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CAPTAIN ARUN SINGH JASROTIA

SERVICE NUMBER	IC-48171
RANK	Captain
NAME	Arun Singh Jasrotia
SON OF	Lieutenant Colonel Prabhat Singh
RESIDENT OF (Village/District/State)/ DOMICILE	Gurdaspur
UNIT/REGIMENT/CORPS	9 PARA (SF)
SERVICE	Indian Army
DATE OF ENROLMENT/COMMISSION	17 December 1989
AWARD/DATE OF ACTION	Ashoka Chakra (Posthumous)/ 14 September 1995
WAR/BATTLE/OPERATION	
OTHER AWARDS WITH DATE	Sena Medal



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Captain Arun Singh Jasrotia was born in Sujampur in the Pathankot district of Punjab, India on 16 August, 1968. The son of an Army veteran Lieutenant Colonel Prabhat Singh Jasrotia and Smt Satya Devi, Captain Arun Singh Jasrotia belonged to the family of war veterans. Besides his father, his grandfather too served in the Army and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel who served in 2 DOGRA. Arun had a dream to wear the Army uniform like his father and grandfather and following their footsteps, he joined the National Defence Academy (NDA) in January 1985 as part of 73rd Course after completing his schooling at Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 1, in Pathankot. Later he went to Indian Military Academy (IMA) Dehradun for further training and passed out as a Second Lieutenant on 17 December 1989 at the age of 21 years. He was commissioned into the 8 BIHAR an Infantry Regiment known for its gallant soldiers and numerous battle exploits. He was promoted to Lieutenant on 17 December 1990.



Captain Arun Singh Jasrotia with his mother

(Source: Honourpoint)

After serving for some time with his parent unit, he volunteered to join 9 PARA(SF) in 1992. The Parachute Regiment is an airborne and Special Forces Regiment of the Indian Army. It was raised in 1945 as part of the British Indian Army but was disbanded after the World War II and was re-raised in 1952 by absorbing the three existing parachute battalions of the 50th Parachute Brigade. In the post-independence restructuring, India retained only one Parachute Brigade—the 50th. This brigade consisted of three distinguished battalions personally



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nominated by the then Commander-in-Chief, namely 1 PARA (PUNJAB), 2 PARA (MARATHA) and 3 PARA (KUMAON). During the Jammu and Kashmir operations of 1947-48 these battalions distinguished themselves with glory in the battles of Shelatang, Naushera, Jhangar and Poonch, and were awarded the respective Battle Honours. On 15 April 1952, the three battalions serving with the Parachute Brigade were removed from their respective Infantry Regiments to form the PARACHUTE REGIMENT. Since then, The Regiment has participated in 1962 War, 1971 War, Op PAWAN, Op CACTUS, and 1999 Kargil War. Currently it comprises seven Special Forces, six Airborne, two Territorial Army and one Rashtriya Rifles Battalions. 9 PARA (SF) was raised in 1966 as 9th Parachute Commando Battalion. The four Special Forces Battalions were originally trained for use in certain environments; 1 PARA (SF) [Strategic Reserve], 9 PARA (SF) [Mountains], 10 PARA (SF) [Deserts] and 21 PARA (SF) [Jungles]. Currently, all the Special Forces Battalions are trained for all environments.

Captain Arun Singh Jasrotia was promoted to the rank of Captain on 17 December 1993. During his training as a Para Commando, he was quick to developed into a tough commando with superior soldierly skills, after having undergone various training courses viz. Mountaineering course, High Altitude Warfare course, Deep Sea Diving course, and Commando course. He also became part of a joint Indo-US underwater training program. During his initial service, Captain Jasrotia took part in “OPERATION RAKSHAK” under 8 Mountain Division and 28 Infantry Division and proved his mettle as a professional and committed soldier. In one of the operations at Tilgam in Pattan Tahsil of Baramulla district in J&K, he was instrumental in eliminating five hard core terrorists. As a result, he was awarded the ‘Sena Medal’ for his exceptional courage, leadership and devotion to duty.



