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AWARD

PRESIDENT'S POLICE AND FIRE SERVICES MEDAL
PAITE ONPHUNG, HEAD CONSTABLE
INTELLIGENCE BUREAU

Subject

Recommendation from the Intelligence Bureau for the award of President's Police and Fire Services Medal for gallantry to Shri Onphung Paite, Head Constable, Subsidiary Intelligence Bureau, Kohima.

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Ministry of Home Affairs
Police(IV) Section

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Serial No. 1 (Receipt) : Dated 15.9.1964.

pp 1-7/cor.

The Intelligence Bureau have recommended Shri Onphung Paite, Head Constable, Subsidiary Intelligence Bureau, Kohima, for the award to him of the President's Police and Fire Services Medal for gallantry. The reasons for recommending him this award are given in the citation at pages 1-7 corr. The Intelligence Bureau have suggested that it would not be desirable from the point of view of security to publish this citation.

It is for consideration and orders whether or not Shri Onphung Paite may be awarded the President's Police and Fire Services Medal for gallantry. After the orders are passed, the case will be processed further.

18-9-1964.

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The I.B. have recommended Shri Onphung Paite, Head Constable, S.I.B., Kohima for the award of President's Police and Fire Services Medal for gallantry.

The reasons for recommending him for the award are given in the citation at page 2-3 corr. The citation is not very lengthy and worth perusal. In brief, Shri Paite has been recommended for the award on account of the excellent work done by him in connection with the collection of intelligence regarding movements of Hostile Naga Gangs in their gun running missions. It appears from the citation that Shri Paite carried out his duties against heavy odds at the risk of losing his life. In view of the reasons given in the citation, we may, perhaps, accept the recommendation and award the President's Police and Fire Services Medal for gallantry to Shri Onphung Paite. In addition to the Medal he would be entitled to a monthly allowance of Rs.15/- per month.

The requisite certificate of integrity has been given by the I.B., which is at page 4 corr.

We may agree to the suggestion of the I.B. that the citation should not be published, from the point of view of security.

Joint Secretary (I)
By No. 19284/64
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(G.L. Bailur)
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Reference pre-page:

The case may now be referred to the Prime Minister's Secretariat for obtaining the approval of the P.M. Draft O.M. put up.

8-10-1964.

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Serial No. 3 (Receipt) : Dated 28.10.1964.

The Prime Minister has approved of the proposed award of the President's Police and Fire Services Medal for gallantry to Shri Onphung Paite, Head Constable, Subsidiary Intelligence Bureau, Kohima. We may now refer this case to the President's Secretariat for obtaining the approval of the President. A draft summary is put up for approval.

7-11-1964.

W.P.
9.11.64

W.S. (PS)

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No. 47/9/64-P.IV.
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS.

New Delhi-11, the 12th November, 1964.

The enclosure to Ministry of Home Affairs ~~Letter/~~

U.O. ~~Order/Endorsement~~ No. 47/9/64-P.IV dated 11th November '64

is sent herewith. Omission is regretted.

Shankar Kapoor
(SHANKAR KAPOOR)
SECTION OFFICER

MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

To

The President Secretariat,
(Shri V.J. Moore, D.S.)
NEW DELHI.

AN.11.9.1963.

Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs

DEPARTMENT/OFFICE

Draft ~~Memorandum~~
~~Telegram~~

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Dated 11-11-64

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Serial No. ~~(4)~~

File No.

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2. List of enclosures

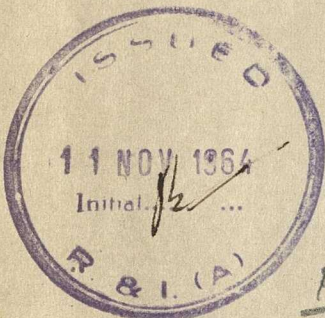
SUMMARY

The ~~Government of~~ Intelligence Bureau, New Delhi, have recommended Shri Onphung Paite, Head Constable, Subsidiary Intelligence Bureau, Kohima, for the award of the President's Police and Fire Services Medal for gallantry. A copy of the citation in respect of the recommendations is enclosed.

