualisation of the ground situations at all times.

Throughout, Captain Kailash Chandra Sharma displayed professional skill and devotion to duty.

31. Captain BABU KHAN (SS 20071)
The Grenadiers.

Captain Babu Khan was detailed to reconnoitre the enemy defensive positions at Relnor in the Rajasthan Sector. He contacted the enemy forward platoon just short of Relnor, which withdrew after a brief encounter. On advancing further, the enemy brought down heavy mortar and machine gun fire, forcing his platoon to take position on a sand dune. Shortly thereafter, the enemy attacked this platoon supported by medium artillery. He inspired his troops and repulsed the attack inflicting heavy casualties. He then established a firm base and passed back information which was of immense value in the subsequent attack and capture of Relnor.

In this action, Captain Babu Khan displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

32. Captain PRAVEEN KISHORE JOHRI (IC-23382)
Posthumous
The 5th Gorkha Rifles.

Captain Praveen Kishore Johri was commanding a company of a Battalion of the 5th Gorkha Rifles during the attack on the enemy defences at 'Atgram' in the Eastern Sector. The assault was held up due to intense artillery and small arms fire. Though hit in the stomach by a machine gun burst, he with complete disregard for his own safety and unmindful of his wounds, led the attack and encouraged his men to follow him. He personally charged and destroyed one enemy bunker, killing its three occupants. After capturing the objective, he succumbed to his injuries.

In this action Captain Praveen Kishore Johri displayed courage, determination and leadership.

33. Captain SAPRU MATHEWS (IC-18664)
Artillery

On the 16th December 1971, Captain Sapru Mathews, along with another officer was returning from an air borne mission in the Western Sector, when his aircraft was fired upon by enemy machine guns, seriously wounding the other officer who was piloting the aircraft and puncturing the petrol tank. Captain Mathews, showing great presence of mind, took over the controls and skillfully force-landed the aircraft in nearby river bed. Despite heavy shelling and small arms fire, he removed the injured officer to a safe place, about a hundred yards distance and then rushed to help for his comrade.

In this action, Captain Sapru Mathews displayed courage, professional skill and devotion to duty.

34. Captain ANNAVARAPU LAXMINARASHIMHA
SHARMA (MR 2612)
The Army Medical Corps.

When the enemy launched an attack on one of our Border posts in the Eastern Sector inflicting heavy casualties Captain

Annavarapu Laxminarashimha Sharma worked untiringly attending to the casualties under adverse conditions. On learning that there were two serious casualties in the forward companies who could not be evacuated due to intense shelling by the enemy he, showing utter disregard for his own safety, moved forward with his medical haversack and rendered the much needed medical aid to the casualties.

Throughout, Captain Annavarapu Laxminarashimha Sharma displayed courage and devotion to duty.

35. Captain MADAN MOHAN SHAMRAO GADAGKAR (IC-19131)
Artillery

Captain Madan Mohan Shamrao Gadagkar was the forward observation officer with a company of a Battalion of the Grenadiers during their attack on "Chakra" in the Western Sector. He brought accurate and effective artillery fire on the objective during the forming up and assault across the minefield enabling the assaulting troops to reach the objective with minimum casualties. During the bitter fighting on the objective lasting over three hours, he was always with the company commander and engaged a number of targets thereby ensuring the success of the attack. When the enemy were preparing for a counter attack, he, with complete disregard for his personal safety, moved in the open under heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire, and brought down accurate artillery fire and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy and forced him to disperse.

In this action, Captain Madan Mohan Shamrao Gadagkar displayed courage, determination and devotion to duty.

36. Captain GIRJESH PRATAP SINGH (IC-21768)
The corps of Signals

On the 16th December, 1971, Captain Girjesh Pratap Singh was assigned the task of laying a telephone line over a distance of 25 kilometre upto Bari in the Western Sector. The line was laid along an operational track and was subjected to frequent air raids and continuous shelling. The line was therefore frequently cut at many places. Undeterred by the bombing and shelling, he encouraged and inspired his men who kept on working round the clock for thirty-six hours ensuring that the lines of communication were through all the time.

In this action, Captain Girjesh Pratap Singh displayed courage, determination, leadership and devotion to duty.

37. Captain VISHNU LAXMAN WADODKAR (IC-22128) Artillery

On the 8th December 1971, Captain Vishnu Laxman Wadodkar was the Forward observation officer with a company of a Battalion of the Jammu and Kashmir Rifles which attacked an area in the Western Sector. The attack was virtually halted due to intense and accurate enemy fire. Captain Wadodkar moved from position and in complete disregard of his own safety neutralised enemy positions effectively. Later, he was instrumental in breaking up a counter attack by the enemy.

In this action, Captain Vishnu Laxman Wadodkar displayed courage and devotion to duty.

38. Captain YADAV MUKHERJEE (IC-21068)
The Army Ordnance Corps

On the 5th December 1971, there was a fire due to enemy bombing at the Ammunition Point Akhnoor. The fire threatened other areas where large stocks of ammunition were held. Captain Yadav Mukherjee undaunted by the risk to his own life, moved around the area fighting the fire for seven hours before it could be brought under control. By his tireless efforts, Captain Mukherjee prevented a major disaster.

In this action Captain Yadav Mukherjee displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

39. Captain RAMESH CHANDRA DABRAL (SS-22223)
Artillery

On the 11th December 1971, Captain Ramesh Chandra Dabral was assigned the task of providing air defence to our tanks which had bogged down in Kari Nadi in the Shakargarh Sector. Moving his troops at night and over difficult terrain, he deployed his guns in the area effectively and engaged the enemy aircraft when they attacked our tanks in the morning of the 12th December 1971. The accuracy of his fire was such that the enemy aircraft flew away from the area, leaving the tanks undamaged.

In this action, Captain Ramesh Chandra Dabral displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

40. Captain MALKIAT SINGH DULLAT (IC-15949)
Artillery

On the 4th December 1971, Captain Malkiat Singh Dullat was assigned the task of engaging enemy tanks likely to interfere with our attack on 'Darsana' in the Eastern Sector. While flying low due to bad visibility, his aircraft was hit by Heavy Machine Gun fire. Undeterred and unmindful of the damage to his aircraft, he located the enemy tanks and engaged them effectively and thus contributed to a great extent in the completion of the mission.

In this action Captain Malkiat Singh Dullat displayed courage, professional skill and devotion to duty.

41. Captain TEK CHAND BHARDWAJ (SS-20880)
The Parachute Regiment.

On the night of the 11th December 1971, after an airborne assault by a Battalion of the Parachute Regiment on Poongli Bridge at Tangail in the Eastern Sector, Captain Tek Chand Bhardwaj who was leading a special mission was assigned the task of securing an area 10 kilometres to the North and to give advance information of enemy counter attacks. The area to be secured was held by an enemy platoon supported by Medium Machine Guns. His own force was barely a section of infantry and engineers supported by a detachment each of Medium Machine Gun and Recoilless Gun. Captain Tek Chand Bhardwaj deployed his force skilfully as a result of which the enemy abandoned the position which was occupied by Captain Tek Chand Bhardwaj. The enemy, duly reinforced attacked this position with his companies. Realising that holding out in the face of the enemy superiority was difficult, he withdrew his small force and laid an ambush. The enemy following up fell into the trap and suffered heavy casualties. Thereafter, the force withdrew and rejoined the Battalion. On the night of the 15th/16th December 1971, during the advance to Dacca, Captain Bhardwaj was ordered to lead a combat team and establish contact with the enemy. While crossing a bridge the party came under intense and accurate small arms fire. He engaged the enemy from a different direction and inflicted heavy casualties on him.

In these actions, Captain Tek Chand Bhardwaj displayed, courage, determination and leadership.

42. Captain KUPPUSWAMY CHANDRASEKHAR
(IC-23427)
The Madras Regiment

On the 5th December 1971, Captain Kuppuswamy Chandrasekhar was ordered to capture and hold Kalsian Khurd in the Western Sector. Despite stiff enemy opposition, he captured the objective. The enemy launched several counter-attacks but under the inspiring leadership of Captain Kuppuswamy Chandrasekhar, these were repulsed.

In this action, Captain Kuppuswamy Chandrasekhar displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

43. Captain LALGUDI NARAYANASWAMY SUNDRA
RAJAN (SS-19509)
Artillery

On the night of the 11th December, 1971, Captain Lalgudi Narayanaswamy Sundra Rajan was the Forward Observation Officer with a company of a Battalion of the Sikh Light Infantry during their attack on Fatehpur Post on the Western Sector. Having lost the objective, the enemy counter-attacked repeatedly in overwhelming strength supported by heavy artillery fire. Captain Rajan, unmindful of his own

safety, moved from one position to another observing and directing fire on the assaulting enemy. It was largely due to his efforts that the attacks were repulsed.

In this action, Captain Lalgudi Narayanaswamy Sundra Rajan displayed courage, determination and devotion to duty.

44. Captain SHRIKANT NAGESH DHARMADHIKARI
(1A-41367).

Air Defence Regiment (TA).

During the operations against Pakistan in December, 1971, Captain Shrikant Nagesh Dharmadhikari was the troop commander in an Air Defence Regiment providing air defence to Okha Port in the Rajasthan Sector. On the 5th and 9th December 1971, this port was subjected to attacks by enemy aircraft. Captain Dharmadhikari controlled and directed the fire of his troops with competence and skill and shot down two enemy aircraft.

In this action, Captain Shrikant Nagesh Dharmadhikari displayed courage, professional skill and leadership.

45. Captain PRAMOD KUMAR CHOPRA (IC-15898)
Artillery.

On the 13th December 1971, Captain Pramod Kumar Chopra was the Forward Observation officer with a company of a battalion of the Sikh Regiment during the attack on Nayachor in the Western Sector. The attack was held up due to effective and intense enemy fire. Unmindful of his own safety, Captain Pramod Kumar Chopra moved forward and occupying a vantage point which was under heavy shelling, directed own artillery fire accurately to neutralise the enemy weapons thereby enabling the company's attack to go through.

In this action, Captain Pramod Kumar Chopra displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

46. Captain SHEKHAR DUTT (SS-19877)
Artillery

On the 15th December 1971, Captain Shekhar Dutt was the Forward Observation Officer with an armoured squadron during the attack at Nayachor in the Western Sector. As the attack progressed, his own tank was hit and immobilised. Captain Dutt, undeterred by the heavy shelling got out of the tank and moved to a vantage point from where he directed accurate and effective artillery fire.

In this action, Captain Shekhar Dutt displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

47. Captain BHAJAN SINGH KATWAL (IC-22658)
Artillery.
(Posthumous)

On the 17th December 1971, Captain Bhajan Singh Katwal was the Observation Post Officer with a Battalion of the Madras Regiment occupying a defensive position at Hingoro Tar in the Western Sector. At dawn, the enemy attacked this position in strength supported by artillery but the attack was repulsed. The enemy assaulted again in larger strength, overwhelming the forward defended localities. Unable to direct our artillery fire on the enemy due to proximity of own troops, Captain Bhajan Singh Katwal with a handful of men, led an assault on the attacking enemy. In the process, he was hit on the forehead as a result of which he died.

In this action, Captain Bhajan Singh Katwal displayed courage and leadership.

48. Captain BIR NATH (IC-23317)
The Sikh Light Infantry

On the 11th December 1971, four enemy sabre aircraft attacked Parche Ji Veri Railway Station in the Rajasthan Sector hitting the ammunition and other stores that had been unloaded during the night. Some ammunition caught fire and started exploding. Captain Bir Nath, who was in charge of the unloading party, with complete disregard for his own safety, rushed to isolate the undamaged ammunition boxes and stores to a safe place. While doing this, he was seriously wounded by a medium artillery shell which exploded.

In this action Captain Bir Nath, displayed courage and devotion to duty.

49. Captain EDWARD RATHNAKUMAR MUTHU-MANI DEVID (MR-8498)
Army Medical Corps.

On the 8th December 1971, during the advance of a company of a Battalion of the Sikh Light Infantry on Purbat Ali feature, our troops suffered heavy casualties to intense and accurate enemy fire. Evacuation of casualties was extremely difficult due to effective enemy fire. Captain David who was the Medical Officer with this Battalion, in complete disregard to his own safety, took a jeep to a point four hundred yards short of the forward most troops got down and rushed forward despite the enemy fire and constant shelling, to render first aid. He then brought the casualties to the jeep for evacuation.

In this action, Captain Edward Rathnakumar Muthumani David displayed courage, initiative and devotion to duty.

