

# VALOUR TRIUMPHS

A History of the Kumaon Regiment



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This is the story of a Regiment, a Regiment that has given India three of its Chiefs of the Army Staff: General Shrinagesh, General Thimayya, General Raina. It also produced the man who was the first to be awarded the Param Vir Chakra, India's highest decoration for gallantry.

With a foreword by General T. N. Raina, M. V. C., who is also the Colonel of the Regiment, the story takes one back to the eighteenth century when the senior units of the Regiment were raised in Hyderabad as a special force. How this force evolved into a great Regiment makes an absorbing tale. It takes one through the period when the Pindaris and other freebooters roamed over large parts of India, pillaging the countryside without let or hindrance. It tells of the days when units stayed on indefinitely at one station and cases of indiscipline among troops were decided by a *panchayat*.

Then came the reforms under Lord Kitchener, followed a few years later by the First World War. Units of the Regiment fought on three continents during that holocaust: Asia, Europe, Africa. The post-war period brought more reforms and a reorganization. Again, when the Second World War broke out, the Regiment fought on many fronts and took part in some of the most famous actions of the war. It was during this war that Indian officers for the first time got an opportunity to command troops in battle against a first rate enemy. Brigadier (later General) K. S. Thimayya of the Kumaon Regiment was the first Indian officer to command a brigade in action.

The post-Independence period has brought many challenges to the Indian Army. It has had to fight four campaigns: three against Pakistan, one against China. The Kumaon Regiment has been in the thick of things every time. The book takes one right up to the liberation of Bangladesh. Twenty-six maps and a large number of pictures add to its value as the history of an illustrious Regiment.

To,

Hon'able Datuk Hussein Onn,  
DK, SPMJ, SPJK,

Prime Minister and Minister of Defence,  
MALAYSIA.

With profound regards and best wishes  
from all ranks of the KUALAUMPUR Regt.

*[Signature]*  
General

Colonel of the KUALAUMPUR Regt.

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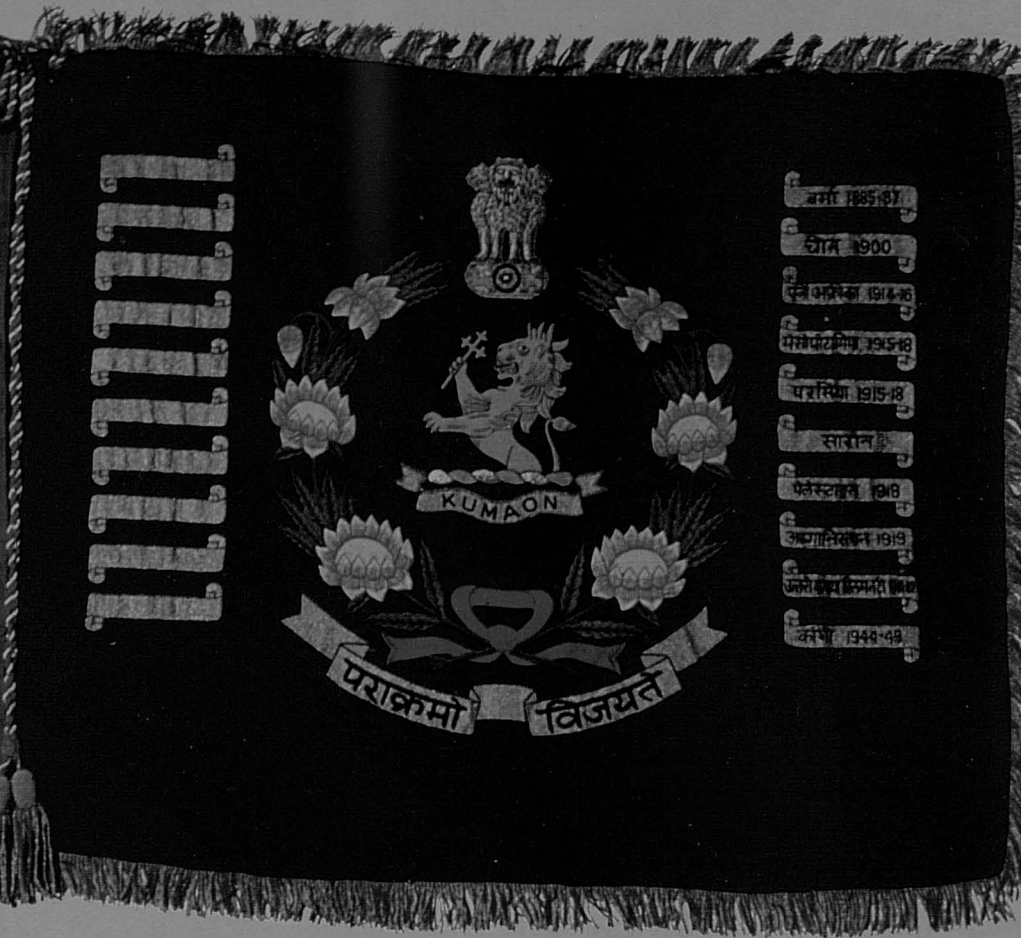




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