It is requested that this case, which has been approved by the Deputy Minister for Home Affairs and the Prime Minister, may be submitted to the President for his approval.

(G.L. Bailur)
Under Secretary(PS)

President's Secretariat(Shri V.J. Moore)
(with one spare copy)
M.H.A.U.O. No.47/9/64-P.IV, dated -11-1964.



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SECRET

Name and rank of the officer

Shri Onphung Paite,
Head Constable,
Subsidiary Intelligence Bureau
KOHIMA.

Statement of services for which the decoration
has been recommended:

C I T A T I O N

A number of big gangs of Naga Home Guards passed through Manipur and Chin Hills (Burma) on their gun running mission to Pakistan and back during February 1963 to June 1964. The gangs which made such trips to and fro were led by NHG Chief KAITO SEMA, NHG Maj. Gen. MOWU ANGAMI and Maj. Gen. YEVETO SEMA among others and were heavily armed and equipped with modern weapons. Shri ONPHUNG PAITE was one of the members of the Intelligence Staff who played a notable part in the task of detecting the movements of these gangs and in thwarting their plans of importing illegal arms and ammunition into the country and in this task he distinguished himself most admirably. His contributions have been invaluable during various operations as detailed below:

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In May 1964, when it was learned that NHG Maj. Gen. YEVETO Sema and his party were returning from Pakistan, Shri Paite had to cross the border in his mission of

locating this gang and in the process he was apprehended by the Burmese authorities. Without disclosing his real identity and mission, he withstood their interrogation and secured his release by making them believe his story and continued on his tracking mission. Facing heavy odds on the way and utilising the services of the local tribals, he kept us a secure line of communication with his base althrough. The result was that the Security authorities were kept fully informed of the gang's movements. As a result of the brilliant and daring work of this officer, the Security forces succeeded in intercepting the gang on 2.6.1964 near Longthul Donglam when an encounter ensued. During the encounter, in the midst of heavy firing from both sides where he was sure to be shot dead on suspicion, Shri PAITE, at his own peril, took risk in entering the area in order to find out the subsequent movements of the gang which had retreated and ultimately re-entered the Chin Hills (Burma). During this journey he had to swim across a turbulent river when it was raining incessantly. He returned after successfully achieving his mission.

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Government of India,
Ministry of Home Affairs.

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(with one spare copy)

M.H.A. U.O.No.47/9/64-P.IV, dated the 11th Nov., 1964
20th Kartika, 1886

The President approves.

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16/11/64

UNDER SECRETARY,
PRESIDENT'S SECRETARIAT.

Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri G.L.
Bailur, Under Secretary).

11/11 President's Sectt. Memo: D.256- FR/ev dt. 16.11.1964.

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Ministry of Home Affairs
Police(IV) Section

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Reference President's Sectt.'s u.o. dated 16.11.1964 at page 16 ante.

2. The President has approved of the award of the President's Police and Fire Services Medal for gallantry to Shri Onphung Paite, Head Constable, Subsidiary Intelligence Bureau, Kohima. Two draft notifications - one in English and the other in Hindi and a draft intimidatory letter are put up which may be sent to the President's Secretariat for issue. Special allowance admissible under rule 5 of the rules governing the award of the Medal has been recommended in this case w.e.f. 2.6.1964 vide portion side-lined 'X' of the citation, at pag 3/corr. It has been decided not to publish the citation from the point of view of security.

3. President's Secretariat may please see u.o.

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President's Secretariat (Sh. V. J. Moore)

M.H.A. u.o. No. P 47/9/64 dt. 21.11.64.

President's Sectt.
(G. Secy.)

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of the notification.

The notification and intimidatory letter have issued and copies are placed on new file. The notification will be published in the Gazette of India of the 5th December, 1964.

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28/11/64.
UNDER SECRETARY,
PRESIDENT'S SECRETARIAT.

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Ministry of Home Affairs
(Shri G.A. Baifur, Under Secy.)