50. Captain RANSHER SINGH RANAWAT (IC-19420)
The Brigade of Guards.

Captain Ransher Singh Ranawat was serving with a Battalion of the Brigade of Guards during an attack on a well fortified enemy position in the Eastern Sector. During the assault one of the company commanders was hit by a light machine gun burst. Noticing the bunkers from where the enemy fire was effectively interfering with the attack, Captain Ranawat, with complete disregard to his personal safety, rushed forward and neutralized the three bunkers in spite of his having received a bullet injury.

In this action, Captain Ransher Singh Ranawat displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

51. Captain BALBIR SINGH (SS-21116)
The Punjab Regiment.

Captain Balbir Singh was commanding a company of a Battalion of the Punjab Regiment which was occupying a defensive position in the Eastern Sector. When this position was attacked by enemy infantry supported by tanks he, with complete disregard for his personal safety, moved from trench to trench under intense artillery, tank and small arms fire motivating his men and directing their fire. Under his able leadership, the company repulsed the attack and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy.

In this action, Captain Balbir Singh displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

52. Captain PURSHOTAM LAL BAWA (IC-20903)
The Parachute Regiment

On the 7th December 1971, Captain Purshotam Lal Bawa was in charge of a party which was ordered to raid Cachra and Virvah in the Rajasthan Sector. As his party was moving behind the enemy lines, an enemy medium machine gun opened fire inflicting heavy casualties. Captain Bawa immediately charged the machine gun post which so unnerved the enemy that he fled away. Again, on the 16th December 1971, when he realised that one of the columns was out of communication, he took his control set and moved deep into the enemy territory and stayed there for twenty-four hours to re-established contact.

Throughout Captain Purshotam Lal Bawa displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

53. Captain SHRI PRAKASH MADHAV NAIK (MS-8393)
Army Medical Corps.

Captain Shri Prakash Madhav Naik was a medical officer of a Battalion of the 5th Gorkha Rifles during the attack on Sehjra in the Western Sector. He rendered immediate medical aid and arranged speedy evacuation of casualties. He performed his duties unflinchingly under heavy shelling and automatic fire. His prompt attention to the injured was a source of inspiration to the men of the battalion.

Throughout, Captain Shri Prakash Madhav Naik displayed courage and devotion to duty.

54. Captain HARBANS SINGH SANDHU (SS-22335)
Artillery.

Captain Harbans Singh Sandhu was in command of guns deployed for the defence of an important Radar Station in the Western Sector. This Radar Station was subjected to seventeen intense air attacks by the enemy both during day and night. During the attacks, Captain Sandhu moved from one gun position to another to inspire his men and ensure effective anti-aircraft fire. It was mainly due to his inspiring leadership and efforts that his men were able to repulse repeated attacks on this vital radar station and kept it fully operational.

Throughout, Captain Harbans Singh Sandhu displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

55. Captain RAHUL KAR, (IC-19120)
Engineers.

Captain Rahul Kar was in charge of an engineer demolition party which was assigned the task of destroying Railway Bridge in the Eastern Sector. On the 11th December, 1971, he led his party deep into enemy locality to blow up this bridge. When he was nearing the bridge, his party came under heavy enemy fire. Undaunted, he deployed his party to engaged the enemy and taking three other sappers went to the bridge and completed his task.

In this action, Captain Rahul Kar displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

56. Captain ANUP KUMAR (IC-20752)
The Brigade of the Guards

A Battalion of the Brigade of the Guards was given the task of clearing an enemy occupied post in the Eastern Sector. This was a well fortified post held in strength by the enemy, Captain Anup Kumar, commanding a company, led his troops. The company was subjected to intense small arms and artillery fire. Undaunted, he led his company in an instant assault and though seriously wounded, succeeded in silencing one of the enemy light machine guns and thereafter continued to direct and encourage his men to capture the objective. The enemy was overwhelmed by the speed and momentum of the attack and fled from the position after suffering heavy casualties.

In this action, Captain Anup Kumar displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

57. Captain PUSHPINDER SINGH MANN, (SS-19825)
The Brigade of the Guards.

Captain Pushpinder Singh Mann was a Platoon Commander in a Company of a Battalion of the Brigade of the Guards during an attack on an enemy strong hold in the Eastern Sector. He led his platoon and attacked the enemy depth localities from the rear. This unbalanced the enemy who started withdrawing from the position. Captain Mann, pursued the fleeing enemy and killed the occupants of any enemy jeep who were attempting to escape. In the process, he was wounded by a sniper but undeterred he charged the sniper position and killed the enemy by a burst from his sten.

In this action, Captain Pushpinder Singh Mann displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

58. Captain BRATINDRA BANERJEE, (IC-22371)
Engineers.

On the 4th December 1971, Captain Bratindra Banerjee was ordered to carry out a reconnaissance for the construction of a road in the Eastern Sector. The construction of the road was vital to the advance of our forces operating in this sector. Despite the fact that the enemy was still operating in these areas Captain Banerjee led his party with courage. His party was often shot at by enemy snipers and on one occasion strafed by the enemy aircraft, but undeterred, he carried on with his task and brought back valuable information.

In this action, Captain Bratindra Banerjee displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

59. Captain HITESH KUMAR MEHTA (IC-23102)
Gorkha Rifles

During the operations against Pakistan in December, 1971, Captain Hitesh Kumar Mehta was the 'Aid-de Camp' to a General Officer Commanding. In addition to his own duties he acted as a staff officer and manned the Rover Radio Set. On the 16th December 1971, he volunteered to proceed to Dacca to deliver a message to the Chief of the Pakistan Forces. While at Dacca, he volunteered to proceed along with a Pakistani Officer to deliver a message to the Indian and Pakistani Forces to stop firing as the surrender had been accepted. During this mission, he was hit by a burst from a Pakistani tank machine gun as a result of which he died.

In this action, Captain Hitesh Kumar Mehta displayed courage and devotion to duty.

60. Captain RAJENDRA RAO TAMBE (MS-8430)
Army Medical Corps

During the operations against Pakistan in December, 1971, Captain Rajendra Rao Tambe was the Regimental Medical Officer with a Battalion of the Maratha Light Infantry during their attack on the enemy fortifications in an area in the Eastern Sector. The assaulting companies came under intense artillery and Medium Machine Gun fire and suffered heavy casualties. The Regimental Aid Post was also subjected to heavy shelling. Undeterred, Captain Rajendra Rao Tambe worked tirelessly to render medical aid to the wounded. He moved forward to attend to casualties lying in the bullet swept battle field and saved many lives.

In this action, Captain Rajendra Rao Tambe displayed courage and devotion to duty.

61. Lieutenant RAYADURG RAMA MURTHY,
(SS-21456)
Engineers

Lieutenant Rayadurg Rama Murthy was commanding a platoon of an Engineer Regiment which was holding a defended locality in the Eastern Sector. The enemy attacked this position at night in overwhelming strength, supported by artillery. Lieutenant Rama Murthy's platoon had to take the brunt of the attack. He encouraged his men by personal example to stand firm and steadfast. The attack was repulsed inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy.

In this action, Lieutenant Rayadurg Rama Murthy displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

62. Lieutenant NARAYAN PILLAI CHANDRASEKHARAN PILLAI (IC-25031)
Engineers.

On the 7th December 1971, Lieutenant Narayan Pillai Chandrasekharan Pillai was ordered to breach a vehicle lane through an enemy minefield in the Shakargarh Sector. Working in broad day light in the face of the enemy and under heavy and accurate artillery shelling, he led his men to complete the task of breaching 750 yards deep enemy minefield.

In this action, Lieutenant Narayan Pillai Chandrasekharan Pillai displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

63. Lieutenant DHARAM BIR SINGH MIAN (SS-22121)
The 5th Gorkha Rifles

On the 5th December 1971, Lieutenant Dharam Bir Singh Mian was commanding a platoon of a Battalion of the 5th Gorkha Rifles. He was given the task of capturing a well defended enemy position. Though subjected to effective enemy fire, Lieutenant Mian, by his personal example, exhorted his men and captured the position, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy.

In this action, Lieutenant Dharam Bir Singh Mian displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

64. Lieutenant LALMANI SINGH (SS-22408)
The 8th Gorkha Rifles

Lieutenant Lalmani Singh was commanding a platoon of a company of a Battalion of the 8th Gorkha Rifles which was ordered to clear the enemy from a position in the Dera Baba Nanak Area. As the assault neared the objective, the enemy

brought down heavy and effective fire. Lt. Lalmani Singh went ahead and silenced the enemy bunker. Then encouraging and rallying his men, he led them on to the objective and captured it.

In this action, Lieutenant Lalmani Singh displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

65. Lieutenant JOE D'SOUZA (SS-22116)
Engineers

On the 14th December 1971, Lieutenant Joe D'Souza was ordered to breach an enemy minefield in an area in the Western Sector. Probing the minefield, he located a gap in the minefield, which had been blocked with scattered mines. In spite of constant artillery and mortar shelling, Lieutenant D'Souza neutralized 53 mines, and cleared a gap during the same night.

In this action, Lieutenant Joe D'Souza displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

66. Lieutenant RAKESH KUMAR SOOD (MS-8477)
Army Medical Corps

Lieutenant Rakesh Kumar Sood was the Regimental Medical Officer with a Battalion of the Dogra Regiment during the attack on the heavily fortified network of defences in the Dera Baba Nanak Sector. After capturing the objective, the battalion came under heavy artillery fire of the enemy. Unmindful of his safety, Lieutenant Sood moved from bunker to bunker rendering first aid to the wounded. His timely medical attention saved many lives.

In this action, Lieutenant Rakesh Kumar Sood displayed courage and devotion to duty.

67. Lieutenant SURESH RAJAN (IC-23002)
Corps of Signals.

On the 15th December 1971 the fire order line from Headquarters 54 Artillery Brigade to 70 Medium Regiment passing through the minefield lane at Tharakwal, was cut due to heavy enemy shelling. Lieutenant Suresh Rajan went out with his line party to Tharakwal and under intense shelling personally repaired the line and thus restored the communications. Throughout the operations, he repeatedly went out both during the day and at night and ensured that the communications of the Brigade were always in tact even though extending over 15 to 20 KMs. The success of the Artillery Brigade was largely due to the excellent communications that were available whenever needed.

Throughout, Lieutenant Suresh Rajan displayed courage, professional skill and devotion to duty.

68. Lieutenant KASULA PRABHAKAR REDDY
(IC-23051)
Engineers.

On the 7th December, 1971, Lieutenant Kasula Prabhakar Reddy was commanding a platoon of an Independent assault Field Company which was assigned the task of breaching an enemy mine-field in the Western Sector. As the Engineer Party set to work, the enemy brought down effective and accurate artillery fire on them. Undeterred, Lieutenant Reddy, with his party, breached the mine-field over a distance of 600 yards in a very short time.

In this action, Lieutenant Kasula Prabhakar Reddy displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

69. Lieutenant DARANIKOTTA UDAY SHANKER
(SS-21772)
The Madras Regiment

On the 12th December 1971, Lieutenant Daranikotta Uday Shanker was commanding a platoon of a Battalion of the Madras Regiment during an attack on an enemy post in the Western Sector. As the company was reaching the objective, it came under heavy artillery and small arms fire and the leading platoon under the command of Lieutenant Uday Shanker, suffered heavy casualties. Undeterred, and with utter disregard to his safety, he charged on to the nearest enemy bunkers with his platoon and captured his objective after a fierce fight. The enemy was completely unnerved

and fled from the position leaving behind two light machine guns, two rifles and large quantities of ammunition.

In this action, Lieutenant Daranikotta Uday Shanker displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

70. Lieutenant RAMESH PRASAD SINGH (IC-24980)
Engineers

On the night of the 15th December 1971, Lieutenant Ramesh Prasad Singh was responsible for breaching the enemy mine-field on the Western Bank of the Basantar River. Due to darkness and intense enemy shelling it was not possible for the trawls making the lane to maintain direction. At this stage, Lieutenant Ramesh Prasad Singh, with complete disregard to his safety, walked in front of the trawls showing them the direction with a torch and thus ensured early breaching of the mine-field.

In this task, Lieutenant Ramesh Prasad Singh displayed courage and devotion to duty.

71. Second Lieutenant NARENDRA KUMAR VYAS (IC-23925)
Gorkha Rifles.

On the 14th December, 1971, Second Lieutenant Narendra Kumar Vyas was the mortar fire controller with a company of a Battalion of the Gorkha Rifles which, having captured Chatrana in the Western Sector, was ordered to link up with another company of the same Battalion in the same village area. He took out a patrol to contact the other company. Enroute in an encounter this patrol killed two enemy soldiers and captured two including a Pakistani company commander. As 2/Lt. Vyas was returning to his location, he found the enemy poised for a counter attack on his company position. Immediately, he directed the fire of his mortars with devastating effect to break up the enemy assault line.

