Parakram Gatha

IMMORTAL STORIES OF COURAGE AND SACRIFICE

Param Vir Chakra Awardee of India
Naik Jadunath Singh
Naik Jadunath Singh (No.27373), son of Shri Bir Bal Singh, was born on November 21, 1916, in village Khajuri, Shahjahanpur, Uttar Pradesh. He was enrolled in 1 Rajput on November 21, 1941.

The capture of Jhangar on December 24, 1947 placed the Pak raiders in an advantageous position in Naushahra Sector. Being in full command of the communication lines from Mirpur to Punch they could now build up their forces for attack on Naushahra. Indians were alive to this threat and had taken measures to prevent the enemy build-up in the area. In the process they had occupied Kot village to the north-west of Naushahra. 50 Para Brigade had also established strong pickets on possible enemy approaches, one of which lay to the north of Naushahra through Tain Dhar.

The expected enemy attack came on the foggy morning of February 6, 1948 at 0640 hours. The enemy started the attack by opening fire from their pickets at the Tain Dhar ridge on an Indian patrol. Simultaneously, the whole of Tain Dhar feature and the surrounding hills became live with bursts of machine gun and crunches of mortar fire. Meanwhile, under the cover of darkness the enemy crept up to the Indian pickets. In the first light of dawn the men at the post saw thousands of hostiles creeping up to them.

On this day, Naik Jadunath Singh was in command of a forward post of Picket No. 2 at Tain Dhar, garrisoned by nine men. The enemy launched attack in successive waves to capture this post. The first wave swept the area up to the post. At this juncture Naik Jadunath Singh used his
small force so effectively that the enemy retreated in utter confusion. When four of his men were wounded he reorganised the battered force for meeting another onslaught. As all men including himself were now wounded, he personally took over the bren gun from the injured bren-gunner. His fire was so devastating that what looked like a certain defeat was turned into a victory. The enemy retreated in chaos leaving dead and wounded littered on the ground. The post was saved a second time.

By now all men of the post had turned into casualties. The enemy put in their third and final attack determined to capture the post. Naik Jadunath Singh wounded and alone, rose to give a battle for the third time. He came out of the sangar and firing his sten gun charged on the advancing enemy. The enemy was unnerved and
fled in disorder. The Naik met a gallant death, as two bullets had pierced him in the head and the chest. However, he had succeeded in saving his picket from being overrun by the enemy.

For his exceptional bravery and outstanding leadership Naik Jadunath Singh was awarded Param Vir Chakra, posthumously.