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BIO_DATA

LT. GEN. S. P. P. THORAT (1906-1992)

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One of the most decorated officers of the Indian Army and a great soldier, Lt. Gen. Thorat, receipient of Ashok Chakra-II, Padma Shree, D.S.O., was born on 12 August 1906 at village Vadgaon of the erstwhile princely state of Kolhapur; married Dr. Leela Anand in 1936; had primary education at his village and later studied in S.P. College, Poona, after graduating from Royal Military College, Sandhurst (U.K.) in 1924; joined the Indian Army as a King's Commissioned Officer in 1926; appointed Commander, East Punjab Area in 1948; served as Secretary on a Committee constituted for establishment of the famous National Defence Academy at Khadakwasla.

During World War-II, Major Thorat after the battle of Kohima and seige of Imphal, was promoted to the rank of Lt. Golonel, awarded Distinguished Service Order (D.S.O.) for his outstanding gallantary and leadership in the classic battle of Kangaw in Burma against the Japanese, 1945; became Chief of the General Staff in 1950; in 1953 assigned the command of the Indian Custodian Force in Korea at the request of U.N. and for his bravery in tackling the P.O.W.s; decorated with the Ashok Chakra-II and invested with order of Padma Shree; appointed G.O.C. in C.Eastern Command in 1957; retired in 1961.

After his retirement, served in the Maharashtra Public Service Commission and was instrumental in setting up the Service Selection Board which he headed for two years during 1962-63.

After Chinese aggression of 1962, was made the only military member of the National Security Council, headed by Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru; contested Lok Sabha elections from Kolhapur district in 1967; died on 10 August 1992.

Pub: Authored a book of his memoirs entitled 'From Reveille To Retreat'.

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1,	From	23 July 1935	2	Autograph Written to Thorat's father
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				as Chairman of the Maha- rashtra Public Service Commission
		Chhatrapati, Shahu (of F	Kolhamur)	
3.	From	17 April 1920	1	Autograph Written: to his father
		Custodian Force India Dinner Club, Secretary	of	
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ter of Maharashtra Govt.

regarding Govt. deci-sion to confer the honour of From .3 Kirti Chakra awarded on Gen. Thorat (Marathi) Maharashtra Government, Chief Secretary of 10, To 29 January 1964 Copy Written to 2 N. T. Mone From 6. Nandan Prasad 11/. From 11 April 1961 1 Holograph From (Maj. Gen.) Nehra, R.N. 126 23 June 1961 From 2 Autograph From .8 Pai, A. V. See in F.No. 18 Press clippings Patwardhan, J.H. -do-Prabhudesai, N.A. -do-From Sahni, Balraj From 16 November 1961 Holograph

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15,	From 9 January 1936	2	Holograph Addressed to his father Rao Bahadur
16.	From 6 June 1936	4	Holograph
17/	From 6 May 1961	1 ,	Holograph
II.	SUBJECT FILES		
A.	PERSONAL FILES		
S. No.	Description 2	Period 3	Remarks 4
1	Correspondence carried out by Thorat with his father regarding personal matters	1931-60 185	27 folders
2.	Personal correspondence with his sister and brothers, i.e. Indoo, Nana and Baba	1934-40	Marathi also
/	Personal correspondence	1937-44	Marathi

10. To

11. From

12. From

From

Marathi, Urdu

and English

Farewell/welcome addresses 1950-61 38 In Hindi, received by S. P. P. Thorat from (a) Junior Commissioned Officers and other ranks of headquarters of East Punjab area, (b) Y.D. Post-Graduate College Students Union, Lakhimpur Kheri, (c) Citizens of New Delhi and Maharashtra and on behalf of

(d) Cantonment and other citizens of Lucknow and others from time to time

Certificate of appointment as 1961 and 2 Justice of the Peace 'For Great 1966 er Bombay' received by Lt. Gen. S. P. P. Thorat from the Govt. of Maharashtra, Home Department

MISCELLANEOUS SUBJECT FILES B.