In this action, Second Lieutenant Narendra Kumar Vyas displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

72. Second Lieutenant DHARAM VIR REDHU (SS-23027)
The Rajputana Rifles

Second Lieutenant Dharam Vir Redhu, who was leading the commando platoon of a Battalion of the Rajputana Rifles, was assigned the task of establishing a road block behind the enemy lines, cutting of reinforcements and his routes of withdrawal in the Western Sector. He organised and executed his task with courage and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy who attempted to escape.

In this action Second Lieutenant Dharam Vir Redhu displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

73. Second Lieutenant KRISHAN KUMAR SHARMA (IC-23294) (Posthumous)
The Punjab Regiment

On the 5th December, 1971, Second Lieutenant Krishan Kumar Sharma was in charge of a platoon during the attack on an enemy position in the Eastern Sector. As he advanced towards the enemy, he was wounded in the arm by a burst of small arms fire. Undeterred, he personally charged and silenced a light machine gun post. In doing so, he was again hit by a burst from the light machine gun as a result of which he died.

In this action, Second Lieutenant Krishan Kumar Sharma displayed courage, determination and devotion to duty.

74. Second Lieutenant KUSHAL KUMAR CHOUDHRY (IC-24842)
The Sikh Regiment.

On the 3rd December, 1971, one company of the enemy supported by artillery and machine gun fire attacked our Border Post at Pulkanjri in the Western Sector. Second Lieutenant Kushal Kumar Choudhry was away from the post on a patrol at this time and on return found his post under attack. With commendable courage, presence of mind and complete disregard to his safety, he, with his patrol, assaulted the enemy. His bold action unnerved the enemy who withdrew after suffering heavy casualties.

In this action, Second Lieutenant Kushal Kumar Choudhry displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

75. Second Lieutenant NARENDER SINGH GREWAL (IC-25109)
Engineers.

Second Lieutenant Narender Singh Grewal was serving with a Platoon of a Battalion of the J & K Rifles which was assigned the task of securing an area in the Eastern Sector. Enroute this party encountered enemy mines. When Second Lieutenant Grewal alongwith his men moved up to clear the mines, the enemy brought down accurate and heavy shelling on the area. Undeterred, Second Lieutenant Grewal moved forward and showing utter disregard to his safety, cleared the mines. Moving further, the party came across the main enemy minefield. Once again, he cleared a route through the minefield, personally leading his party under enemy shelling.

In this action, Second Lieutenant Narender Singh Grewal displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

76. Second Lieutenant HARISH CHANDER MEHROTRA (SS-23790) Engineers.

Second Lieutenant Harish Chander Mehrotra was ordered to breach a vehicle lane in an enemy minefield in the Shakargarh Sector. He was incharge of a party of six sappers grouped with a tank trawl. After the trawl lane had been made, he and his party started manual breaching of the minefield. The enemy subjected the party to artillery fire and air attacks. One of the enemy 250 pound bombs landed within 100 feet of the party but failed to explode. Undeterred by the enemy fire and the danger posed by the unexploded bomb, Second Lieutenant Mehrotra, kept his men in the job and completed the 750 yards vehicle lane in 90 minutes.

In this action Second Lieutenant Harish Chander Mehrotra displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

77. Second Lieutenant PRASHANT KUMAR GUPTA (IC-25223) The Brigade of Guards.

On the 6th December, 1971, Second Lieutenant Prashant Kumar Gupta, leading his platoon destroyed three enemy tanks and foiled the enemy thrust on the infantry battalion defended area in the Chhamb Sector. Again, on the 9th December 1971, he led his platoon under intense shelling, and destroyed three tanks of the enemy standing off the Chhamb crossing.

In these actions, Second Lieutenant Prashant Kumar Gupta displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

78. Second Lieutenant NAGINDER PAL SINGH (SS-23129) Engineers.

Second Lieutenant Naginder Pal Singh was ordered to reconnoitre and align a track upto the Basantar River in the Shakargarh Sector. The terrain was very rough and interspersed with nallahs and mines. The enemy brought down heavy artillery and small arms fire on the party. Undeterred, he carried on with the work and ensured the completion of the task well in time and thus enabled a speedy build up into the Bridge Head.

In this action, Second Lieutenant Naginder Pal Singh displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

79. Second Lieutenant GOVIND RAYA GAONKAR (SS-23956) Artillery.

Second Lieutenant Govind Raya Gaonkar was the Observation Post Officer with a force which was assigned the task of intercepting and inflicting casualties on the enemy moving in and out of his defences in the Eastern Sector. Directing effective fire, he caused approximately 31 casualties to the enemy. Later, his position was attacked in overwhelming strength by the enemy, supported by artillery, but he foiled all the enemy attempts to capture the position.

Throughout Second Lieutenant Govind Raya Gaonkar displayed courage, professional skill and devotion to duty.

80. Second Lieutenant TEJINDER SINGH SANDHU
(SS-23438) Engineers.

On the 8th December 1971, Second Lieutenant Tejinder Singh Sandhu who was commanding a platoon of an Engineer Regiment was assigned the task of constructing a track 6 kilometres long from the road head to the Bridge site at Jamalpur in the Eastern Sector. Working tirelessly for 36 hours, he ensured construction of this track over very difficult terrain which enabled a sizeable force to be inducted behind the enemy.

In this action, Second Lieutenant Tejinder Singh Sandhu displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

81. Second Lieutenant KULDIP SINGH (SS-23867) The 1st Gorkha Rifles.

On the 9th December, 1971, Second Lieutenant Kuldip Singh who was commanding a platoon of a battalion of the 1st Gorkha Rifles was assigned the task of clearing the enemy from a village in the Western Sector. The task was successfully completed. The enemy who had withdrawn beyond a minefield, brought down heavy and effective machine gun and artillery fire on the platoon. Second Lieutenant Kuldip Singh undeterred by the enemy fire, entered the minefield and accomplished the task assigned to him.

In this action, Second Lieutenant Kuldip Singh displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

82. Second Lieutenant DEEPAK RAJ (IC-25141) The Dogra Regiment.

On the 14th December 1971 Second Lieutenant Deepak Raj, who was commanding a platoon of a Battalion of the Dogra Regiment was ordered to capture a village in the Western Sector. Unmindful of the heavy shelling and machine gun fire, he led his men and captured the village. During this process, one of his armoured personnel carriers was hit and set ablaze. He, with complete disregard for his own safety, entered the carrier and pulled out three of the wounded personnel.

In this action, Second Lieutenant Deepak Raj displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

83. Second Lieutenant NARENDER SINGH AHLAWAT (IC-25103) The Grenadiers.

On the 8th December 1971, Second Lieutenant Narender Singh Ahlawat was assigned the task of destroying a medium machine gun bunker in the Shakargarh Sector. He led his patrol with courage, and captured the machine gun inflicting casualties on the enemy.

In this action, Second Lieutenant Narender Singh Ahlawat displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

84. Second Lieutenant NARSINGH BAHADUR SINGH (SS-23704) The Kumaon Regiment.

On the 5th December 1971, Second Lieutenant Narsingh Bahadur Singh was commanding a platoon of a company of a Battalion of the Kumaon Regiment which was assigned the task of attacking on an enemy position in the Western Sector. As the attack progressed, the enemy brought down heavy machine gun and mortar fire stalling the attack. Second Lieutenant Singh, with complete disregard for his safety, rushed to the machine gun bunker and destroyed it! Seeing him, his men rallied behind him and captured the objective.

In this action Second Lieutenant Narsingh Bahadur Singh displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

85. Second Lieutenant SURINDER SINGH (SS-23523) The Sikh Regiment.

During the operations against Pakistan in December, 1971, Second Lieutenant Surinder Singh was commanding a post in the Amritsar Sector. On the night of 5th/6th December, 1971, about 200 Pakistani troops attacked the post. The attack was repulsed with heavy loss to the enemy. However, the enemy regrouped and having shelled the post heavily, attacked again. Second Lieutenant Surinder Singh personally directed own artillery fire very accurately. This

foiled the enemy's assault and the forward echelons of the enemy troops were forced to take shelter behind bushes and boulders. Taking advantage of this situation, Second Lieutenant Surinder Singh took a section out of the post and engaged the enemy from an unexpected flank with accurate rifle and machine gun fire. This sudden aggressive action took the enemy completely by surprise and forced him to withdraw leaving behind many dead and a large quantity of arms and ammunition.

In this action, Second Lieutenant Surinder Singh displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

86. Second Lieutenant SARABJIT SINGH BRAR (IC-24677). The Sikh Regiment.

Second Lieutenant Sarabjit Singh Brar was commanding a post in the Amritsar sector. On the night of 5th/6th December, 1971, the enemy attacked this post and an adjoining post, Darya Mansur, simultaneously. Fighting bravely, the men at the post repulsed the attack inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. The enemy regrouped and again attacked the post supported by artillery. Second Lieutenant Brar personally directed artillery fire thereby inflicting considerable casualties on the enemy. In spite of this, the enemy was able to penetrate into part of the wire defences as close as 30 yards. Second Lieutenant Brar promptly reinforced the threatened portion and himself took over the light machine gun and, unmindful of personal safety, accurately fired on the advancing enemy. This encouraged his troops to fight the enemy and the attack was beaten back with heavy casualties on the enemy.

In this action, Second Lieutenant Sarabjit Singh Brar displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

87. Second Lieutenant RAJENDRA SINGH (SS-24284). The Scinde Horse.

Second Lieutenant Rajendra Singh was a troop leader in an armoured regiment in the Amritsar sector. After a tank battle in the afternoon of the 10th December, 1971, the leading squadron of tanks was ordered to stay on in the captured enemy territory on axis Namakot—Nurkot. For protection of the tanks during the night, a platoon from Namakot was ordered to move to the squadron. Heavy shelling by the enemy wounded the infantry officer leading the platoon and killed a few others, resulting in a hold up in the advance of the platoon. Second Lieutenant Rajendra Singh was ordered to take the platoon to the squadron of tanks quickly. Disregarding his personal safety, he not only led the platoon to the squadron's location but also ensured prompt evacuation of the casualties. In subsequent operations also, he volunteered to evacuate casualties. He successfully took the ambulance cars through intense enemy shelling and brought the casualties back from the area from where the enemy had not yet been flushed out.

In these actions, Second Lieutenant Rajendra Singh displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

88. Second Lieutenant SUDHIR KUMAR BEDI (IC-25436). The Rajput Regiment.

Second Lieutenant Sudhir Kumar Bedi was commanding a platoon of infantry in the Pachagarh area during our defensive operations in the Eastern Sector. While clearing an enemy locality, Second Lieutenant Sudhir Kumar Bedi and his platoon came under heavy and accurate machine gun fire. Though he was seriously wounded, he led his platoon through the stiff opposition and captured the objective.

In this action Second Lieutenant Sudhir Kumar Bedi displayed courage and devotion to duty.

89. Second Lieutenant JOHN ZAMA (SS-23881). The Assam Regiment.

On the 16th December, 1971 Second Lieutenant John Zama was in command of a platoon defended locality in the Western Sector. The enemy attacked this locality in overwhelming strength supported by tanks and artillery fire. Undaunted, he moved from trench to trench encouraging his men and at the same time directed own mortar and artillery fire thus breaking up and beating back two enemy attacks.

In this action, Second Lieutenant John Zama displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

90. Second Lieutenant YESHWANT NAIDU (SS-23605)
The Maratha Light Infantry.

On the 3rd December, 1971, Second Lieutenant Yeshwant Naidu was the leading platoon commander in an attack on an enemy post as part of our defensive operations in the Dinajpur area in the Eastern Sector.

The assaulting troops came under intense and accurate machine gun fire. Second Lieutenant Yeshwant Naidu, realising that the attack was faltering, quickly rushed back to rally depth platoon and with the increased strength attacked the enemy. In this process, he was seriously wounded and fell down near the objective but continued to encourage his men to capture the objective.

In this action, Second Lieutenant Yeshwant Naidu displayed courage, initiative and leadership.

91. Second Lieutenant MANAS KUMAR BANDYOPADHAYAY (SS-23713).

The Madras Regiment.

Second Lieutenant Manas Kumar Bandyopadhyay was the leading platoon commander in a Company of a Battalion of the Madras Regiment which was ordered to capture a bridge over a canal in the Dinajpur area as part of our defensive operations in the Eastern Sector. His platoon came under heavy small arms fire from enemy positions across the bridge. Undeterred, he rallied his troops and inspired them to charge across the bullet swept bridge. The enemy was completely unnerved and abandoned their position and our troops captured the bridge intact. Thereafter, the enemy put in three counter-attacks but they were beaten back due to the inspiring leadership of this officer.

