



6th BN THE SIKH REGIMENT

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

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

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

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

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

Unit continued to prove its mettle in all spheres of soldiering to include trg, sports & professional competitions. Unit was awarded **'Unit Appreciation'** by **GOC-in-C South Western Comd** for its stupendous performance during Bathinda tenure (2015-2018). Unit was awarded with Chief of Army Staff **Unit Appreciation** in Year 2020 for its tremendous works in **Operation Snow Leopard**.

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

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1ST BN THE 5TH GORKHA RIFLES (FRONTIER FORCE)

The unit was raised on 22 May 1858. It had tasted its first blood in Battle during Second Anglo-Afghan war, the expedition was a huge success and the unit was awarded its First Battle Honour of Peiwar Kotal in 1897. The paltan performed meticulously in Second Afghan War resulting in three Victoria Crosses being awarded to the officers and the only IOM gold bar medal ever made in the world was awarded to Sub Kishenbir Nagarkoti of this unit.

The Unit participated in both World Wars during which it again showed its grit and determination in successfully achieving its objectives. In First World War, the unit fought in Egypt, Suez Canal, Gallipoli and Mesopotamia and was awarded with Battle Honours of Helles, Krithia, Suvla, Sari Bair, Gallipoli, Suez Canal, Egypt, Khan Baghdadi and Mesopotamia. In World War-II unit got its first Theatre Honour of Italy and Rfn Thaman Gurung was awarded Victoria Cross.

The saga of valour doesn't stop here, even after independence the unit has been part of many wars starting from 1947 to till date. In 1971 Indo-Pak war, the battalion was tasked to capture Sehjra. In the Battle of Sehjra, the Battalion once again proved valour by capturing the objective wherein an entire Bn of 23 Baluch alongwith Rangers & Mujahids of Pak Army was deployed. This is one of its kind operation where one Bn attacked and defeated another Bn in just one night. For this action, the unit was awarded Battle Honour Sehjra, Theatre Honour Punjab and Best Battalion of 11 Corps. The conspicuous bravery of our officers and men has earned us 26 Battle Honours and three Theatre Honours.

FASFIF has done exemplary work in field as well as peace and due to its dedication the unit has been conferred with four COAS unit citations. It has not only earned accolades in the country but outside as well by receiving Force Commander Unit Citation in 2007 during United Nation Mission in Sudan.

In 1948, before moving to J&K, the Bn was located at Red Fort as Ceremonial Bn and is the first Battalion of Indian Army to be tasked as Ceremonial Battalion again.

This legacy makes FASFIF one of the finest Infantry Battalion of Indian Army.

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