6/ Correspondence carried out bet 1924-61 ween S. P. P. Thorat and his father regarding admission of S. P. P. Thorat to the Royal Military College, Sandhurst and other related papers such as marksheets, reports of conduct, etc. Also includes 'Record of Service' Book of the Punjab Regiment Times and a communication from Army Chief levelling allegations against him and its reply

> Personal/Official correspondence received by Thorat as Commandent Indian Custodian Force in Korea and on his return to New Delhi. Includes letters from William S. Lawton (Maj. Gen. Commanding Korean Communication Zone), Rajendrasinhji (C-in-C, Indian Army), B.K. Nehru, Mridula Sarabhai, K.M. Munshi, K.S. Thimayya, Indira Gandhi, R. B. Chopra, B. V. Keskar, etc. appreciating

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B. V. Keskar,

his handling of difficult task 1953-54 in Korea, apprising his seniors and colleagues of the situation of POWS; Dewali greetings, includes congratulations on conferment of Ashok Chakra award

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8.

Copies of D.O.letters from S.P.P.Thorat-being replies to the letters received by him, appreciating his work as the GOC of the Custodian Force India, his treatment of the POWS, conferment of Ashok Chakra on him - Includes letters to Jawaharlal Nehru, Indira Gandhi, K.S. Thimayya, W.S.Lawton and others

1953-54 317

9.

Press-clippings, leaflets and booklets relating to reception/welcome of Thorat in Maharashtra, speeches and articles on and by him, K.S. Thimayya and Thorat's nomination as a Member of National Defence Council - its activities, presentation of prizes and his views on Indo-China conflict and its aftermath

1959-63 76 In English and Marathi

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Cyclostyled notes/press
clippings relating to IndoEast Pakistan border talks
and agreement reached on
ministerial level conference
held in New Delhi and Dacca,
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Marathas including that of
S.P.P.Thorat, booklets and
other articles/speeches on
and by Thorat; Also includes
a booklet on his visit to
Electronics Research and
Development Establishment,
Bangalore

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Condolence messages/telegrams received by Mrs. Thorat and her family members on sudden demise of her husband, from various individuals, educational institutions, societies and other associations etc. mainly from Kolhapur district

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C. DOCUMENTARY HISTORY OF CUSTODIAN FORCE, INDIA

Original official press
releases by Indian Armed
Forces Information Services
in Korea and Neutral Nations
Repatriation Commission relating to arrival of
Custodian Force India and
Neutral Nations Repatriation
Commission in Korea, taking
over the Prisoners of War
in their custody, tackling
riots situation in P.O.W.s
camps, explanation of P.O.W.s,
return of Armed Forces to
India, etc.

2 September 258 19**63** to 5 March 1954

Papers and proceedings
concerning court martial
case against prisoners of
War i.e. Jeon Do Kuk, Kim
Hak Joon, Hong Woo Sik, Lee
Kyung Chil

December 1953-54 399

Papers of Custodian Force,
India: relating to operational Instructions, Fortnightly
Intelligence Summaries,
Drafts and Despatches,
correspondence and arrangement for prisoners of war

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Condolence me 114 This file contains the 1953-54 143 received by M following papers:family member of her husban individuals, Pamphlet on Korea tutions, soci associations Armistic Agreement Vol. I Kolhapur dist Supplementary Agreement United Nations Command Repatriation Group Story Talking Points on Work Original off of Custodian Force India releases by Forces Infor in Korea and Chinese and Korean Repatriation language lessons lating to ar Custodian Fo Neutral Nati 16/ Final report of the Neutral 139 Commission i 1954 Nations Repatriation Commiover the Pri ssion in their cus riots situat camps, expla return of A India, etc. III. SPEECHES/WRITINGS BY HIM Papers and concerning Lecture delivered by Thorat 22.9.1961 | Marathi case agains at a reception in Kolhapur (Notebook) War 1.0. Hak Joon, H Kygung Chil Lectures delivered at a meet 23.1.1963 28 ing held under the (a) ausand Papers of C pices of the Residents 14. 30.1.1963 Defence Aid Committee al Instruct (Gamdevi) and (b) on the Intelligenc occasion of 66th anniversary Drafts and of Netaji celebrated by corresponde National Youth Front, ment for pr Bombay "General K.S. Thimayya" - an April 1966 \ article by Thorat published

in 'World Veteran'.

