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INVESTITURE CEREMONY ON MARCH 31, 1972

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One hundred and thirty ^{seven} ~~nine~~ awards are being given at the Special Investiture ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhavan today.

PADMA BHUSHAN

Lieutenant General Khem Karan Singh, MVC

Lieutenant General Tapishwar Narain Raina, MVC

PARAM VISHISHT SEVA MEDAL

Major General Biswa Nath Sarkar

Major General Ram Dharamdas Hira, MVC

Major General Benjamin Franklin Gonsalves

Major General Kotikalapudi Venkata Krishnarao

Major General Eustace D'Souza

Major General Suraj Prakash Malhotra

Major General Rustam Framji Khambatta

Major General Raizada Dev Raj Anand

Rear Admiral Vasudeva Anant Kamath

Commodore John Thomas Goslin Pereira, AVSM

Commodore Mohan Singh Grewal, AVSM

MAHA VIR CHAKRA

Brigadier Anand Sarup

For conspicuous gallantry and leadership in the Eastern Sector; during the battles at Nazirhat, Kumirhat and Bhatiari, he was constantly on the move with his troops directing the operations and encouraging his men to fight the enemy.

Acting Captain Mahendra Nath Mulla
Indian Navy (Posthumous)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty; when INS KHUKRI was hit by torpedoes fired by an enemy submarine and the ship was sinking, he with complete disregard for his safety, continued to direct rescue operations till he was seen going down with his ship.

Shrimati Sucha Mulla, widow
of late Acting Captain Mahendra
Nath Mulla.

Lieutenant Colonel Shamsheer Singh
Guards

For conspicuous gallantry and leadership in the Eastern Sector; despite heavy artillery, tank and machine gun fire by the enemy, his battalion managed to get a foot-hold on the objective and held on to it. When the enemy launched a series of counter-attacks, he engaged him in hand to hand fighting and personally directed his troops and captured the objective, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy.

Lieutenant Colonel Ved Prakash Ghai
Madras Regiment (Posthumous)

For conspicuous gallantry, determination and leadership in the Shakargarh Sector; when the enemy launched repeated counter-attacks during the battle of Basantar River, he moved fearlessly from one position to another directing and encouraging his men and repulsed the attacks with heavy losses to the enemy. He, however, died of his wounds on the battle field.

Shrimati Parkash Ghai, widow of
Late Lieutenant Colonel Ved Prakash Ghai

Major Daljit Singh Narag
Cavalry (Posthumous)

For conspicuous gallantry, determination and leadership in the Eastern Sector; when attacked by two enemy battalions, supported by a squadron of tanks, he skillfully and boldly manoeuvred his squadron under heavy enemy fire and engaged and destroyed the enemy tanks, but in this process he was hit by enemy machine gun fire as a result of which he died.

Shri B.S. Narag, father of
late Major Daljit Singh Narag

Major Vijay Rattan Chowdhary
Engineers (Posthumous)

For conspicuous gallantry, leadership and devotion to duty of a very high order; disregarding intense artillery, mortar and automatic fire by the enemy, he worked round the clock to clear the mine fields at Thakurdwara, Lohra and Basantar river to enable our tanks and anti-tank weapons to reach Chakra. While supervising the mine field lane near Basantar river, he was hit by enemy artillery fire as a result of which he died.

Shrimati Kishori Chowdhary, widow of
late Major Vijay Rattan Chowdhary

Major Anup Singh Gahlaut
Dogra Regiment (Posthumous)

For conspicuous gallantry, determination and leadership in the Eastern Sector. He infiltrated his Company through enemy lines, established a road block and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy. When a Company of his battalion came under heavy enemy pressure, he led a platoon and successfully pinned down one enemy company despite overwhelming superiority of the enemy. Having been mortally wounded in hand to hand fighting he died shortly after this heroic battle.

Shrimati Khazani Devi, mother of
late Major Anup Singh Gahlaut

Captain Pradip Kumar Gour
Artillery (Posthumous)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty; while on a mission for locating targets deep inside enemy territory, as an air observation post pilot, he was attacked by three enemy aircraft, but undaunted he continued with his mission till he was shot down by the enemy aircraft.

