

D.O.D 12 December 1947

Uri. Kashmir **Years of service 1933 - 1947**

Rank Jemadar (Viceroy's

Commissioned Officer (VCO)

Unit 1/11th Sikh Regiment **Engagements**

> **Burma Campaian** Indo-Pakistan War

Awards

Victoria Cross (VC) Maha Vir Chakra (MVC)

Jemadar Nand Singh vc, mvc

India's most highly decorated soldier

Nand Singh was a member of the the Sikh Regiment which received the most medals of any regiment in the British Empire.

He was awarded the VC for his incredible actions against the Japanese on 11-12 March 1944 in Arakan in Burma.

The Japanese held a position called India Hill, which had a verv steep knife-edaed ridge. Singh and his platoon were ordered to capture this position. As Sinah and his men approached, they were met with heavy machine aun and rifle fire which killed or injured most of them.

Sinah moved forward alone. even though he was injured. He then captured the first trench and killed the two Japanese occupants with his bayonet.

Following this he moved onto the second and third trenches, again sustaining injuries from the continuous heavy fire and grenades of the Japanese. Again he silenced them with his bayonet - single-handedly.

What he achieved took a matter of minutes. When his platoon reached him, they captured the position using bayonets and grenades to kill 37 of the 40 Japanese who had held the position.

Singh was wounded six times, but showed incredible bravery, determination, and even total disregard for his own life or safety. He was honoured with Britain's highest honour the Victoria Cross.

Following India's independence Sinah remained in the Indian Army and fought in the Indo-Pakistani War.



Sikh regiment clear a Japanese foxhole with machine gun fire after throwing in a phosphorus grenade

On 12 December 1947 he led his platoon of D Company to rescue his battalion from an ambush in Uri, Kashmir. During the battle Singh was killed by machine aun fire at close range.



CITATION Indian MVC awarded as per The Gazette of India

On 12 December 1947, Nand Singh was employed as a jemadar with the 1st Sikh Regiment, defending Kashmir from a Pakistani attack. Performing his duty with "valour leadership and selfless devotion to duty," Jemedar Nand Singh led in the capture of a key objective, near Uri. He was killed shortly after the objective was taken. To recognise this bravery, he was awarded posthumously the Maha Vír Chakra by independent India. This VC and MVC pair is unique.

There is a statue of Nand Singh at Fauji Chowk in Bathinda



SIKH REGIMENT

Branch

British Indian Army, **Indian Army**

Active

1846 - Present

Engagements

Abyssinia

Iraq

Malaya **North Africa**

Italy

Greece

BurmaBurma

Regimental Motto

'Nische kar apni jeet karon': With determination, I'll bring

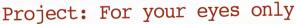
triumphNische kar apni aron"

Regimental war cry Jo Bole So Nihal. Sat Sri Akal said: "He who cries God is truth, is ever Happy."J



Sikh troops in action

Singh was posthumously awarded the Maha Vir Chakra (MVC), for valour and steadfastness of the highest order in the Jammu & Kashmir Operation in 1947. To this day no other Indian has received both the VC and MVC.





Sikhism is a religion in India. Find out what other religions there are

Did any of these religions have their own regiments in the Armed Forces like the Sikh Regiment during WWII? The British and Commonwealth forces would have a chaplain, pastor or spiritual leader within their troops, what would their role be?

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