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United Nation Repairiation Talking Point	4. 5.				6.	'Ajoon Athwate' - i.e. 'Still Remembering' an article by S. P. P. Thorat	10.3.1988 7	-do- Attached a slip from Appasaheb
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PRESS-CLIPPINGS

A. MISCELLANEOUS

Miscellaneous press clippings 1936-48 59 Marathi also with regard to Gen. Thorat's marriage with (Dr.) Leela

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Anand, promotions from Captain to General Officer
Commanding, Delhi and East
Punjab area, battle of Kangaw
in the Arakan, Delhi Ceremonial parade at Ramleela
ground and P.M. speech,
welcome of Brig. Thorat at
Delhi and Maharashtra etc.
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Press-clippings concerning
East Punjab area such as:
security steps on border,
Fauji mela in Amritsar, Reunion of 2nd Punjab Regimental Centre and 25th Division, annual prize distribution and convocation of
Hindu Mahasabha College,
Amritsar, Mrs. Thorat's
Welfare activities and
speech delivered at Walia
Amateur Music Competition
at Jullundur, etc.

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Misc. press-cuttings
concerning: role of Commandos
in the battle of Arakan
his (Thorat's) visit to the
Hydralic Research Station
at Malakpur, miraculous escape
of army officers in a plane
forcelanded near Lucknow,
cultural programme presented
by Army Headquarter Dramatic
Society, etc. Includes
'Indian Culture' an article
by Thorat and an extract of
his letter to newly commissioned

officers

Miscellaneous press-clippings relating to rousing send off to Lt. Gen. and Mrs. Thorat at Ambala and Jullundur on his promotion to G.O.C. in C for Eastern Command, his visit to 12.2.57 203 Also in
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Naga hills, etc. Includes an article "Soldier-Statesman Thimayya" by Radhakrishnan, booklets on Military College, Dehradun, passing out parade, Shikshana Prasaraka Mandali, Poona, welcome and farewell addresses in his honour and speeches delivered by him on various occasions

Miscellaneous press-clippings collected from various newspapers and magazines on his visit to Imphal, Manipur and Naga villages, flood situation in Jaunpur and Lucknow, All India Inter_University Athletic Meet organised by the University of Lucknow, farewell functions in K.S. Thimayya's honour, promotion in army, on his retirement from the Maharashtra State Public Service Commission and gift of 'Books for Jawans'

1960-66 Also in Marathi

Press-clippings relating to his activities, articles on/by him, welcome addresses and farewell addresses presented to him by the citizens of Lucknow and Kolhapur, on his retirement. Includes a poem and a letter from D. V. Potdar, Vice-Chairman, University of Poona and some photos from journals/magazines

articles on and by him, etc.

1961-62 Mainly in Marathi

Press-clippings relating to (Gen.) Thorat's participation in the Indo-China and Indo-Pakistan wars, articles by and on him, includes a few clippings on Mrs. Thorat's

activities also

1961-91 Mainly in Marathi

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Press-clippings regarding
Gen. Thorat's early career,
his contesting the Lok Sabha
elections. Includes articles
on and by him published in
different newspapers and
magazines

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O. Did Generals Plan army takeover? - a press-cutting from Blitz, regarding S.S.Khera's book

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Miscellaneous press-cuttings on the demise of S.P.P.Thorat, obituaries and condolence messages sent by several institutions, specially of Kolhapur district

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PRESS HISTORY OF CUSTODIAN FORCE, INDIA

