

The Forgotten Unsung Heroes of the Battle of Madhumati (1971 Bangladesh, 45 Cavalry, 62 Mountain Brigade)

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(As discussed with Major General (then Major)
Pramod Kumar Batra, Retd and Other Veterans)**



Left: Dinesh K Kapila, author of this article. Centre: Dinesh K Kapila and Maj Gen Rajendra Nath (son and father). Right: Major General (then Major) Pramod Kumar Batra, Retd.

Just a glimpse – Cdr 62 Mountain Brigade – “Pramod, I believe it is hard to maneuver PT 76 tanks in this terrain and waters”. Pat is the answer, “it is hard and I may struggle, but you will never see me to give up or fail”. They stood together, on the edge of the swift flowing Madhumati, the staff and soldiers waiting. It was dark. Very dark. After waiting for some time the Bde Cdr had said, “lets go”. Major PK Batra vividly recollects even now watching the Cdr’s face as he looked at the map with a torch. He was calm and very quiet, showing no fear or afraid and maintaining a dignified silence. He remembered the old saying, “Uneasy lies the head that wears the crown”. It was a moment in not only the life of the Brigade



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