Second Lieutenant Manas Kumar Bandyopadhyay displayed courage and leadership.

92. Second Lieutenant TEJA SINGH BEDI (IC-25065)
The Gorkha Rifles.

On the night of 12th/13th December, 1971 a Company of a Battalion of the 11th Gorkha Rifles was given the task of infiltrating through the enemy defences on the Ichamati River in the Eastern Sector. Second Lieutenant Teja Singh Bedi who was commanding a platoon, was ordered to infiltrate first and establish a firm base. He led his platoon with skill and established a firm base when discovered that he was close to the enemy battalion Headquarters position. He was then ordered to encircle the battalion Headquarters and to capture as many of the enemy as possible. He again led his platoon with courage and skill and charged the enemy position inflicting heavy casualties and captured the battalion commander and his staff.

In this action Second Lieutenant Teja Singh Bedi displayed courage, initiative and leadership.

93. Second Lieutenant RANJIT SINGH BANYAL (SS-24132).

The Punjab Regiment.

Second Lieutenant Ranjit Singh Banyal, who was commanding a platoon of a Battalion of the Punjab Regiment was given the task of clearing a Pakistani nest along the Chatalput—Shamshernagar Road, as part of defensive operations in the Eastern Sector. He led his platoon with courage and bravery and undeterred by the enemy machine gun fire, stormed the bunkers and eliminated the enemy.

In this action, Second Lieutenant Ranjit Singh Banyal displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

94. Second Lieutenant VIJAY KUMAR CHOPRA (SS-22886).

The Sikh Light Infantry.

On the 13th December, 1971 the advance of the leading company of a Battalion of the Sikh Light Infantry was held up by heavy small arms and mortar fire from the enemy positions at 'Mirzapur' on the Tangil—Dacca Axis in the Eastern Sector. Second Lieutenant Vijay Kumar Chopra was

ordered to take two sections and assault the enemy positions. Despite the effectiveness of the enemy fire, he formed up with his sections and led a spirited charge which completely unnerved the enemy and resulted in the capture of the objective.

In this action, Second Lieutenant Vijay Kumar Chopra displayed courage, determination and leadership.

95. Second Lieutenant DIGVIJAY SINGH (SS-24303).
The Rajput Regiment.

Second Lieutenant Digvijay Singh was commanding the leading platoon of a company of a Battalion of the Rajput Regiment, which was assigned the task of clearing the enemy covering the Railway Bridge over the Khushlara River in the Eastern Sector. As the platoon reached the far end of the bridge, the enemy opened up devastating small arms fire almost bringing the attack to a halt. Second Lieutenant Digvijay Singh, moved forward and personally led the charge to the nearest enemy machine gun bunker and succeeded in silencing the enemy gun. This action inspired his men to overcome the enemy opposition.

In this action, Second Lieutenant Digvijay Singh displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

96. Second Lieutenant SUNDER SINGH (SS-23600),
The Armoured Corps.

Second Lieutenant Sunder Singh was engaged in the various offensive actions against the enemy in the Pirganj—Bogra sector during the operations against Pakistan in 1971. On the 7th December 1971 when his troop was ordered to assault an enemy position, he handled his troop with competence and ambushed an enemy convoy of vehicles causing utter confusion amongst the enemy who fled in panic after suffering heavy casualties. On the same night, when the enemy counter-attacked, Second Lieutenant Sunder Singh brought down heavy and accurate tank fire on the enemy and repulsed the attack.

On the 11th December, 1971 the troop under Second Lieutenant Sunder Singh, while assaulting an enemy position, came under intense artillery and tank fire. Undeterred, he personally led the assault to capture the objective. On the 14th December, 1971, his troop formed part of a road block, which inflicted heavy casualties on the escaping enemy and captured 15 prisoners.

Throughout these actions, Second Lieutenant Sunder Singh displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

97. IC-34378 Subedar VICTOR SEQUERA.
The Parachute Regiment.

On the 11th December, 1971, Subedar Victor Sequera, along with 18 Paratroopers, landed in an enemy infested area after a parachute drop in the Eastern Sector. Unmindful and undeterred by enemy fire, he collected his men and assaulted the position forcing the enemy to withdraw after inflicting heavy casualties. Later he overcame two more enemy positions before establishing a link with the main force.

In this action, Subedar Victor Sequera displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

98. IC-41380 Subedar MOHAN SINGH
The Kumaon Regiment.

On the 15th December, 1971, Subedar Mohan Singh was commanding a platoon which, while probing through the village Kukiyal Majhla in the Western Sector was fired upon by the enemy with small arms fire. Thereafter, Subedar Mohan Singh, in a lightning and fierce attack, over-ran the enemy position and nursed the withdrawing enemy. Other enemy positions then brought down accurate fire and stopped any further move. Unable to press forward, he withdrew to the village wherein he destroyed the enemy position which had been interfering with own troops.

In this action, Subedar Mohan Singh displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

99. IC-32525 Subedar GIAN SINGH
Corps of Signals.

Subedar Gian Singh was incharge of the Transmitter station of the Command Signal Regiment during the operations

against Pakistan in the Eastern Sector in 1971. Due to the increase in formations and units under command, additional high and medium power transmitters had to be installed and other existing ones had to be shifted into newly constructed dispersal huts, for protection against air attacks. As these dispersal huts were spread out over 70 acres of marshy land, it involved covering this entire area. Undaunted by his physical handicap on account of an artificial leg he limped to every place where any work had to be done. Under his expert and competent professional guidance, all the work was completed in record time. Thereafter, Subedar Gian Singh worked untiringly to ensure that the radio links were maintained at a high level of efficiency throughout the operations.

Throughout, Subedar Gian Singh displayed courage, and devotion to duty.

100. JC-43026 Subedar PEM SINGH BHATI

The Rajput Regiment.

Subedar Pem Singh Bhati was one of the platoon commanders of a Company during the attack on an enemy position in Dinajpur—Rangpur sector. The advance of his platoon was held up by enemy fire from a strongly fortified bunker. His efforts to reduce the bunker by a recoilless gun did not prove successful. Unmindful of personal safety, he took a light machine gun from one of his sections and rushed to the enemy bunker single handed, firing from the hip. When he was within fifteen yards of the bunker, he received a burst of fire on his face and chest. Before losing consciousness, he lobbed a 77 hand grenade into the enemy bunker, setting fire to it and destroying it.

In this action, Subedar Pem Singh Bhati displayed courage and devotion to duty.

101. JC-37184 Subedar ABHE RAM,

The Rajputana Rifles.

On the 5th December, 1971, during the battle for the capture of Kharkharia, in the Eastern Sector, Subedar Abhe Ram crawled across the bullet swept area upto an enemy Heavy Machine Gun Bunker, killing the three occupants and silencing the gun. His action saved considerable casualties to own troops and enabled the capture of the objective.

In this action, Subedar Abhe Ram displayed courage and devotion to duty.

102. JC-17110 Subedar DAWLAT RAO GOVINDRAO FADTARE. (Posthumous),

The Maratha Light-Infantry.

On the 7th December, 1971 a Company of a Battalion of the Maratha Light Infantry was ordered to capture the enemy positions astride Kantanagar Bridge on the Eastern Sector. During the attack the enemy brought to bear intense and accurate fire inflicting heavy casualties. Despite the fact that most of the men of his platoon had been killed or wounded, Subedar Dawlat Rao Govindrao Fadtare charged at the enemy and killed four of them in hand to hand fight before he himself was killed.

In this action Subedar Dawlat Rao Govindrao Fadtare displayed courage, leadership and made the supreme sacrifice in the call of duty.

103. JC-30375 Subedar JOGINDER SINGH,

The Punjab Regiment.

A company of a Battalion of the Punjab Regiment was given the task of clearing an enemy post on the Shamsher-nabar Maulvi Bazar axis in the Eastern Sector during the operations against Pakistan in 1971. Subedar Joginder Singh, who was commanding a platoon, was ordered to capture the areas east of the road. As his platoon commenced its advance, it came under enemy machine gun fire. Subedar Joginder Singh ordered his platoon to take cover and engage the enemy while he himself crawled towards the enemy bunkers and destroyed one by a grenade attack. He then crawled to the machine gun post and compelled the enemy to surrender together with their weapons.

In this action, Subedar Joginder Singh displayed courage and leadership.

104. JC-22028 Subedar KALIKA SINGH,

The Rajput Regiment.

On the 14th December, 1971, a Battalion of the Rajput Regiment was given the task of clearing the enemy from the Kola Bill area in the Eastern Sector. Subedar Kalika Singh was the Second-in-Command of the assaulting company. The assaulting infantry came under intense and accurate small arms and artillery fire and suffered heavy casualties. The company commander was injured and the attack was faltering when Subedar Kalika Singh took charge and rallying the company led the attack to capture the objective.

In this action, Subedar Kalika Singh displayed courage, initiative and leadership.

105. JC-60559 Subedar LAXMI DATT PATHAK,

The Kumaon Regiment.

On the 14th December, 1971, a company of a Battalion of the Kumaon Regiment was ordered to reinforce another Company occupying a defended locality near Mavana Mati Cantonment in the Eastern Sector. Subedar Laxmi Datt Pathak was leading a platoon which came under heavy shelling and medium machine gun fire from enemy positions on the flank. Though seriously wounded by a burst from a machine gun, Subedar Pathak continued to lead the advance and succeeded in reinforcing the Company position well before the expected counter-attack.

In this action, Subedar Laxmi Datt Pathak displayed leadership and devotion to duty.

106. JC-36464 Subedar VISHNU JADHAV,

The Maratha Light Infantry.

On the 9th December, 1971 a Battalion of the Maratha Light Infantry was assigned the task of capturing the enemy entrenchments at South Durra and Bara Chenggram in the Hilli Sector of the Eastern Sector. During the attack on Bara Chenggram, the leading elements were pinned down by heavy enemy artillery and machine gun fire. Unmindful of his personal safety, Subedar Vishnu Jadhav, who was commanding the leading platoon, crawled towards the enemy bunkers and succeeded in silencing one of the machine guns which was inflicting heavy casualties on his troops. His action enabled the company to capture their objective.

In this action, Subedar Vishnu Jadhav displayed courage and devotion to duty.

107. JC-44886 Naib Subedar TARATHA BAHADUR GURUNG. (Posthumous),

Gorkha Rifles.

Naib Subedar Taratha Bahadur Gurung was a platoon commander of a Battalion of Gorkha Rifles. He, with complete disregard to his personal safety, led his platoon in successful attacks on two well fortified enemy posts in the Eastern Sector. By his personal example, he inspired his men to close in with the enemy and capture the objective after hand to hand fighting. In the process, he was severely wounded and later succumbed to his injuries.

Throughout, Naib Subedar Taratha Bahadur Gurung displayed courage, determinations and devotion to duty.

108. 13710291 Naib Subedar SUKHDEV SINGH,

The Jammu and Kashmir Rifles.

Naib Subedar Sukhdev Singh was commanding the leading platoon of a Battalion of Jammu and Kashmir Rifles which was ordered to capture an enemy post in the Eastern Sector. While he was crossing the river in boats, the enemy opened up with automatic weapons from well fortified and camouflaged positions. Naib Subedar Sukhdev Singh reached the other bank and immediately deployed his platoon to return fire and informed his company commander regarding the enemy position. The company commander realising the futility of crossing the river in the face of the position ordered the platoon to come back. Naib Subedar Sukhdev Singh, with two other ranks, remained on the far bank of the river engaging the enemy, permitting his platoon to go back to the home bank in the boats. He then gave covering fire to the two men with him and when they were at a safe distance, himself swam across the river.

In this action, Naib Subedar Sukhdev Singh displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

**109. JC-54014 Naib Subedar SOHAN SINGH,
The Parachute Regiment.**

Naib Subedar Sohan Singh was part of a Commando raid on Chachro in the Rajasthan Sector. During this raid while in the process of clearing a post, he was fired upon and hit in the leg. In spite of his wound, he charged into the barrack from where the fire was coming and captured the enemy alive.

In this action Naib Subedar Sohan Singh displayed courage and devotion to duty.

**110. JC-45599 Naib Subedar RATI RAM,
The Regiment of Artillery.**

Naib Subedar Rati Ram was in command of an Air Defence Section deployed to protect a petrol depot and the airfield at Pathankot. On many occasions enemy aircraft attempting to attack their target were unable to penetrate the anti-aircraft screen from the directions of Naib Subedar Rati Ram's section. Throughout, he with utter disregard to his own safety, carried out his duties most effectively and inspired his men.

Naib Subedar Rati Ram displayed courage, and devotion to duty.