Captain Jasrotia with Major Sudhir Kumar Walia, AC, ADC, SM & Bar

(Source: Coomar)



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In the year 1995, Captain Arun Singh Jasrotia's unit was deployed in Jammu and Kashmir area as a part of Counter-Insurgency Operations. A Team of 9 PARA (Special Forces) under the leadership of Captain Arun Singh Jasrotia was carrying out Counter-Insurgency Operations in Lolab Valley of Jammu and Kashmir. On 15 September 1995, the after an arduous climb of nearly ten hours, the Team reached the general area at a height of approximately 3000 meters, where some foreign mercenaries were suspected to be hiding.

The Team drew heavy rocket and gun fire. Captain Arun Singh Jasrotia, realising the extreme danger to his men, who could not engage the well-entrenched terrorists from the position they were in, in a daring move, rushed forward lobbing a grenade. While doing to, he was hit in the shoulder. Despite being grievously Injured, he shot dead the terrorist who had fired at him after a hand-to-hand fight. Continuing his advance, he came near the mouth of the cave when he was pounced upon by another terrorist. The young officer grappled with this terrorist and killed him with his commando knife Despite staking his life for the safety of his comrades and bleeding profusely, Captain Arun Singh Jasrotia refused to move back and in a final bid stormed the cave spraying bullets and lobbing grenades. He eliminated the remaining heavily armed foreign terrorist in the cave but was struck fatally by a bullet in the chest in the process. He finally collapsed due to loss of blood and made the supreme sacrifice



Lieutenant Colonel Prabhat Singh Jasrotia father of Captain Arun Singh Jasrotia Salutes his bust statue.

(Source: @X PRO Defence Jammu)

For his extraordinary courage and for the display unparalleled gallantry in the line of duty he was awarded Ashok Chakra posthumously. Furthermore, to honour the valour of this gallant officer



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Punjab government also conferred Captain Arun Singh Jasrotia with the Nishan-e-Khalsa Award in 1999.



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CITATION

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(Effective date of the award-14 September 1995)

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VIDEOS

PARA Commando Captain Arun Singh Jasrotia AC SM Real Story| Lolab Valley Operation 1995|Indian Army (Source: YouTube Shivalik Journal)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BTMfq0yug6Y>

9 PARA SF Captain Jasrotia : आतंकियों से हुआ मुठभेड़ तो शेर की तरह झपट कर कर दिया ढेर ! (Source: YouTube Bharat Tak)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ap4Et8Dpzs>

Balidan Divas of Shaheed Capt Arun Jasrotia Ashok Chakra, Sena Medal, Nishan-E-Khalsa ! (Source: YouTube Bharat INI)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BIi-PIqsHNE>

शहीद कैप्टन अरुण सिंह जसरोटिया का 24 वां शहीदी समागम आयोजित (Source: YouTube Today Headlines)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OZo5vcLuU14>

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- A gate in Sujampur (Punjab) in the honour of Capt Arun Singh Jasrotia.

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(Source: Honourpoint)

- A bust statue of Captain Arun Singh Jarotia is built in Pathankot to honour his valour and sacrifice for the nation.



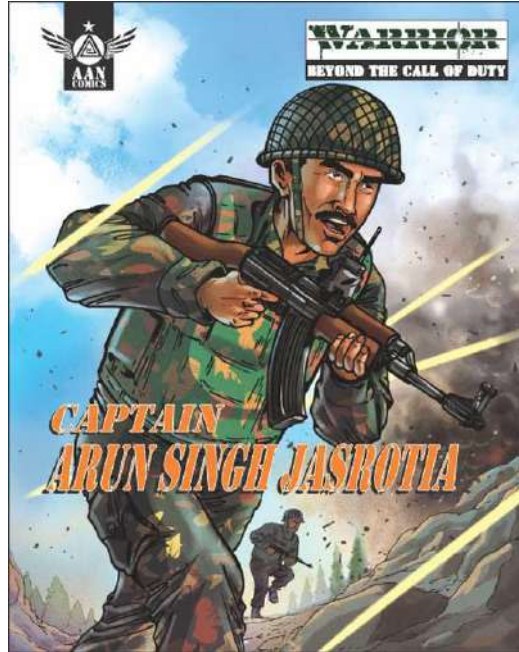
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OTHER INTERESTING RESOURCES ²

- A graphical description of Captain Arun Kumar Jasrotia's actions has been developed in form of a book by AAN Comics.



(Source: AAN Comics)

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