Shri M.P. Gour, father of
late Captain Pradip Kumar Gour

Captain Devinder Singh Ahlawat
Dogra Regiment (Posthumous)

For conspicuous gallantry, determination and leadership in the capture of Dera Baba Nanak bridgehead; when his Company came under heavy enemy Medium Machine Gun fire from a concrete pill-box, he charged the pill-box, threw a grenade into it and silenced the gun and thus made it possible for his men to capture the objective. In this action, he was seriously wounded and died in the battlefield.

Major S.C. Ahlawat, father of
late Captain Devinder Singh Ahlawat

Captain Shankar Shankhapan Walkar
Madras Regiment (Posthumous)

For conspicuous gallantry and leadership in the Western Sector; although seriously wounded due to heavy enemy shelling, he moved from one position to another and brought accurate mortar fire on the enemy inflicting heavy casualties, and thus forced him to withdraw. He, however, succumbed to his injuries.

Shri S.K. Walkar, father of
late Captain Shankar Shankhapan Walkar

Shri Ram Krishna Wadhwa, Assistant Commandant
Border Security Force (Posthumous)

For conspicuous gallantry, determination and leadership; on being assigned the task of recapturing a picket in the Western Sector, he led his troops through heavily mined area and captured the objective. During a counter attack by the enemy under cover of intense artillery and mortar fire, he moved from trench to trench encouraging his men to repulse the attack but in the process he was seriously wounded as a result of which he died.

Shri Dewan Chand Wadhwa, father of
late Shri Ram Krishna Wadhwa

Second Lieutenant Shamsher Singh Samra
Guards (Posthumous)

For conspicuous gallantry and determination in the Eastern Sector; undaunted by heavy enemy automatic fire, he encouraged his men to charge the enemy positions. Although hit in the chest by an automatic burst, he charged and destroyed a Medium Machine Gun bunker with a grenade. He rushed to the second bunker with a grenade, when he was hit by another burst as a result of which he died.

Shri G. S. Samra, father of
late Second Lieutenant Shamsher Singh Samra

Subedar Malkiat Singh
Punjab Regiment (Posthumous)

For conspicuous gallantry and leadership in the Eastern Sector; when the enemy infantry supported by armour attacked his position, he moved from trench to trench encouraging his men. Undaunted by automatic enemy fire, he crawled forward and killed two enemy machine gunners, but in the process was hit by an enemy tank as a result of which he died.

Shrimati Gurdev Kaur, widow of
late Subedar Malkiat Singh

Subedar Mohinder Singh
Punjab Regiment

For conspicuous gallantry and leadership in the Kargil Sector; during an attack on a well fortified enemy post, he led his men in the face of heavy automatic fire and personally charged and destroyed a Medium Machine Gun bunker and inflicted casualties on the enemy.

Naik Sujan Singh
Rajputana Rifles (Posthumous)

For conspicuous gallantry and determination in the Eastern Sector; during an assault on well fortified enemy defences at Maynamati, he charged at one of the Medium Machine Gun posts and silenced it by throwing a hand grenade but in the process received an automatic burst in his shoulder. Although bleeding profusely, he crawled upto another enemy bunker from which the second machine gun was still opening fire, and pushed a grenade into it killing three of the enemy soldiers. He died as a result of the explosion.

Shrimati Sanad Kanwar, widow of
late Naik Sujan Singh

Lance Naik Ram Ugrah Pandey
Guards (Posthumous)

For conspicuous gallantry and leadership in the Eastern Sector; during an attack on well fortified enemy positions, he destroyed two enemy bunkers with hand grenades. He took up a rocket launcher and destroyed a third bunker, but in the process was mortally wounded and he died.

Shrimati Shyam Devi, widow of late
Lance Naik Ram Ugrah Pandey

Lance Naik Drig Pal Singh
Rajput Regiment (Posthumous)

For conspicuous gallantry and determination during an attack on an enemy post in the Western Sector; when two enemy medium machine guns were inflicting

casualties on our troops, he crawled upto the first bunker and silenced the medium machine gun by lobbing a grenade. While he was crawling upto the second bunker, he received a burst from the machine gun, but undaunted he crawled forward when he received another burst of automatic fire as a result of which he died.