**111. JC-46535 Naib Subedar HARDIAL SINGH,
The Punjab Regiment.**

On the night of 6th December, 1971, Naib Subedar Hardial Singh was the mortar fire controller with a Company of a Battalion of the Punjab Regiment attacking an enemy position in the Kargil Sector. He moved well ahead with the leading elements of the assault, directing effective and accurate artillery and mortar fire, which largely contributed to the capture of the objective.

In this action, Naib Subedar Hardial Singh displayed courage and devotion to duty.

**112. JC-44960 Naib Subedar UMRAO SINGH,
The Rajput Regiment.**

Naib Subedar Umrao Singh was in the Commanding Officer's Party of a Battalion of Rajput Regiment. During the Battalions attack on Khinsar in the Rajasthan Sector, this party suddenly came face to face with an enemy detachment. He deployed his party to surround the enemy and thereafter led a bayonet charge annihilating the entire enemy party. His courage in the face of danger, complete disregard to his personal safety and quick reaction, destroyed the enemy completely.

In this action Naib Subedar Umrao Singh displayed initiative, courage and devotion to duty.

**113. JC-57891 Naib Subedar DIN DAYAL YADAV,
Army Ordnance Corps.**

On the 5th December, 1971, a large fire started at the Ammunition Point Akhnoor due to enemy bombing. The fire threatened other areas where large stocks of ammunition were stored. Naib Subedar Din Dayal Yadav fought the fire for over eight hours, at a grave risk to his own life and thus prevented a catastrophe.

In this action, Naib Subedar Din Dayal Yadav displayed courage and devotion to duty.

**114. JC-45837 Naib Subedar KABAL SINGH,
The Corps of Engineers.**

On the 4th December, 1971, Naib Subedar Kabal Singh was assigned the task of disposal of unexploded enemy bombs in the Pathankot Air Field. On the 7th and 8th December he was personally responsible for defusing three time bombs. He carried out these highly dangerous tasks with courage and kept the air field open for traffic.

Throughout, Naib Subedar Kabal Singh displayed courage and devotion to duty.

**115. JC-55212 Naib Subedar JAGIR SINGH THINDH,
The Regiment of Artillery.**

On the 11th December, 1971 Naib Subedar Jagir Singh Thindh was assigned the task of providing protection from

air attacks to our tanks which had bogged down in the Karir River in the Western Sector. This task involved moving the guns at night over most difficult terrain, without adequate resources, and amidst constant shelling by the enemy artillery. In spite of these difficulties, he managed to position the guns by first light.

In this action, Naib Subedar Jagir Singh Thindh displayed courage and devotion to duty.

**116. 2743028 Naib Subedar BHIKU JAGU SHIRKE,
The Maratha Light Infantry.**

On the 9th December, 1971, Naib Subedar Bhiku Jagu Shirke led a patrol of a Battalion of the Maratha Light Infantry to obtain information about enemy defences in area of Jamalpur in the Eastern Sector. Leading the patrol with great skill and with complete disregard to his own safety he infiltrated inside the enemy defences, collected vital information and came back.

In this action, Naib Subedar Bhiku Jagu Shirke displayed courage and devotion to duty.

**117. 2636074 Naib Subedar PHUL SINGH,
The Grenadiers.**

On the night of 13th December, 1971, Naib Subedar Phul Singh, leading a patrol of a Battalion of the Grenadiers, was assigned the task of capturing an enemy soldier from the Shakargarh defences in the Western Sector. As he neared the objective, the enemy opened heavy and effective fire. Undeterred, he, in complete disregard to his personal safety, accomplished this task and also brought his patrol back to safety.

In this action, Naib Subedar Phul Singh displayed courage and devotion to duty.

**118. JC-62026 Naib Subedar KIKKAR Singh,
The Sikh Regiment.**

On the night of 17th December, 1971, Naib Subedar Kikkar Singh who was the mortar fire controller with a company of a Battalion of the Sikh Regiment, was ordered to capture Pul Kaniri in the Western Sector. Throughout the action he directed accurate and effective mortar fire beating back the repeated counter-attacks by the enemy. When some had infiltrated and occupied two bunkers, he crawled and lobbed grenades inside the bunkers and overpowered the enemy, killing two of them.

In this action, Naib Subedar Kikkar Singh displayed courage and devotion to duty.

**119. JC-58267 Naib Subedar SHIVAJI YADAV,
The Maratha Light Infantry.**

On the 6th December, 1971, Naib Subedar Shivaji Yadav was with a company of a Battalion of the Maratha Light Infantry attacking Tur in the Western Sector. In the hand-to-hand fighting that ensued, he was hit on the hand by a bullet while attending to his Company Commander who was severely wounded. Unmindful of his injury and having attended to his company Commander, he pressed forward the attack inspiring and personally leading his men to capture the objective.

In this action, Naib Subedar Shivaji Yadav displayed courage, initiative and devotion to duty.

**120. 1150153 Havildar (Gunner) RAM CHANDER,
Regiment of Artillery.**

Havildar (Gunner) Ram Chander was incharge of a medium gun in the Eastern Sector during the operations against Pakistan in 1971. One day an enemy infiltration party opened machine gun fire at the gun position. Undaunted, Havildar (Gunner) Ram Chander engaged the enemy with his light machine gun.

In this action, Havildar (Gunner) Ram Chander displayed courage and devotion to duty.

121. 13651411 Havildar RAM PRASAN PANDEY,
The Brigade of Guards.

On the 13th December, 1971, Havildar Ram Prasan Pandey of a Battalion of the Brigade of Guards was the leading section commander of the platoon attacking a point in the Western Sector. As the attack stalled due to enemy machine gun fire, he, with complete disregard to his personal safety, rushed to the machine gun post and silenced it.

In this action which was instrumental in the capture of the objective, Havildar Ram Prasan Pandey showed courage and devotion to duty.

122. 2551333 Havildar SHANTHAIAH,
The Madras Regiment.

On the 6th December, 1971, Havildar Shanthaiah was a Platoon Havildar in a Battalion of the Madras Regiment. His platoon was assigned the task of preventing the enemy for occupying village 'Kalsiar Khurd' in the Western Sector. The enemy attacked this position in strength under cover of heavy artillery fire and succeeded in reaching the outskirts of the village. At this juncture, Havildar Shanthaiah, with complete disregard to his own safety, took a Light Machine Gun and moving to a flank outside the village fired relentlessly, breaking up the enemy assault.

In this action, Havildar Shanthaiah displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

123. 1400172 Havildar MANI RAM, (Posthumous)
55th Engineer Regiment.

Due to the imminence of an enemy attack on our position in the Dake area of the Western Sector, during the conflict with Pakistan in 1971, urgent mine laying was ordered on the 4th and 5th December, 1971. Havildar Mani Ram and four sappers from an Engineer Regiment were detailed to organise the Mine laying with a task force from own defending infantry unit. In utter disregard of his personal safety, Havildar Mani Ram went about organising mine laying. On the 5th December, 1971, Havildar Mani Ram and the four sappers were hit by an enemy shell, as a result of which three sappers died on the spot and he was seriously wounded. Later, he succumbed to his injuries.

In this action, Havildar Mani Ram displayed courage and devotion to duty.

124. 4435716 Havildar DARSHAN SINGH,
The Sikh Light Infantry.

Havildar Darshan Singh's platoon was deployed at Ambala Airfield during the operations against Pakistan in 1971. One day, Havildar Darshan Singh, on hearing a fire alarm is one of the blast pens, quickly rushed with 8 men towards the area of the pen. The camouflage net covering the blast pen had caught fire. He ordered a part of the party to fight the fire and with the rest of the men he climbed the pen and removed the camouflage net. The burning net got entangled with the nose of the aircraft. Disregarding danger to himself, he climbed on the aircraft and removed the net thus saving SU-16 aircraft. In the process he sustained burns.

In this action, Havildar Darshan Singh displayed courage and devotion to duty.

125. 1158746 Havildar (Gnr.) HIRA SINGH,
Regiment of Artillery.

Havildar (Gnr.) Hira Singh was commanding an air defence gun of an Air Defence Regiment deployed for the protection of a Corps Headquarters in the Western Sector. On the 7th December, 1971, three enemy MIG 19 aircraft attacked the Corps Headquarters. Havildar (Gnr.) Hira Singh, with complete disregard to his personal safety, ensured that his gun continued to fire at the aircraft during intense low level straffing, resulting in the shooting down of one enemy aircraft and preventing damage to the Corps Headquarters.

In this action, Havildar (Gnr.) Hira Singh displayed courage and devotion to duty.

126. 7027364 Havildar (Driver) (Recovery) MOHAMMAD HANIF MIA,
The Armoured Corps.

On the 6th December, 1971, Havildar (Driver) (Recovery) Mohammad Hanif Mia was involved in the recovery of two

tanks in the forward defended localities in the Chhamb Sector. Unmindful of the constant shelling and small arms fire and knowing that his place of recovery had been outflanked by the enemy, he completed his task bringing the tanks to safety across the Munawar Tawi River.

In this action, Havildar Mohammad Hanif Mia displayed courage and devotion to duty.

127. 9404678 Havildar BIR BAHADUR TAMANG,
The 11th Gorkha Rifles.

On the 6th December, 1971, Havildar Bir Bahadur Tamang was the section commander of a Battalion of the 11th Gorkha Rifles for attack on Muzafarganj in the Eastern Sector. During the attack, he closed up to an enemy bunker and lobbed two hand grenades killing three of its occupants, thus facilitating the advance.

In this action, Havildar Bir Bahadur Tamang displayed courage.

128. 5736598 Havildar CHITRA BAHADUR GURUNG,
The 8th Gorkha Rifles.

Havildar Chitra Bahadur Gurung was the platoon commander of a platoon of a company of a Battalion of the 8th Gorkha Rifles in the Western Sector. During the capture of Mardana on the 5th and 6th December, 1971, and a raid on Balathor on the 16th and 17th December, 1971. Both in Dera Baba Nanak Sector, his platoon moved with lightning speed, and unnerved the enemy who fled.

In these actions, Havildar Chitra Bahadur Gurung displayed courage and leadership.

129. 2846960 Havildar GUMAN SINGH,
The Rajputana Rifles.

On the 17th December, 1971, Havildar Guman Singh was a member of the reconnaissance patrol operating deep within Pakistani territory in the Rajasthan Sector. Havildar Guman Singh was deputed by his patrol commander to find out if an enemy ambush site was occupied by the enemy. When his party was 300 to 600 yards from the ambush site, enemy opened up with automatic fire. Havildar Guman Singh immediately reported this to his patrol commander and returned enemy's fire. Later, he brought an identity disc from an enemy dead body even though he was under constant fire.

In this action, Havildar Guman Singh displayed courage and devotion to duty.

130. 2748787 Havildar MANOHAR RANE (Posthumous)
The Maratha Light Infantry.

Havildar Manohar Rane of a Battalion of the Maratha Light Infantry led his platoon in an attack on an enemy strong point in the Pachagarh area in the Eastern Sector. The attack was held up due to intense machine gun fire from the objective. Unmindful of his personal safety, Havildar Manohar Rane crawled upto one of the medium machine gun bunkers, lobbed a grenade inside and silenced the machine gun. As he was moving forward to the other machine gun bunker, he was hit by a machine gun burst and was killed on the spot.

In this action, Havildar Manohar Rane displayed courage and made the supreme sacrifice.

131. 1168922 Havildar MANNATHUKATTIL VADEK-KECHERAYIL SUBASTIAN THOMAS,
The Regiment of Artillery.

On the 7th December, 1971, Havildar Mannathukattil Vadekkecherayil Subastian Thomas was in charge of a detachment of an Air Defence Battery. His gun was attacked by two enemy MIG-19 aircraft. Handling the gun with only reduced personnel and undeterred by the attacking aircraft, he shot down one of the aircraft in just eight rounds of ammunition.

In this action, Havildar Mannathukattil Vadekkecherayil Subastian Thomas displayed courage, devotion to duty and leadership.

132. 1148622 Havildar (Gunner) SURESH CHANDRA GOSWAMI,
Air Defence Regiment (Territorial Army).

Havildar (Gnr.) Suresh Chandra Goswami was the commander of a gun detachment, located near our border post dur-

ing the operations against Pakistan in 1971. A Pakistani gun boat approached our border post at Samshernagar, on the bank of the River Kalindi in West Bengal. Havildar Suresh Chandra Goswami alerted his men and as soon as the gun boat opened fire, he engaged it with his gun. On being hit once, the Pakistani gun boat opened up with its main guns and a heavy machine gun. Undeterred, Havildar Suresh Chandra Goswami fired a number of high explosive and armour piercing shells damaging the gun boat and killing six of its occupants. The damaged gun boat started limping back to its base, but, sinking gradually soon ran a ground.