President's Sectt. u.o. No. D. 778-FR/64 dt. 30-11-64

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Ministry of Home Affairs

The award of the P.P.F.S Medal for gallantry to Shri O. Paite has been notified. We may now ask the Mint to manufacture the medal and supply it to the Directorate. D.F. Apatup.

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Reference S. No. (4):-

Form of undertaking in respect of Shri Onphung Paite has since been received from I.B. (vide their letter No. 24/Adm. (C-I)/64- (1), dt. 7.4.65 in F. No. 47/6/64-P-IV) & is placed at p. 17/cor.

This file may now be closed & recorded as no further action is pending on it (B-Keep)

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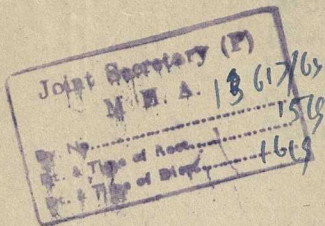
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INTELLIGENCE BUREAU
(Ministry of Home Affairs)
Government of India

New Delhi-11, dated the **15 SEP 1964**

My dear Mukharji,

I forward herewith Director's recommendation (in duplicate) for the award of President's Police and Fire Services Medal for gallantry to Shri Onphung Paite, Head Constable, Subsidiary Intelligence Bureau, Kohima.

2. The certificate of integrity (in duplicate) in respect of this officer is also enclosed. It is suggested that it would not be desirable from the point of view of security to publish this citation.

Yours sincerely,

Balbir Singh
(Balbir Singh)

DS (P)

Shri G. Mukharji,
Joint Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
New Delhi.

Encl: as above;

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SECRET

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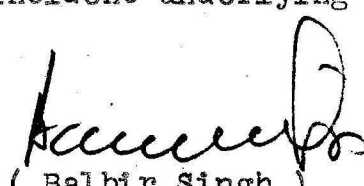

for Director

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Certified that the integrity of Shri Onphung Paite, Head Constable, recommended for the award of President's Police and Fire Services Medal for gallantry is above suspicion, and that he has neither incurred censure nor was concerned in proceedings that were censured in a court of law.

Certified that no judicial proceedings are pending in respect of the incident underlying the recommendation.


(Balbir Singh)
Joint Director

for Director

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Serial No.

File No.

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recommendation from the Intelligence Bureau
President's Police and Fire Services
for the award of the Zolme Medal for gallantry
to Shri Onphung Paite, Head Constable, Subsidiary
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(G.L. Bailur)
U.S(PS).

A circular purple ink postmark from India. The text "INDIA" is curved along the top inner edge. The date "20 OCT 1964" is stamped in the center. Below the date, the word "Initial..." is printed, followed by a handwritten "R". At the bottom, "P & I. (A)" is printed. A diagonal line is drawn across the right side of the circle.

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Name and rank of the officer

Shri Onphung Paite,
Head Constable,
Subsidiary Intelligence Bureau,
KOHIMA.

Statement of services for which the decoration
has been recommended:

A number of big gangs of Naga Home Guards passed through Manipur and Chin Hills(Burma) on their gun running mission to Pakistan and back during February 1963 to June 1964. The big gangs which made such trips to and fro were led by NHG Chief KAITO SEMA, NHG Maj. Gen. MOWU ANGAMI and Maj. Gen. YEVETO SEMA among others and were heavily armed and equipped with modern weapons. Shri ~~Onphung~~ ONPHUNG PAITE was one of the members of the Intelligence Staff who played a notable part in the task of detecting the movements of these gangs and in thwarting their plans of importing illegal arms and ammunition into the country and ~~in the~~ distinguished himself most admirably. His contributions have been invaluable during various operations as detailed below:

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In February 1963, when it was reported that two of these NHG gangs were returning from Pakistan, this officer was detailed to ascertain and report on their movement, strength, armament and equipment. After a long perilous trek in the hilly and difficult terrain of Chin Hills(Burma) ~~from where he kept up a continuous watch on the gang's movement until it reached Sinjol in Manipur. After accomplishing this part of the mission, he left immediately with unabated zeal to trace the other gang which was entering into our territory from~~

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from an easterly direction in Chin Hills(Burma). In performing this task he traversed hostile territory through jungles for 7 days without any escort and with the ever present danger of being detected at any place and summarily shot.