Shrimati Bidya Bati, widow of
late Lance Naik Drig Pal Singh

Lance Naik Shanghara Singh
Sikh Regiment (Posthumous)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in the Western Sector; during an attack on strong enemy position, he made a dash towards the enemy Machine Gun post through minefield and hurled a grenade inside the bunker silencing the gun. He charged the second post and succeeded in snatching the machine gun, but in the process received an automatic burst in his abdomen. He, however, continued to hold the gun enabling our troops to over-run the enemy post, but he succumbed to his injuries.

Shrimati Surjit Kaur, widow of
late Lance Naik Shanghara Singh

Lance Naik Nar Bahadur Chhetri
Guards

For conspicuous gallantry and determination in the Chhamb Sector; when the enemy launched a massive attack with a combined force of infantry and armour and his position was subjected to intense artillery, mortar and automatic fire, he engaged the enemy and knocked out five enemy tanks.

Leading Seaman C. Singh
Indian Navy

For conspicuous gallantry and determination in the Eastern Sector; during an enemy air attack when his boat was sunk off Khulna and he was seriously wounded, he rescued two survivors. Unmindful of

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his injuries and in the face of heavy enemy fire he helped them to escape from being captured by the enemy.

Sepoy Pandurang Salunkhe
Maratha Light Infantry (Posthumous)

For conspicuous gallantry and determination; when an enemy rocket launcher posed a threat to the tanks supporting our troops during an attack on an enemy position, he charged the rocket launcher and snatched it. In the process, he was hit by a burst of stengun fire as a result of which he died.

Shrimati Sundra Bai, mother of
late Sepoy Pendurang Salunkhe

Sepoy Ansuya Prasad
Madras Regiment (Posthumous)

For conspicuous gallantry and determination in the Eastern Sector; during an attack on a well fortified building held by the enemy, although he was shot in both his legs, he did not abandon his mission and continued crawling towards the building when he received another burst of automatic fire in his shoulder. Undeterred, he reached the building, lobbed grenades into the room stocking ammunition, thereby setting the building on fire and enabling our troops to capture the objective. He, however, died as a result of his injuries.

Shrimati Chitra Devi, widow of
late Sepoy Ansuya Prasad

ATI VISHISHT SEVA MEDAL

For distinguished service of an exceptional order.

Major General Chhajju Ran, Vir Chakra

Brigadier Madan Mohan Lal Chhabra

Brigadier Harbans Singh Chopra

Brigadier Chander Vishindas Advaney
Brigadier Vijay Kumar Vinayak Bhide
Brigadier Shamindra Nath Sen
Brigadier Brij Mohan Lal Bali
Brigadier Manohar Singh
Brigadier Kuldip Singh Chadha
Brigadier Bhupal Singh Chand, Vir Chakra
Brigadier Shamsheer Singh Malhotra
Brigadier Edathil Ambbalavattan Rammohan, VSM
Brigadier Sardari Lal Juneja
Brigadier Krishen Kumar Tewari
Brigadier Harbhajan Singh Kullar
Brigadier Raj Kumar Kalra
Brigadier Ujjagar Singh
Brigadier Birendra Kumar Bhattacharya, VSM
Brigadier Madan Mohan Singh, Bakshi, MVC
Brigadier Requinald Owen Kharbanda
Brigadier Ram Chandra Vinayak Apte
Brigadier Kartar Singh Kataria
Brigadier Jagbir Singh Manda
Brigadier Uttam Singh Sidhu
Brigadier Aytar Singh Mann
Brigadier Ralph Trevor Morlin
Brigadier Bhupinder Singh Sandhu