In this action, Havildar (Gnr.) Suresh Chandra Goswami displayed courage and devotion to duty.

133. 4142336 Havildar LAXMI NARAIN,

The Kumaon Regiment.

On the 9th December, 1971, Havildar Laxmi Narain, commanding a Recoilless Gun Detachment, was with a company of a Battalion of the Kumaon Regiment during the operations in the Rajasthan Sector. The advance of the company was held up due to intense artillery, mortar and Medium Machine Gun fire from the enemy positions. Havildar Laxmi Narain with utter disregard to his personal safety, moved his recoilless rifle detachment forward in the open, knocked out one of the jeeps with his gun, thus enabling the troops in the open to move to a more suitable and protected position.

In this action, Havildar Laxmi Narain displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

134. 2555068 Havildar APPU KUTTAN, (Posthumous)
The Madras Regiment.

On the 17th December, 1971 Havildar Appu Kuttan was the Platoon Havildar in a company of a Battalion of the Madras Regiment holding Lalai in the Western Sector. As the enemy counter-attacked this position, his platoon commander was injured. Havildar Appu Kuttan then took over the command of the Platoon and moved from trench to trench under heavy enemy shelling and inspired and exhorted his men till the enemy attack was beaten back.

In this action Havildar Appu Kuttan displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

135. 4436302 Havildar AJIT SINGH,

The Sikh Light Infantry.

During the conflict with Pakistan in 1971, while advancing along the Barmer-Naya Chor railway line on the 15th December, 1971 a Battalion of the Sikh Light Infantry was ordered to capture area 'Parche Ji Veri'. In the first phase of the attack, Havildar Ajit Singh, who was acting commander of a platoon, led his men and put the enemy to flight. Subsequently, in the second phase of the attack, one of the companies was held up due to heavy enemy shelling and mine fields. The company, to which the platoon led by Havildar Ajit Singh belonged, was rushed in to help. During the move the forward observation officer was wounded. In utter disregard to his own safety, Havildar Ajit Singh went forward into the mine field and brought the wounded officer back.

In this action, Havildar Ajit Singh displayed courage and leadership.

136. 4539188 Havildar BHAGWAN WAGHMARE,

The Mahar Regiment.

On the 5th December, 1971 a Battalion of the Mahar Regiment was given the task of recapturing 'Thanpir' in the Poonch Sector. This advance along a narrow ridge was held up by heavy machine gun fire from a bunker. Havildar Bhagwan Waghmare, moved his machine gun detachment to a flank and engaged the enemy bunker, diverting their attention and thus making it possible for our troops to approach the enemy post. The enemy, seeing this move, fled, leaving behind large quantities of ammunition.

In this action, Havildar Bhagwan Waghmare displayed courage, initiative and devotion to duty.

137. 9135822 Lance Havildar KUNGA STANAIN,

The Ladakh Scouts.

Lance Havildar Kunga Stanain was the Mobile fire controller with the attacking force during the capture of the Chalunka Complex of defended localities in the Partapur Sector. Throughout the operation, which lasted over four days, he displayed

played determination and professional competence in bringing effective mortar fire on the enemy in spite of intense enemy fire, thereby making a success of the operations.

In this action, Lance Havildar Kunga Stanain displayed courage, initiative and devotion to duty.

138. 4146924 Lance Havildar DEWAN SINGH,

The Kumaon Regiment.

Lance Havildar Dewan Singh who was a section commander in a Battalion of the Kumaon Regiment during their attack on an enemy post on the Gadra Axis, in the Rajasthan Sector, led his men with determination and courage and, undeterred by the heavy volume of small arms fire and shelling, charged an enemy Medium Machine Gun post and silenced it with a grenade. His personal example inspired his men to capture the objective.

In this action, Lance Havildar Dewan Singh displayed courage and devotion to duty.

139. 2649480 Lance Havildar AFZAL ALIM WARSI,

(Posthumous)

The Grenadiers.

On the night of the 8th December, 1971, Lance Havildar Afzal Alim Warsi of a Battalion of the Grenadiers, led his section during the attack on the enemy post at 'Narur' in the Western Sector. Under his leadership, his section not only captured their objective but also arms and ammunition from the fleeing enemy. Later, on the night of the 14th December, 1971, his section while attacking 'Shakargarh' suffered heavy casualties. Lance Havildar Afzal Alim Warsi, unmindful of the shelling and with utter disregard to his own safety, attended to the casualties and supervised their evacuation. In this process he was hit by a shell splinter and died.

In these actions, Lance Havildar Afzal Alim Warsi displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

140. 1421561 Lance Havildar PHUMAN LAL,

59th Engineer Regiment.

From the 11th to 13th December, 1971, Lance Havildar Phuman Lal was commander of a raft operating on the river Brahmaputra across Jamalpur in the Eastern sector. Realising the urgency of our build-up across the river, Havildar Phuman Lal and his party kept on rowing vehicles for about 40 hours continuously without any rest.

In these actions Lance Havildar Phuman Lal displayed devotion to duty.

141. 11088874 Lance Havildar SITA RAM,

The Regiment of Artillery.

On the 6th December, 1971, when the enemy aircraft attacked Chandigarh in a bombing raid, Lance Havildar Sita Ram who was commanding a detachment of an Air Defence Regiment (Territorial Army) spotted the aircraft despite the darkness. Allowing it to come well within range, he ordered his gun detachment to open fire. The enemy aircraft was hit within the first three rounds fired by his detachment.

In this action, Lance Havildar Sita Ram displayed professional skill and devotion to duty.

142. 4142194 Lance Havildar VITTHAL SAWANT,

The Maratha Light Infantry.

On the 10th December, 1971 when ordered to clear an enemy Medium Machine Gun emplacement holding up the advance of a company of a Battalion of the Maratha Light Infantry near 'Nainakot' in the Western Sector, Lance Havildar Vitthal Sawant, along with a rocket launcher detachment, closed up to the bunker and ordered the rocket to be fired. He then dashed up to the bunker to lob a grenade. The enemy was completely taken aback and withdrew, leaving behind large quantity of ammunition and equipment.

In this action, Lance Havildar Vitthal Sawant displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

143. 2845764 Lance Havildar JASWANT SINGH RATHOR,

The Rajputana Rifles.

On the night between 14th and 15th December, 1971, Lance Havildar Jaswant Singh Rathor was a member of a "raiding

force" of a Battalion of the Rajputana Rifles which raided an enemy gun position 21 kilometers deep inside enemy territory in the Rajasthan Sector. Lance Havildar Rathor, while approaching the enemy gun position with his rocket launcher, was fired at by the enemy. Undaunted, he stalked to within 150 yards of the enemy position and destroyed two enemy field guns.

During this action, Lance Havildar Jaswant Rathor displayed courage and devotion to duty.

144. 1421552 Lance Havildar NANDA BALLABH,
57th Engineer Regiment.

During the battle of Naya Chor in the Rajasthan Sector on the night between 12th and 13th December 1971, two of our own tanks became casualties. To enable recovery of our tanks, a "safe lane" in the minefield was required. Lance Havildar Nanda Ballabh and his party completed the task during the night, despite enemy fire, and enabled the recovery of the tanks.

In this action, Lance Havildar Nanda Ballabh displayed courage and devotion to duty.

145. 1515902 Lance Havildar HARNAM SINGH,
104th Engineer Regiment.

During the operations in the Western Sector on the night between 9th and 10th December, 1971, Lance Havildar Harnam Singh was detailed as one of the members of a reconnaissance party to clear a lane through the Lellu Chak minefield, in which one of our tanks was stalled after hitting a mine. Regardless of heavy enemy artillery, tank and machine gun fire, Lance Havildar Harnam Singh along with an officer cleared a safe lane through the minefield upto the damaged tank and helped the armoured recovery vehicle to recover the tank.

In this action, Lance Havildar Harnam Singh displayed courage and devotion to duty.

145. 2840867 Lance Havildar CHHOTE SINGH,
The Rajputana Rifles.

On the 15th December, 1971, Lance Havildar Chhote Singh was commanding a section in a company of a Battalion of the Rajputana Rifles combing the Laliyal Forest for the enemy. When this company set out on its task and the enemy opened fire with a light machine gun, Lance Havildar Chhote Singh charged forward and overpowered the machine gun position. Though wounded by a splinter, he kept guard over the prisoner till his Section joined up with him.

In this action, Lance Havildar Chhote Singh displayed courage, determination and devotion to duty.

147. 6275350 Lance Havildar KAMLA PRASAD SINGH,
11th Infantry Divisional Signal Regiment.

During the operations against Pakistan in 1971, Lance Havildar Kamla Prasad Singh was in charge of the line detachment responsible for provision and maintenance of line communications to the headquarters of an Infantry Brigade in Rajasthan Sector, which were being frequently disturbed due to enemy mines, shelling, sabotage and air action. Despite danger to his life, he maintained and extended the line to the Brigade Headquarters thus providing vital communications.

Throughout, Lance Havildar Kamla Prasad Singh displayed courage and devotion to duty.

148. 1023142 Dafadar RUP SINGH, (Posthumous)
1st Horse.

On the 13th December, 1971 Dafadar Rup Singh was the crew commander of the tank leading a Squadron of Skinner's Horse attacking Shahbazzpur in the Western Sector. Though his tank was damaged due to enemy fire, he fought on for till he was ordered back. Later on the 13th December, 1971 while crossing the Bien River, his tank which was in the lead was hit and damaged completely. He then pulled out his crew to safety and in the process was hit by enemy fire and died on the spot.

In these actions, Dafadar Rup Singh displayed courage, leadership and made the supreme sacrifice.

149. 1025140 Dafadar RAMAPPA PURUSHOTHAMA,
16 Cavalry.

On the 14th December, 1971, Dafadar Ramappa Purushothama with a squadron of a Cavalry was attempting to cross a minefield in the area of Shakargarh, which was well covered by the fire of the enemy. Dafadar Purushothama's tank was hit. At this time the troop commander's tank was immobilised due to damage by a mine. With complete disregard to his safety, Dafadar Purushothama moved forward with his damaged tank and extracted his troop leader's tank. In the process his tank was again hit.

In this action, Dafadar Ramappa Purushothama displayed courage and devotion to duty.

150. 1028406 Dafadar WASAKHA SINGH,
The Armoured Corps.

During an assault by a Squadron of an Armoured Regiment on Pirganj in the Eastern Sector on the 7th December, 1971 the infantry was held up by the fire of an enemy Medium Machine gun. Dafadar Wasakha Singh who was the troop leader of the leading troop of the Squadron with total disregard to personal safety, dismounted from his tank and crawled to the Machine Gun Post and destroyed it with a hand grenade. He brought the enemy machine gun out of the bunker himself. Again on the 14th December, 1971, when that Squadron was moving to establish a road block South of Bogra the tank of Dafadar Wasakha Singh got knocked out and he himself was wounded. In spite of this he ordered his remaining two tanks to move forward. He refused to be evacuated and repaired the tank along with the remaining crew. He drove the tank back to the harbour himself before reporting to the regimental aid post for treatment.

In these actions, Dafadar Wasakha Singh displayed courage and devotion to duty.

151. 1025035 Dafadar KHUSHAL SINGH,
17th Horse.

On the 16th December, 1971, Dafadar Khushal Singh of the 17th Horse was in the bridge head across the Basantar River in the Western Sector. The enemy counter-attacked this position in strength with armour supported by heavy and accurate artillery fire. With complete disregard to his own safety, Dafadar Khushal Singh, having already knocked the two tanks which had hit his squadron commander's tank, rushed his tank to the side of the stricken tank and deliberately drew fire on himself thus saving his squadron commander. In this act his own tank was hit; nevertheless Dafadar Khushal Singh held his ground till the enemy attack was beaten back.

In this action, Dafadar Khushal Singh exhibited courage, comradeship and devotion to duty.

152. 1023923 Dafadar DHARAM PAL,
The Armoured Corps.

On the 6th December, 1971, Dafadar Dharam Pal was commanding a tank in the Samba area in the Western Sector. His tank was hit and damaged by an enemy recoilless gun and was then engaged by enemy artillery and air. In spite of this, Dafadar Dharam Pal continued to engage the enemy and destroyed two enemy tank destroyers.

In this action, Dafadar Dharam Pal displayed courage and devotion to duty.

153. 1023900 Dafadar RANDHIR SINGH,
The Armoured Corps.

Dafadar Randhir Singh, the commander of a tank of a Cavalry, was assigned the task of travelling through an enemy minefield in the Shakargarh Sector to enable the breakthrough by an armoured regiment. As the bridgehead had not been established across the minefield, the area was subjected to heavy artillery and mortar fire. Unmindful of the risk to his life, Dafadar Randhir Singh continued the clearance of the minefield till the lane was completed.