In November, 1963, another gang - 400 strong - was reported to have reached Manipur on way to Pakistan. Shri Paite was sent to an interior place called Hanship to ascertain the location and further movements of the gang. On reaching the destination, he, however, found that the gang had moved forward on its way to Chin Hills(Burma). Fully aware of the risk^{which} he was undertaking, he immediately left in disguise in the direction of the gang, and on reaching Khajang, found himself face to face with the gang. With utmost speed and presence of mind, he hid himself in the jungle and in spite of ~~a~~ careful search^{of the area} by the hostiles managed to escape. Undeterred, he continued to follow the gang and on the next two days watched their movements from a very close distance and was able to report very valuable details of their minutest movements and activities at Sinjol through^{the} local messengers to the headquarters.

In May 1964, when it was learned that NHG Maj. Gen. YEVEETO Sema and his party were returning from Pakistan, Shri Paite had to cross the border in his mission of locating this gang and in the process he was apprehended by the Burmese authorities. Without disclosing his real identity and mission, he withstood their interrogation and secured his release by making them believe his story and continued on his tracking mission. Facing heavy odds on the way and ^{til} using the services of the local tribals, he kept up a secure line of communication with his base althrough. The result was that the Security authorities were kept fully informed of the gang's movements. As a result of the brilliant and daring work of this officer,

the Security forces succeeded in intercepting the gang on 2.6.1964 near Longthul Donglam when an encounter ensued. During this encounter, in the midst of heavy firing from both sides where he was sure to be shot dead on suspicion, Shri ~~ONPH~~ PAITE, at his own peril, took risk in entering the area in order to find out the subsequent movements of the gang which had retreated and ultimately re-entered the Chin Hills (Burma). During this journey he had to swim across a turbulent river when it was raining incessantly. He returned after successfully achieving his mission.

The rare devotion to duty, unusual missionary zeal and exemplary courage shown by Shri ONPHUNG PAITE on a number of occasions under the most difficult and dangerous conditions have few parallels in the history of Nagaland operations. On several occasions this simple and unassuming Head Constable knowingly plunged himself into hazardous situations in order to serve his country and people against the ever-increasing menace of violent and subversive activities of Naga underground army.

In recognition of his rare courage and initiative of a high order under the most difficult and dangerous conditions, Shri ONPHUNG PAITE has been recommended ^{for the award of} the President's Police and Fire Services Medal for gallantry.

प्रधान मन्त्री सचिवालय
PRIME MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT

No.F.46/1/64-PMP

New Delhi-11, the.....

28 OCT 1964

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

The undersigned is directed to refer to the Ministry of Home Affairs Office Memorandum No.47/9/64-P.IV dated the 20th October, 1964 and to convey the approval of the Prime Minister to the proposed award of the President's Police and Fire Services Medal for gallantry to Shri Onphung Paite, Head Constable, Subsidiary Intelligence Bureau, Kohima.

(P.N. SAHI)
Private Secretary
to the Prime Minister.

To

The Ministry of Home Affairs,
(Shri G.L. Bailur),
New Delhi.

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SECRET

President's Secretariat,
Rashtrapati Bhavan,
New Delhi - 11.

No.F.14/64.

November 28, 1964.

Dear Shri Balbir Singh,

I am desired to refer to your d.o. letter No.III(22)/64(S), dated the 15th September, 1964, to Shri G. Mukharji, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, regarding the award of the President's Police and Fire Services Medal for gallantry to Shri Onphung Paite, Head Constable, Subsidiary Intelligence Bureau, Kohima, and to inform you that the President has approved of the said award to him. An announcement to this effect will be made in the Gazette of India of Saturday, the 5th December, 1964 vide advance copy of notification No.83-Pres./64 dated the 27th November, 1964, enclosed.

Yours sincerely,

sd/ A.W. Hoperoff

(A.W. Hoperoff)
Under Secretary.

