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28 MADRAS
'THE DARING'

The Battalion was raised in 1942 by Lt Col NC Jakson of 3/15 PUNJAB Regiment (now in Pakistan), as the 3rd Coastal Defence Battalion in Pune. The Battalion went overseas to Iraq, as part of Persian and Allied Invasory Forces (PAI) in 1944. The unit returned to India in 1945 and was disembodied during the restructuring of the Royal Indian Army post WW II.

28 MADRAS 'The Daring', of The MADRAS Regiment, the oldest and one of the most decorated Regiments of Indian Army was re-raised on 01 Jul 1976 at Guava Hill near Wellington, Ooty. Since raising, the Battalion has served with distinction in all types of operational environments including high altitude. Line of Control, and Counter Insurgency and terrorism operations.

The Battalion was awarded General-Officer-Commanding in Chief, Northern Command's Unit Citation for outstanding display of bravery in Counter Insurgency Operations in Uri Sector in 1998-1999. The unit has now been awarded the General-Officer-Commanding in Chief, Western Command's Unit Citation in its present tenure in Rashtrapati Bhavan as the 'Ceremonial Battalion' of the Indian Army from 2011-2014.

Since raising, personnel of the unit have been awarded one Vir Chakra, one Param Vishisht Seva Medal, two Ati Vishisht Seva Medals, three Shaurya Chakras, 15 Sena Medals, three Vishisht Seva Medals, three Vishisht Seva Medals, two Mention-in-Despatches, 44 Chief of Army Staff Commendation Cards, 26 Vice Chief of Army Staff Commendation Cards and 43 General Officer Commanding in Chief Commendation Cards.

SWADHARME NIDHANAM SHREYAHA

8 J&K LI (SIACHEN)
'THE BRAVEST OF THE BRAVE'

8 JAK LI is one of the most decorated bn of the Indian Army. It was raised as *First Battalion Border Scouts* in Poonch on 18 Dec 1947 to stop the ingress of Kabaillies into Poonch and was later, rechristened as 8 Jammu and Kashmir Militia on 15 Apr 1948.

The Battalion was awarded the Battle Honour of *Laleali & Picquet 707* during 1971 Indo Pak war. Re-designated as 8 Jammu and Kashmir Light Infantry on 27 Apr 1976.

The Battalion captured the enemy Quaid post at an altitude of 21153 ft, the *highest battle field* in the world. Naib Subedar Bana Singh was awarded *Param Vir Chakra*.

The Battalion was conferred with *Chief of Army Staff Unit Citation* in 2001 for exemplary performance on the Line of Control and Counter Terrorism operations.

The Battalion established the United Nation Mission in Sudan. The Battalion was bestowed with *United Nations Unit Citation* in 2007.

Naib Subedar Chuni Lal, Vir Chakra, Sena Medal laid down his life in the highest traditions of Indian Army whilst fighting against terrorists and was bestowed with the highest peace time gallantry award, *The Ashok Chakra (Posthumous)* in 2008.

The Battalion joined the group of elite Battalions who have been conferred with *THE BRAVEST OF THE BRAVE' AWARD*.

The Battalion was also conferred with *The Chief of Army Staff Unit Citation* in 2009 for its splendid performance on the Line of Control.

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