

**My grandfather, Lieutenant Colonel Ghulam Rasul Raja MC**

**By Ayaan, 4B**

My great grandfather was an army officer of the British Indian army and later of the Pakistan Army. He served in the 16<sup>th</sup> Punjab regiment under the British Raj.

He served in WW2 and the Indo-Pakistan War of 1947.

Years of service 1923-1948.

He won 2 main awards.

**1. Military Cross (WW2)**

Stationed in Tripoli (Libya), my great grandfather fought against an Italian offensive in which he helped to repulse the Italian forces leading to

their subsequent surrender. For his actions he was awarded a Military Cross.

**2. Sitara-e-Jurrat (1947-1948 Kashmir War)**

My great grandfather was at the forefront in pushing the Indian Armed forces out of Kashmir as the first struggle for Pakistan to take Kashmir began in 1947. Pakistan gained 2/5 of Kashmir in this war.

My great grandfather was stationed in front of a peak held by the Indian forces. He formed a plan to do an ambush. Even though the Indian forces heavily outnumbered by the Indian forces. They were stunned by the attack and fell immediately as they thought a large Pakistani force had arrived. They surrendered and the peak was captured by the Pakistani forces. My great grandfather was awarded Sitara-e-Jurrat.