The file consists of pressclippings relating to visit of Indian Advance Party to Korea, departure of Indian Custodian Force for Korea, their commendable work, taking over charge of prisoners of war, Gen. Thorat's success in controlling riots in POW Camp in Korea; Includes confidential notes of Maj. Gen. T. N. Chaudhury recommending Ashok Chakra to Gen. Thorat

July - Volume -I October 1953 /2 2 Press_cutting articles by S, in Marathi su Lashkarachi R Sansthanchi P Maharashtra M Karya', 'Know Press-clippin Gen. Thorat's his contesti elections, I on and by him different nev magazines Did Generals Q 5 - 5 ISVO Blitz, regar Miscellaneou on the demis obituaries a messages sen tutions, spe district The file con clippings m svba naibnI Force for K wille works success in Pow Camp in confidentia T. N. Chaudhu Ashok Chaki

Press-clippings with regard to: November 6 Volume_II. assurance of no-bias against Koreans, riots inside camps, Communists stand on explanations, U.N. rejection of Communist proposal, celebration of Diwali by I.C.F. at Hindnagar and Shantinagar in Korea, allegations against I. C. F. by South Korean President Syngman Rhee, etc. Press-clippings pertaining to December 69 Volume-III taking over of P.O.W.s by 1953 Indian Custodian Force, issue of Political Conference on Korea North Korea charges against U.S. A. and Chou-En-Lai's charges against U.N., K.S. Thimayya's declaration of P.O.W.s release or return to detaining sides in January 1954, etc. January 54 15, Press-cuttings relating to Volume_IV release of prisoners of War and handing them over to their captors Press-clippings relating to February 3 Volume - V winding up and movement of 1954 Indian troops to homeland, return of the N.N. Repatriation Commission, repatriation of Chinese and Korean prisoners of war, tributes to N. N. R. C. and I. C. F., welcome at Madras and Delhi,

etc.

Press-cuttings dealing with the

patriation Commission and Indian Custodian Force in Korea and Warm welcome accorded to them in Madras, Nagpur and Delhi

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1953-76 103 Vol. VIII, also Miscellaneous documents such as Pressacuttun in Korean and new year greetings, poems assurance of Marathi letters in praise of (Gen.) Koreans, rio Thorat from P.O.W.s of Korea, Communists s welcome addresses/felicitations nations, U.N by various individuals/insti-Communist pr tutions in New and Maharashtra; /Delhi bration of D a Communique from A. V. Pai, Home at Hindnagar Minister, Govt. of India conveyin Korea, al ing conferment of Padma Vibhushan I.C.F. by Sc and related congratulatory Syngman Rhee messages, other correspondence from J. H. Patwardhan, N. A. Prabhudesai, etc. Press-clipp 14. taking over Additional press-cuttings on September Indian Cust the departure of Neutral Nations 1953 to Political C Repatriation Commission and January North Korea Indian Custodian Force for Korea, 1954 U.S.A. and anti communists Chinese prisoners charges aga riots, handling of P.O.W.s, Thimayya's settlement of Korean issue, P.O.W.s rel N. M. R. C. rules for explanations detaining to P.O.W.s, composition of 1954, etc. political Conference on Korea, etc. Press-cutti 15. release of and handing their capto VI. PRINTED MATERIAL A booklet on 'Bharatha Natya 24 February Arangetram' (Inaugural Dance) Press-clips 10. of Kumari Bhanoo, at Jai Hind winding up Indian tro College Hall, Bombay return of ation Commi ation of C June 1970 report or the study ream on cyclostyled to M. M. R. C Defence Matters of the Copy 191 welcome at Administrative Reforms Commission etc. Press-cutt 17. Report of the Committee on Cyclostyled 10.4.74 arrival of the Pre-Cadet Training and copy patriation Feeding-Cum-Training Centres Custodian in Maharashtra (received by Warm welco Thorat as its Chairman)

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1./	Visitors Book	9.9.53 to 17.11.54	19
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3./	Some sketches/maps depicting battlefields in Punjab, Arakan and Kangaw, etc.	Undated 6	Xerox copies