Shri Balbir Singh,
Joint Director,
Intelligence Bureau,
New Delhi.

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TO BE PUBLISHED IN PART I, SECTION 1 OF THE GAZETTE OF INDIA
DATED SATURDAY THE 5TH DECEMBER, 1964.

PRESIDENT'S SECRETARIAT

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 27th November, 1964.

No.83-Pres./64. - The President is pleased to award the President's Police and Fire Services Medal for gallantry to the undermentioned officer of the Intelligence Bureau :-

Shri Omphung Paite,
Head Constable,
Intelligence Bureau.

2. This award is made for gallantry under rule 4(i) of the rules governing the award of the President's Police and Fire Services Medal and consequently carries with it the special allowance admissible under rule 5, with effect from the 2nd June, 1964.



(K.R. Damle)
Secretary to the President.

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शनिवार दिनांक 5 दिसम्बर, 1964 के भारतीय राजपत्र के
भाग I अनुभाग I में प्रकाशनार्थ ।

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अधिसूचना

दिनांक नई दिल्ली 27 नवम्बर, 1964।

सं० 83- प्रे० 164. - राष्ट्रपति इन्टेलिजेंस ब्यूरो के निम्नलिखित
अधिकारी को उसकी वीरता के लिये राष्ट्रपति का पुलिस तथा अग्निशमन
सेवा पदक प्रदान करते हैं :-

श्री श्री नरुंग पेटे,
हेड कान्स्टेबल,
इन्टेलिजेंस ब्यूरो ।

2. यह पदक राष्ट्रपति के पुलिस तथा अग्निशमन सेवा पदक के
नियम 4(1) के अन्तर्गत वीरता के लिये दिया जा रहा है तथा फलस्वरूप
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से दिया जायेगा ।

का. र. दास

(का० र० दामले)

राष्ट्रपति का सचिव ।

42/9/64 - Police (IV)
Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs

To

The Master of the Mint,
India Government Mint,
Alipore, Calcutta-27.

Subject:- Preparation of the President's Police and Fire Services/
Police Medal for gallantry.

Sir,
I am directed to refer to President's Secretariat's Notifi-
cation No. 83 Pres/64 dated the 27.11.64 (published in Part I,
Section I of the Gazette of India, dated the 5.12.64) announcing
the award of the President's Police and Fire Services Medal/
Police Medal for gallantry to SHRI ONPHUNG PAITE
Head Constable, Intelligence Bureau.

and to request that the Medal after the name of the recipient
as in the enclosed list (in duplicate), has been duly engraved
on it, and ribbon fitted, may be sent direct to the Director,
Intelligence Bureau, New Delhi.

under intimation to this Ministry.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

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No. 42/9/64 Police (IV)

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Copy with a copy of the list, form of undertaking/
receipt and a copy of the Statutes and Rules relating to the
Medal, forwarded to the Director, Intelligence Bureau,
New Delhi.

with reference to the correspondence resting with President's
Secretariat letter No. 14/64 dated the 28.11.64

It is requested that the form of undertaking/receipt may be got
signed by the recipient /next of kin of the recipient,
before presenting the Medal, and returned to this Ministry.

Copy of the Statutes and Rules governing the award of the
Medal is intended for the recipient.

US(PS)

R & I SECTION

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and one copy for
record.

LIST

PRESIDENT'S POLICE & FIRE SERVICES
MEDAL FOR GALLANTRY
~~POLICE MEDAL FOR GALLANTRY.~~

ONPHUNG PAITE
Hd. Constable. I.B.

BY 3. 02/11/64

P O L I C E M E D A L

I, Oupshung Paite - 510
on whom the President has been pleased to confer the
Decoration of "THE POLICE MEDAL", declare that I have
read over and I understand the conditions attaching to
the Decoration; and I hereby undertake to return the
Decoration conferred upon me, should my name at any
time be erased from the Register of persons upon my
being called upon to do so, in accordance with the
provisions of statutes seventhly of the statutes
relating to the Medal.

(Signature) Oupshung Paite
the 2nd day of March 1965

Dated at Delhi

Witnessed by C. V. Ramesh