In this action, Dafadar Randhir Singh displayed courage and devotion to duty.

154. 1025761 Dafadar ONKAR DATT,
4th Horse.

Dafadar Onkar Datt was the commander of the tank of the leading troop of 4th Horse in the "Thakurdwara" bridge head

action in the Western Sector. When his tank was crossing the narrow gap in the bridgehead, it was engaged by an enemy tank from a flank. His tank effectively engaged the tank and knocked it out in his first shot.

In this action, Dafadar Onkar Datt displayed courage and professional skill.

155. 1034880 Lance Dafadar GURDIAL SINGH,
1st Horse.

On the 9th December, 1971, when the advance of a Squadron of 1st Horse to Shahbazpur was stalled by the fire of the enemy, Lance Dafadar Gurdial Singh, who was the gunner of a tank, engaged the enemy tank and destroyed, in quick succession, two of them and hit a third one. The enemy fell back and the advance was resumed.

In this action, Lance Dafadar Gurdial Singh displayed competence, courage and devotion to duty.

156. 1027614 Lance Dafadar VIDYADHAR SINGH,
7th Cavalry.

On the 8th December, 1971, Lance Dafadar Vidyadhar Singh was with the trail tank of a Cavalry assigned the task of clearing the enemy minefield in the Shahbazpur area in the Western Sector. In the face of heavy enemy fire, this crew carried out their task and cleared a lane. As the resistance from the enemy stiffened, Lance Dafadar Vidyadhar Singh immediately traversed the gun of his tank and knocked out one enemy recoilless gun.

In this action, Lance Dafadar Vidyadhar Singh displayed courage, determination and devotion to duty.

157. 4338377 Naik JIVAN RAM KACHARI,
The Assam Regiment.

On the 5th December, 1971, the enemy launched a massive attack on a defensive position at 'Ghogi' in the Chhamb Sector occupied by a Company of a Battalion of the Assam Regiment, and over-ran a part of the defences resulting in the capture of Naik Jivan Ram Kachari and three other sepoy. They were being taken back under escort into enemy territory. Enroute, they came under heavy shelling and finding an opportunity when the attention of the escort was diverted, succeeded in over powering the escorts and made good their escape. Naik Jivan Ram Kachari then led his men back to own territory.

In this action, Naik Jivan Ram Kachari displayed courage and leadership.

158. 2848753 Naik RISAL SINGH
The Rajputana Rifles.

Naik Risal Singh was a Section Commander of a Company of a Battalion of the Rajputana Rifles. On the 11th December, 1971, during the battle of Nayachor in the Rajasthan Sector, when this company, along with 4 tanks, were trapped in an enemy minefield and were subjected to effective and intense Medium Machine Gun fire, Naik Risal Singh charged with his Section at the enemy Medium Machine Gun post, which unnerved the enemy who withdrew in panic, leaving behind a large quantity of ammunition. His gallant action enabled his company and the tank crew to come out of the enemy minefield.

In this action, Naik Risal Singh displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

159. 3349885 Naik SUKHDEV SINGH
The Sikh Regiment.

During the operations against Pakistan in 1971, a Battalion of the Sikh Regiment was ordered to take up a defended area in the Eastern Sector. During the preparation of the defences the enemy brought down heavy machine gun fire. Naik Sukhdev Singh, a Section Commander, himself manned the light machine gun and engaged the enemy to ensure that his section, which was completely exposed to enemy fire, dug its defences undisturbed. Shooting accurately he silenced two of the enemy machine gun pill boxes, but in the process he was seriously wounded by a burst from an enemy machine gun.

In this action, Naik Sukhdev Singh displayed devotion to duty, courage and leadership.

160. 11126163 Naik PRITAM SINGH

The Regiment of Artillery.

At dusk, on the 6th December, 1971, three enemy aircraft attacking Ambala Air Field were detected by a detachment of an Air Defence Regiment (Territorial Army) commanded by Naik Pritam Singh. These aircraft were immediately engaged with effective and accurate fire by his detachment, as a result of which one aircraft was destroyed and the other aircraft chased away.

In this action, Naik Pritam Singh displayed courage, professional skill and devotion to duty.

161. 1169968 Naik SOBAN SINGH
The Regiment of Artillery.

On the 7th December, 1971, while commanding a detachment of an Air Defence Battery deployed for the protection of a Medium Regiment Gun area, in the Western Sector, Naik Soban Singh displayed initiative and courage in directing the fire of his gun in an accurate manner resulting in the shooting down of one enemy MIG 19 aircraft.

In this action, Naik Soban Singh displayed courage and devotion to duty.

162. 1324969 Naik KRISHNA PILLAI RAMAKRISHNA
PILLAI
2nd Engineer Regiment.

From the 11th to 13th December, 1971, Naik Krishna Pillai Ramakrishna Pillai was in charge of a raft operating in River Brahmaputra across Jamalpur. On the 12th December, 1971, his raft broke down. Realising the urgency of speeding up the build up across the River, Naik Pillai repaired the raft skilfully and ferried vehicles for another 16 to 18 hours.

In this action, Naik Krishna Pillai Ramakrishna Pillai displayed devotion to duty.

163. 6265946 Naik VITHAL DAS
Corps of Signals.

On the 4th December, 1971, Naik Vithal Das was the detachment commander of the line party responsible for provision and maintenance of line communications to the Tactical Headquarters of Commander of a Mountain Brigade in area Darsana in the Eastern Sector. Despite heavy shelling and small arms fire, Naik Vithal Das completed the line and thereafter restored it speedily when disrupted due to enemy shelling.

In this action, Naik Vithal Das displayed courage and devotion to duty.

164. 6867009 Naik (Driver) BIRBAL SINGH
Army Ordnance Corps

On the 5th December, 1971, a large fire was started at the Ammunition Point at Akhnoor due to enemy bombing. Naik (Driver) Birbal Singh, despite grave risk to his own life, fought the fire and prevented it from spreading to other ammunition dumps. Encouraging and inspiring his other personnel, he salvaged a large quantity of stores. Fighting the fire for over seven hours, he helped in bringing it under control.

In this action, Naik (Driver) Birbal Singh displayed courage and devotion to duty.

165. 2647089 Naik KUMA RAM
The Grenadiers.

During the operations against Pakistan in 1971, Naik Kuma Ram of a Battalion of the Grenadiers was the Second-in-Command of patrol given the task of confirming the information that the enemy had vacated one of their localities. When this patrol reached the vicinity of the locality, the enemy brought down heavy Medium Machine Gun and mortar fire. Naik Kuma Ram, along with an other rank, charged the Medium Machine Gun post which completely unnerved the enemy resulting in his surrender. In this charge when his comrade received a bullet injury, Naik Kuma Ram dragged him to safety.

In this action, Naik Kuma Ram displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

166. 1216659 Naik MOOL CHAND YADAV
The Regiment of Artillery.

Naik Mool Chand Yadav was in charge of the Battery Commander's party with a Battalion of the 9th Gorkha Rifles for the attack on the Dera Baba Nanak Enclave, during the operations against Pakistan in 1971. During the attack Naik Mool Chand Yadav ensured that the line and the radio communication was through in spite of the intense artillery, automatic and tank fire. Twice the radio antenna was blown off due to artillery shelling but, with complete disregard to his personal safety, he kept the communication through.

In these actions, Naik Mool Chand Yadav displayed courage and devotion to duty.

167. 13721969 Naik INDERJIT (Posthumous)
The Jammu and Kashmir Rifles.

During the operations against Pakistan in 1971, when the enemy attacked the battalion defended area under cover of intense artillery fire with overwhelming infantry strength subjecting a section of a battalion of the Jammu and Kashmir Rifles to heavy and relentless pressure, Naik Inderjit who was the section commander, exposing himself to danger, moved from trench to trench inspiring his men to stand fast and fight. He was hit on the chest by a shell splinter but, despite his injury, he maintained control and brought down effective fire on the enemy and succeeded in repulsing the attack with heavy losses, before himself succumbing to his injuries.

In this action, Naik Inderjit displayed courage and made the supreme sacrifice in the discharge of his duty.

168. 5436057 Naik HIMBAHADUR GURUNG
The Fifth Gorkha Rifles.

During the operations against Pakistan in 1971, Naik Himbahadur Gurung was commanding a section of an attack on Sehja post in the Western Sector. During the assault, an enemy machine gun suddenly opened up and momentarily held up the advance of his section. Naik Gurung took prompt action to deploy his section for providing him fire support and he with complete disregard to his personal safety, crawled within few yards of the bunker and lobbed two grenades to silence the light machine gun.

In this action, Naik Himbahadur Gurung displayed courage and leadership.

169. 351537 Naik MOHABAT SINGH
The Rajputana Rifles.

During the operations against Pakistan in 1971, Naik Mohabat Singh of a Battalion of the Rajputana Rifles led his section in an attack on the enemy held position of 'Ring Contour' in the Jammu and Kashmir Sector. He set a personal example of courage and was largely responsible for the success of the operation and killing a number of the enemy personnel.

In this action Naik Mohabat Singh displayed courage and devotion to duty.

170. 3961568 Sepoy BHAGI RATH
The Dogra Regiment.

On the night of 5th/6th December, 1971, Sepoy Bhagi Rath formed part of the assaulting company of the Dogra Regiment on East End of Dera Baba Nanak bridge in the Western Sector. The assault was held up by accurate shelling and devastating fire from a Medium Machine Gun bunker. Sepoy Bhagi Rath, with total disregard to his safety, charged and silenced the Medium Machine Gun by lobbing two hand grenades thus facilitating speedy capture of the objective.

In this action, Sepoy Bhagi Rath displayed initiative, courage and devotion to duty.

171. 2755087 Sepoy NARAYAN MALUSARE
The Maratha Light Infantry.

Sepoy Narayan Malusare was the radio operator with a Company of a Battalion of the Maratha Light Infantry. During an attack in the Dinajpur sector, the company commander was wounded and lay hardly 10 yards from the enemy Medium Machine Gun post. Sepoy Narayan Malusare under grave

danger stuck to his company commander and twice vainly tried to silence the machine gun with grenades. Not disheartened, Sepoy Narayan Malusare, stood his ground and succeeded in extricating his company commander under heavy fire and shelling.

In this action, Sepoy Narayan Malusare displayed commendable comradeship and courage.

172. 2962388 Sepoy PIAR SINGH
The Rajput Regiment.

Sepoy Piar Singh was in the leading section of a company which carried out a raid in the Bhurangmari sector during the operations against Pakistan in 1971. Sepoy Piar Singh crawled to an enemy bunker and having neutralised it, advanced towards a second bunker when he was hit by the enemy's Light Machine Gun fire. Though wounded and profusely bleeding, Sepoy Piar Singh courageously crawled forward and neutralised this second bunker also with a grenade. The position was then rushed and captured.

In this action, Sepoy Piar Singh displayed courage and devotion to duty.

173. 13602388 Paratrooper CHAINI RAM
The Parachute Regiment.

On the 16th December, 1971, Paratrooper Chaini Ram, runner of the officer Commanding of a Company of the Parachute Regiment accompanied his company commander to one of the platoon localities under a fierce enemy attack in the Western Sector. Enroute, they were surprised by 8 to 10 enemy soldiers. Paratrooper Chaini Ram kept his nerve and immediately threw hand grenades and subsequently charged the enemy with his company commander. In the hand to hand fight that ensued, two enemy soldiers were killed and four taken prisoners.

In this action, Paratrooper Chaini Ram displayed courage and comradeship.

174. 13666453 Guardsman RUNG LINGA
The Brigade of the Guards.

On the 15th December, 1971, Guardsman Rung Linga formed part of a company of a Battalion of the Brigade of the Guards, which was assigned the task of capturing the enemy strong-hold at 'Sabhar' in the Eastern Sector. During the assault, he showed complete disregard for his personal safety and undeterred by the heavy volume of enemy fire, he charged from bunker to bunker eliminating the enemy and physically capturing two Light Machine Guns.

In this action, Guardsman Rung Linga displayed courage and devotion to duty.

175. 1289539 Gunner DUDH NATH
The Regiment of Artillery.

Gunner Dudh Nath was the radio operator of the artillery observation post party working with a Battalion of the Madras Regiment, in the Eastern sector. On the 6th December, 1971, the enemy put in a fierce attack in the morning and one of the enemy tanks scored a direct hit on the observation post wounding gunner Dudh Nath in the chest. Though profusely bleeding, he unmindful of his pain, continued his task. In the meantime, the observation post Officer shifted to an alternate position some 500 yards away and Gunner Dudh Nath not only refused to be evacuated but carried the radio set on his back and kept the communications through.

