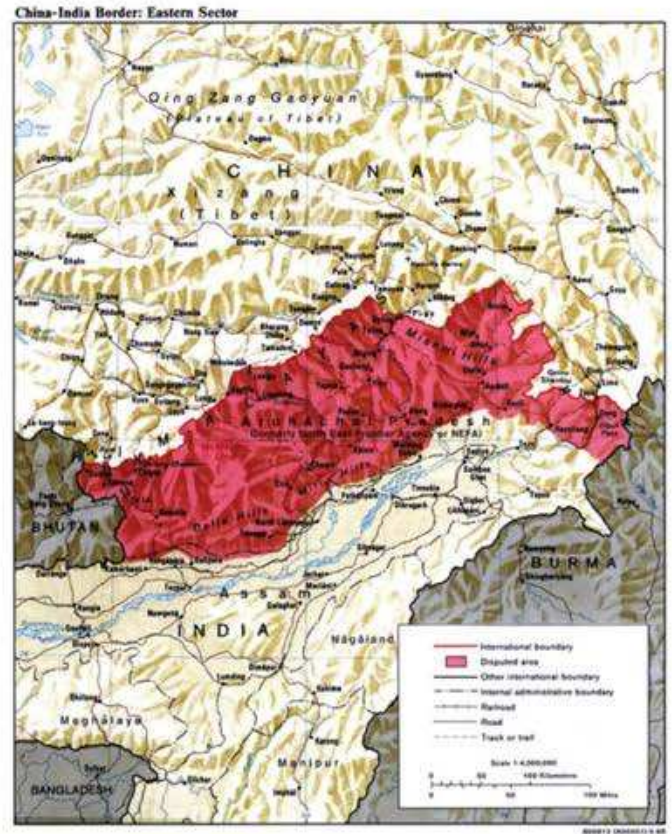


# Heroes of the lost war



***Brigadier Gurbux Singh who saw action in Bomdi La in 1962, shared his account with us a few years ago before passing away at a ripe age of 94.***

**T**he 48 brigade was in Ambala, training for an operational role in Punjab when in October, maybe 22nd or 23rd, we were ordered to proceed with two battalions to Tezpur. We reached in about 2–3 days on October 26 and reported to the Corps HQ and were asked to proceed to Bomdi La with whatever transport we could lay our hands on. At Bomdi La, 1st Madras was already in position and the rest of the area devoid of troops.



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So after a recee, I deployed the 1 Sikh LI on the left flank with their 4 companies and retained the 5 Guards in a depth position. Battalion parties went to prepare camps for company localities.

The troops arrived and moved into the areas, all moving on foot and carrying a rifle and just 50 rounds of 1st line ammunition. We had no heavy stuff like 3" mortars, no