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NAIK GANESH PRASAD YADAV

SERVICE NUMBER	4268024L
RANK (At the time of Award)	Naik
NAME	Ganesh Prasad Yadav
SON OF	Ram Deo Prasad Yadav
RESIDENT OF (Village/District/State)/ DOMICILE	Village Pandechak, Patna, Bihar
UNIT/REGIMENT/CORPS	1 BIHAR
SERVICE	Indian Army
DATE OF ENROLMENT/ COMMISSION	28 December 1987
AWARD/DATE OF ACTION	Vir Chakra (Posthumous) / 29 May 1999
WAR/BATTLE/OPERATION	Kargil War / Op Vijay
OTHER AWARDS WITH DATE	



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Naik Ganesh Prasad Yadav was a native of Village Pandeckhak, Patna, Bihar. He was born on 19 February 1971 to parents Mr. Ram Deo Prasad Yadav and Mrs. Bachhiya Devi. He enrolled into 1 Bihar Regiment of Indian Army on 28 December 1987.

The recruitment of soldiers from the region of Bihar dates back to the days of the British East India Company, which raised the 'Bengal Native Infantry' as a force. The Bihar regiment's origin can be traced back to the sepoy battalions raised in 1775 by Lord Clive British East India Company at Patna. The Bihar Regiment was formally raised in the year 1941 by regularising the 11 (Territorial) Battalion, 19 Hyderabad Regiment and raising new battalions. Despite being among the youngest, it has displayed exemplary valour and strength on various occasions. Their participation in World War II, Indo-Pak 1965 and 1971 is regarded highly in traditions of Indian Army. 1 BIHAR participated in Operation Vijay in the Batalik Sub Sector and was responsible for recapture of Jubar Hill and Tharu. For its valour, the unit was honoured with Chief of the Army Staff Unit Citation.

The genesis of Indo-Pak conflict can be traced back to the year 1947. The bone of contention between India and Pakistan are the attempts by Pakistan to annex the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir by any means. The Kargil war of 1999 was fought 52 years after independence. The war commenced shortly after the signing of the Lahore declaration in 1999, when the Pakistan army surreptitiously occupied the winter vacated posts of the Indian Army. This act is thought to be the brain-child of General Pervez Musharraf, then chief of the Pakistan Army. On 3 May 1999, intrusions were detected. On 26 May¹, the first air to ground strike was launched by the Indian Airforce (IAF), followed by Operation Vijay, by the Indian Army to evict the intruders from the Indian territory². During Operation Vijay, Major M Saravanan was the Company Commander of one of the 1 BIHAR companies which launched an attack on Point 4268 in the Batalik area.

During Operation Vijay, 1 BIHAR, under the Col O P Yadav, arrived in the third week of May in the Batalik sub-sector. They were tasked to capture the enemy's nearest observation post on Jubar Complex, the Jubar OP, at the height of 16,400 feet. However, the first attack failed due to the lack of time given for the acclimatisation. Within a week's time from the first attack, 1 BIHAR launched an attack on the Jubar Hill and despite stiff resistance, a small location near Jubar Hill was captured by the dawn. Before the operation could proceed further, Major M Saravanan, the Company Commander of the Charlie of 1 BIHAR, given the task of launching an attack on Point 4268 in the Batalik area. He was quickly acted upon the orders and planned to establish several small groups on the enemy reinforcement routes in order to curtail any kind of enemy movement. On May 28,

¹ Kargil 1999: The Impregnable Conquered Lt. Gen Y M Bammi. (2002) Gorkha Publisher

² From Surprise to Reckoning: The Kargil Review Committee Report (2000) Sage Publications, New Delhi (Pg no 104-105)



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1999, Naik Ganesh Prasad Yadav as a part of Charlie Company, attacked well-fortified enemy station at a height of 14,000 feet in the Batalik sub-sector of Kargil.

After a four-hour approach march, the assault on the enemy began at 0400 hours on May 29, 1999. Under intense enemy artillery and small arms fire, Naik Ganesh Prasad Yadav was at the vanguard of the assault. He charged at the enemy sangar, disregarding his own safety, and killed two foreign mercenaries with his indomitable courage, fighting spirit, and determination.

A salvo of bullets struck Naik Ganesh Prasad Yadav in the hip, gravely injuring him.



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CITATION

4268024, Naik Ganesh Prasad Yadav, 1 Bihar (Posthumous)
(Effective date of the Award: 29th May, 1999)

Naik Ganesh Prasad Yadav, belonged to Charlie Company which was assigned the task of capturing point 4268, a well-fortified enemy post at an altitude of 14,000 feet in Batalik sub-sector of Kargil on 28 May 99 during OPERATION VIJAY.

After an approach march of four hours, at 0400 hours on 29 May' 99 the assault was launched on the enemy. Naik Ganesh Prasad Yadav was in the forefront of the assault under heavy volume of enemy artillery and small arms fire. With his indomitable courage, fighting spirit and determination, he charged at the enemy sangar with utter disregard to his personal safety and killed two foreign mercenaries.

Naik Ganesh Prasad Yadav was seriously wounded in the hip by volley of bullets. Despite being injured, the brave soldier, unmindful of the danger to his own life, continued to fire at the enemy till he succumbed to his injury.

Naik Ganesh Prasad Yadav displayed most conspicuous act of gallantry in the face of enemy and made the supreme sacrifice.

Reference: Gazette of India, Notification No._____ dated_____



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