In this action, Gunner Dudh Nath displayed courage and devotion to duty.

176. G 26512 Shri PRITAM CHAND,
Mason. (Posthumous)
The General Reserve Engineer Force.

On the 17th December, 1971, Shri Pritam Chand, Mason of a unit of the Maintenance Task Force, was working on the road Pandgaour—Badala—Guiran in the Western Sector when the enemy aircraft attacked his party. Two of the pioneers of his gang sustained injuries due to strafing. With utter disregard to his personal safety, he moved one of them to a nearby culvert, and was in the process of evacuating the other, when he was hit by a shell splinter.

In this action, Shri Pritam Chand, Mason displayed courage and devotion to duty.

177. Shri SURINDER NATH KHANNA,
Assistant Company Commander,
The Special Frontier Force.

During the operations against Pakistan in 1971, Shri Surinder Nath Khanna of the Special Frontier Force was leading a platoon patrol near 'Rangpara' in the Eastern Sector. His patrol was taken by surprise and caught in the open, when the enemy brought down heavy machine gun fire. With exceptional presence of mind and courage, he led his platoon in an assault, completely unnerving the enemy who fled from the position. Later, when ordered to round up Mizo hostiles who had looted Boakbali Bazar, he, in a swift and bold action, carried out the task capturing one Light Machine Gun and some rifles.

Throughout, Shri Surinder Nath Khanna displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

178. Shri TIRPAL SINGH, Assistant Commandant
The Border Security Force.

On the 9th December, 1971, Shri Tirpal Singh commanding a company of the Border Security Force led his men against the strong and well fortified enemy position of 'Nagarparkar' in the Kutch Sector. Exhorting and encouraging his men to press forward the attack, he captured the position inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy.

In this action, Shri Tirpal Singh showed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

179. Shri DEVINDER SINGH, Assistant Commandant
The Border Security Force.

Shri Devinder Singh, Assistant Commandant of the Border Security Force, was responsible for administration and Signal communication of his battalion in the Rajasthan sector, during the operations against Pakistan in 1971. The battalion operating in the Islamgarh bulce, captured two enemy posts, which posed immense administrative and signal communication problems. Shri Devinder Singh, with complete disregard to his personal safety, worked round the clock for 10 days and at one time was without food and sleep for almost 4 days. He personally supervised the line parties working in areas infested with the enemy.

Throughout this period, Shri Devinder Singh displayed determination courage and devotion to duty.

180. Shri GURMIT SINGH SIDHU,
Assistant Commandant,
The Border Security Force.

On the 7th December, 1971, Shri Gurmit Singh Sidhu was the officer in charge of patrol boat Chitrangada which was detailed to guide the Indian Naval ship Panvel and gun boats Padma and Palash to the Mongla harbour in the Eastern Sector. Having skilfully accomplished the task, he remained at Mongla whilst the other three vessels proceeded for a raid on Chalna and Khulna ports. On the 10th December, 1971, he noticed that the enemy was unloading supplies from a vessel. On his own initiative and under grave danger of retaliation, Shri Gurmit Singh Sidhu opened fire and set the enemy ship ablaze.

In this action, Shri Gurmit Singh Sidhu displayed courage and devotion to duty.

181. Shri KISHAN KUMAR SHARMA,
Assistant Commandant,
The Border Security Force.

Shri Kishan Kumar Sharma was the company commander of a Battalion of the Border Security Force located at "Biarbet" in the Kutch Sector. After an air raid on the company location on 13th December, 1971 a live rocket was found resting on the camouflage net over a vehicle. Unmindful, of the great risk to his own life, Shri Kishan Kumar Sharma removed the rocket to a safe distance where it later exploded on its own and his timely action saved the vehicle and his

men. On the 14th December, 1971 the company position was bombed by Napalm and phosphorus bombs. Though the whole area was on fire Shri Kishan Kumar Sharma skilfully managed to extricate one armoured and a number of other vehicles from this area to safety.

In this action, Shri Kishan Sharma displayed courage, determination and devotion to duty.

182. Shri NARAIN SINGH CHAUHAN,
Assistant Commandant,
The Border Security Force.

Shri Narain Singh Chauhan was commanding a company of the Border Security Force and was in charge of own border out post in the Rajasthan sector. Based on accurate intelligence acquired by him and with his support, the enemy post at Ranihalon was captured. Later, he organised the defences in that area.

In this action, Shri Narain Singh Chauhan, displayed leadership, courage and devotion to duty.

183. Shri BISHRAM SINGH, Assistant Commandant
The Border Security Force.

Shri Bishram Singh was the leader of a patrol in Agardari area in the Eastern Sector. In conformity without defensive plans Shri Bishram Singh successfully located enemy defences and accounted for over 20 enemy killed and several wounded. Undeterred by heavy enemy concentrations, he carried out his task with tactical skill and courage and brought back valuable information.

In this action, Shri Bishram Singh displayed initiative courage and devotion to duty.

184. Shri K. J. THAKUR, Assistant Commandant
The Border Security Force.

Shri K. J. Thakur was the forward Observation Officer detailed to provide close artillery support for the attack of a Company of a Battalion of the Border Security Force on a border outpost in Kutch Sector on the 10th December, 1971. When the attack was held up due to heavy enemy Machine Gun fire, Shri K. J. Thakur continuously brought down accurate and devastating fire thereby silencing the enemy Machine Gun and ensuring success of the attack.

In this action, Shri K. J. Thakur, displayed courage and devotion to duty.

185. Shri YASHWANT SINGH BISHT,
Assistant Commandant,
The Border Security Force.

On the 10th December 1971, Shri Yashwant Singh Bisht of a Battalion of the Border Security Force, led a platoon on a raid on the enemy post at 'Dudgal' in the Jammu and Kashmir Sector. He commanded his force with competence and skill and, moving across rugged terrain, successfully raided the enemy post inflicting heavy casualties and brought his column back to base safely.

In this action, Shri Yashwant Singh Bisht displayed courage and leadership.

186. 660211523 Shri BABUL AL, Head Constable
The Border Security Force.

Shri Babulal, Head Constable was a section Commander of a force given the task of capturing an enemy post in the Rajasthan sector. During the advance, his section was held up by an enemy Light Machine Gun, due to which it was difficult to proceed with the assault. Shri Babulal advanced alone and attacked the Light Machine Gun post with grenades and silenced it. The post was assaulted and captured.

In this action, Shri Babulal, Head Constable displayed courage, determination and devotion to duty.

187. 66132016 Shri KUMBHA RAM, Inspector,
The Border Security Force.

Shri Kumbha Ram of the Border Security Force was attached to a Battalion of the Dogra Regiment in the Rajasthan Sector. This battalion was engaged in a series of ac-

tions at "Jamachi Wala Toba", "Ahmed Khan Ka Toba" and "Mirza Wala Toba" during the India-Pakistan conflict, 1971. Each of these actions involved a long and complicated cross country move in the desert at night. Shri Kumbha Ram volunteered and successfully acted as the leading guide for the battalion in each of the three actions.

In these actions, Inspector Kumbha Ram displayed courage and devotion to duty.

188. 66722002 Shri BARINDRA LAL SAHA, Inspector,
The Border Security Force.

Shri Barindra Lal Saha was the Second-in-Command of a company of the Border Security Force which assulted a border out-post in the Dinajpur sector, as part of our defensive plans. Shri Barindra Lal Saha was with the leading troops, when 40 yards short of the objective, he received bullet injuries on both his legs. Though profusely bleeding he led the attack, despite heavy enemy fire and shelling, and captured the objective.

In this action, Inspector Barindra Lal Saha displayed courage and leadership.

189. 690100996 Shri MADAN LAL AURORA,
Sub Inspector,
The Border Security Force.

On the 12th December, 1971, Shri Madan Lal Aurora of the Border Security Force was assigned the task of getting behind the enemy defensive position with his platoon to block the routes of withdrawal of the enemy. He led his platoon with confidence and, though completely detached from the main forces, continuously harassed and pursued the enemy.

In this action, Sub Inspector Madan Lal Aurora displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

190. 660100184 Shri BHIM SINGH, Sub Inspector,
The Border Security Force.

On the 12th December, 1971, Shri Bhim Singh was the commander of the leading platoon of a Battalion of the Border Security Force which was assigned the task of capturing 'Jattara' in the Kutch Sector. The advance was held up due to accurate enemy automatic and mortar fire. After locating the enemy fire positions, Shri Bhim Singh charged enemy positions and captured them forcing the enemy to withdraw in haste.

In this action, Sub Inspector Bhim Singh displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

191. 660100209 Shri BHAG SINGH, Sub Inspector,
The Border Security Force.

On the 12th December, 1971, after the capture of 'Jattara Border' out-post in the Kutch Sector, Shri Bhag Singh was assigned the task of exploring the area ahead of the captured position. He carried out this task with intelligence, courage and determination and effectively dominated the area upto 'Togo', thereby foiling the enemy's plans for counter-attack.

In this action, Sub Inspector Bhag Singh displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

192. 6814002 Shri GOKUL DEO, Sub Inspector,
The Border Security Force.

On the 4th December, 1971, Shri Gokul Deo, commanding a platoon of the Border Security Force, was ordered to raid 'Sunewala Khu' in the Western Sector. As the raid went in, the enemy resisted with heavy machine gun fire. Unmindful of his own safety, Shri Gokul Deo dashed towards the enemy encouraging and exhorting his men to attack. Seeing his personal example, his men rallied behind him inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy and causing damage to the post.

In this action, Sub Inspector Gokul Deo displayed courage, leadership and devotion to duty.

193. 66577064 Shri BALBIR SINGH,
Sub Inspector, (Posthumous)
The Border Security Force.

Shri Balbir Singh of the Border Security Force was a platoon commander at an important border out-post in the Western Sector. The enemy encircled the post under cover of heavy artillery and automatic fire. Shri Balbir Singh, with utter disregard to his personal safety, moved from trench to trench and inspired his men to keep the enemy at bay for two hours. When the enemy finally closed in, he hurled a number of grenades inflicting heavy casualties. In the process, he was injured by a burst from a light machine gun and later succumbed to his wounds.

In this action, Sub Inspector Balbir Singh displayed courage and determination.

194. 67555070 Shri DARBARA SINGH, Head Constable,
The Border Security Force.

Shri Darbara Singh, Head Constable was commanding a section of the Border Security Force at the Moel border out-post in the Cinnamo Sector. On the 3rd December, 1971, orders were issued for the Border Security Force personnel to withdraw from the border out-post. Shri Darbara Singh, Head Constable and his section, however, volunteered to stay on and fight along side the Army personnel. During the ensuing battle this section withstood repeated enemy onslaughts and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy. The section remained steadfast under the able leadership of Shri Darbara Singh, Head Constable and held their ground till they were ordered to fall back to the main positions.

In this action, Shri Darbara Singh, Head Constable, displayed courage and leadership.

195. 66700208 Shri AMARENDRA NATH MALLICK,
Constable, (Posthumous)
The Border Security Force.

Shri Amarendra Nath Mallick, Constable formed part of a company which attacked an enemy position in the Dinajpur sector on the Eastern Sector, during the operations against Pakistan in 1971. During the assault, the company was subjected to intense shelling and machine gun fire but Shri Amarendra Nath Mallick, with total disregard to personal safety, pressed on the attack till he fell dead short of the objective. His courageous action inspired the company to heroically and speedily press home the attack.

In this action, Shri Amarendra Nath Mallick, Constable displayed courage and devotion to duty.

196. 66276516 Shri DALBIR SINGH, Constable,
The Border Security Force.

On the 3rd and 4th December, 1971, the enemy launched a number of attacks on the "Kaman Post" in the Western Sector. These attacks were launched in strength supported by heavy and accurate artillery fire. During one of the attacks, undeterred and unmindful of his personal safety, Shri Dalbir Singh, Constable came out of his bunker and engaged the enemy at point blank range inflicting heavy casualties. He infused steadfastness, confidence and courage amongst his comrades, which contributed to a large extent in beating back the enemy attacks.

Throughout Shri Dalbir Singh, Constable displayed courage and devotion to duty.

197. 67143008 Shri PULIKOTIL DEVASSY JOY,
The Border Security Force.

Shri Pulikottil Devassy Joy of the Border Security Force was attached to a Battalion of the Rajputana Rifles during the operations in the Rajasthan Sector in 1971. He was always with the assaulting troops, despite enemy's artillery, mortar and automatic fire, in the capture of "Islamgarh" and "Bhai Khan Wala Khu" posts, which were strongly defended by the enemy.

In this action, Shri Pulikottil Devassy Joy displayed courage and devotion to duty.

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Secretary to the President.