Brigadier On Prakash Vohra
Brigadier Gurjit Singh Randhawa
Brigadier Mangapura Chandra Sekharan Menon
~~Brigadier Mohinder Singh~~
Brigadier Archibald Ernest Joseph
Brigadier Sachindra Nath Mukherji
Brigadier Kizhakkathil Prasad Chandran Nair
Brigadier Haridaya Keul
Brigadier Pran Nath Kathpalia
Brigadier On Parkash Vig
Brigadier Pribhoo Moolchand Bhatia
Brigadier Avtar Singh
Brigadier Bikram Chand
Commodore Gautam Singh
Commodore Erach Jamshed Debu
Commodore Thomas Jacob Kunnenkeril
*Commodore Garnet Milton Shea, AVSM
*Commodore Vivian Eric Charles Barboza, AVSM
Commodore Inder Kumar Malhotra
Air Commodore Gian Dev Sharma
Air Commodore Bawa Sampuran Singh Bedi
Air Commodore Harcharan Singh Bakshi
Air Commodore Corindra Kumar Singha
Air Commodore Kanvar Singh
Air Commodore Trilochan Singh Brar.

* Bar to AVSM

- * Air Commodore Surinder Singh, AVSM
- * Air Commodore Krishan Mohan Ram, AVSM
- Air Commodore Jafar Zaheer
- Air Commodore Chandrakant . Shridhar Naik, VSM
- Air Commodore Amrit Lal Saigal
- Colonel Balwant Singh, Madras Regiment
- Colonel Swaroop Nath Wanchoo, Army Medical Corps
- Colonel Gururaj Krishnarao Burli, Artillery
- Colonel Bhupinder Singh, Artillery
- Colonel William Gordon McKean, Artillery
- Colonel Adarsh Rattan, Engineers
- Colonel Bishambar Pratap Rikhye, Pioneer
- Colonel Prakash Mohan Pasricha, Intelligence Corps
- Colonel (Miss) Hazel Inez Woolger, Military Nursing Service
- Colonel Balwant Singh, Army Medical Corps
- Colonel Mehtab Singh Khara, Intelligence Corps
- Colonel Dalip Kumar Mitra, Army Medical Corps
- Colonel Harbans Singh Bains, MC, Army Medical Corps
- Captain Oscar Stanely Dawson, Indian Navy
- Captain Mehir Kumar Roy, Indian Navy
- Captain Rash Behari Mukherjee, Indian Navy
- Captain Francis Leslie Fraser, Indian Navy
- Captain Bhalachandra Ganesh Mudholkar, Indian Navy
- Captain Catangolathur Srinivasagopal, Indian Navy

* Bar to AVSM

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- Captain Narendra Bhalla, Indian Navy
- Acting Captain Rajendra Pall Khanna, Indian Navy
- Acting Captain Arakal Narayana Parameshwaran Pillai, Indian Navy
- Acting Captain Kumaran Ramabhadra Menon, VSM, Indian Navy
- Acting Captain Santosh Kumar Sinha, Indian Navy.
- Acting Captain Patrick James Barron, Indian Navy.
- Acting Captain Jai Paul Syal, Indian Navy.
- Group Captain Gurdial Singh Punia
- Group Captain Aubrey Leslie Michael
- Group Captain Ramesh Chander Jain
- Group Captain Emanuel Fernandes
- Group Captain Amrit Dev Datt
- Group Captain Sivaramannair Kesavan Nair
- Group Captain Kanwar Iqbal Singh Chhabra
- Group Captain Prem Pal Singh, MVC
- Group Captain Mohan Badami
- Commander Nellari Fozankandi Mukundan
- Wing Commander Navin Chandra Bharma
- Wing Commander Vishwanathan Krishnamurthy, VM
- Wing Commander Shiv Prakash Sabharwal
- Wing Commander Mohinder Singh Bawa, VM
- Wing Commander Vishwanath Balkrishna Sawardekar, KC
- Wing Commander Upkar Singh
- Wing Commander Krishan Kumar Badhwar
- Wing Commander Donald Melvyn Conquest
- Wing Commander Kailash Chandra Khanna
- Wing Commander Kasi Gopala Radhakrishnan
- Lieutenant Commander Ninan Geeverghese.