

BIOGRAPHY OF LT.-GEN. BIKRAM SINGH

Lt.-Gen. Bikram Singh was born on July 4, 1911.

He was educated at the Prince of Wales Royal Indian Military College, Dehra Dun, from where he was selected to go to Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst (United Kingdom) in the year 1930. He was commissioned in early 1933.

After completing one year's attachment with Royal Berkshire Regiment, he was posted to 6th Royal Battalion (SCINDE) 13th Frontier Force Rifles, then stationed at KOHAT (North West Frontier Province) in 1934. He went to RAZMAK with his battalion where he stayed for 3 years. During this period, he took part in various active operations in the North West Frontier Province including the famous KHOSAIRA valley operations in the year 1936.

During World War II, he served with his battalion in the LEBIAN Desert at TABRUK. He also served in IRAN and IRAQ. He was selected to attend the Staff College course at QUETTA from where he graduated in the year 1946. He was then posted on the staff as DAQMG 26 Infantry Division in the FAR EAST.

In April 1947, he was promoted to the rank of Lt.-Col. and commanded 4th RAJPUT during the disturbances in CALCUTTA and later at RANCHI at the time of partition. In October 1947, he was promoted Colonel and posted to the Refugee Camp at KURUKSHETRA which was the largest Refugee Camp in the country during those troubled days. In February 1948, the Refugee Camp was handed over to the civil authorities and he was promoted to the rank of Brigadier to command an Infantry Brigade which was engaged in active operations in JAMMU & KASHMIR. Later, he commanded another Infantry Brigade in the KASHMIR valley till December 1949, when he was posted to command 181 Independent Brigade Group in ASSAM. After commanding the Brigade successfully for nearly 4 years, he was posted on the staff as Brigadier Incharge Administration, HQ Eastern Command. When the decision for the move of HQ Eastern Command from RANCHI to LUCKNOW was taken in the year 1954, he being incharge of administration, was mainly responsible for organising the move and its successful completion.

In August 1955, he was promoted to the rank of Major General and was once again posted to JAMMU & KASHMIR to command an Infantry Division. After commanding the Division for nearly 2½ years, he was selected to take over as GOC ASSAM, which Formation he commanded successfully till the end of February 1959. He was then appointed GOC DELHI & RAJASTHAN Area. During his tenure in DELHI, he organised and commanded two Army Day Parades and two Republic Day Parades, which were highly commended.

In June 1961, he was promoted Lieutenant General and was posted as a Corps Commander which post he was holding till today.

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