



OBITUARY

PASSING OF MAJOR GEN. SURJIT SINGH
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
16 OCT 1927 - 20 OCT 2018



Maj. Gen. Surjit Singh (center-R) on Nagaland trip in 2015
Our beloved Maj Gen Surjit Singh passed away peacefully on
Sunday 20th October 2018

An era has ended with Surjit's passing. He gave us a childhood with the Assam Rifles, exploring remote frontiers with troops of this unique force in remote North East India; the force that brought the Dalai Lama in with his entourage including his khampa warriors on horse-back. In 1959, he was assigned by the Governor of NEFA (North East Frontier Agency) to monitor this VIP's safe passage into India. After a brilliant military career and corporate assignments, he created and led all TigerPaw expeditions to the north east, and also coordinated the Royal Air force Kinloss expedition to Mt. Kedar Dome. His last expedition to Nagaland (see pic above) was at age 86 with Henry Foley (blue T shirt) and his wife Jane Tuckerman, and Bernd Maracke and Regina Thoma (also in pic) all of whom had travelled with him on numerous trips, prior and who all came especially for Surjit's 90th birthday Oct 16 2017.

Also, during his 86th birthday Surjit took up the invite to spend time with a front-line unit where he served during the 1965 war. He was able to engage with all at times, and win the most intransigent of individuals over, earning friendships and influencing people from around the world, satisfied and devoid of ego yet supremely confident.
SURJIT EVERMORE...

**IN 2019, INDER JIT SINGH WILL BE LEADING TWO TRIPS
TO COMMEMORATE HIS FATHER'S TRAVELS IN NORTH EAST INDIA**





Dear Travellers and Patrons,

We have just celebrated the Festival of Lights in India and the Dussehra festival before that.

Both of these signify the battle of good over evil.

This period also marked the commencement of the travel season for the Indian plains and Himalayan foothills.



SERVANTS OF THE RAJ (1881-1925)

The singular highlight by far of the season was the ANCESTRAL DISCOVERY TOUR TigerPaws conducted for Dr Charles Hayter from Toronto, Canada. This was a trip that took two years in the making!

THE INSTRUCTIONS AND BACKGROUND:

Dr. Robert Thomas Mansfield Hayter, served during the entire period of 1911-1947 in Indian Medical Department/Indian Army Medical Corps, including during 1914: WWI - served in Meerut Division, Indian Expeditionary Force, with No. 20 British Field Ambulance as 4th Class Assistant Surgeon 1917/18: awarded British War, Victory Medals and 1914 Star by Government of India for WWI service 1930 (December): registered with Bengal Medical Council, Calcutta 1930: Assistant Director, School of Tropical Medicine, Calcutta 1937: co-authored publication on Chronic Gastrointestinal Disease in Tropics in Indian Medical Gazette 1939 (December): awarded M.B.E. at Durbar held by Governor of Bengal 1940 (January): co-authored publication on malaria in The Indian Medical Gazette 1941: WW2 - called up for military duty over objections of L. Napier, Director of School of Tropical Medicine, Calcutta and R.N Chopra; at the time RTMH was Assistant Director, School of Tropical Medicine; Resident Medical Officer, Carmichael Hospital for Tropical Diseases; Secretary, Endowment Fund of the School of Tropical Medicine; Secretary, Faculty of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, Bengal; Treasurer, British Empire Leprosy Relief Association (Bengal Branch) 1942 (February): promoted to Lieutenant (Senior-Assistant Surgeon) 1943 (April): Indian Medical Department transferred to Indian Army Medical Corps 1943 (July): promoted to Major and Command of No. 21, Indian Convalescent Depot 1943 (October): assumed command of No. 6 Indian Ambulance Train 1945 (August): assumed Medical Officer-in-Charge of Ambulance Transport "Dunera" and promoted to Acting Lieutenant-Colonel 1946 (February): relieved of command of "Dunera" and retired to pension 1946 (April): granted Honorary Rank of Lieutenant-Colonel 1946 (May): has left India for UK on 12 months leave pending retirement



IN ADDITION:

KATHLEEN VIOLET FLEMING (Robert's wife, grandmother of the visiting Dr Charles Hayter);

- born February 12, 1901
- baptized Dum Dum April 6, 1901 (Dum Dum was also abode her of parents)
- had one brother, Eric, born 17 January 1903 and baptized at The Old (or Mission) Church, Fort William, 12 February
- address of family at time of Eric's baptism is 25 Motto Lane
- married Robert Thomas Mansfield Hayter at Risalpur in the Diocese of Lahore on October 14, 1920
- immigrated to England August 1951

HENRY LEONARD OSBORNE FLEMING (Kathleen's father)

- born 10 August 1875, baptized at St. John's Church (Old Cathedral), Calcutta, 3 October 1875
- son of Henry Martin Fleming, Government Telegraph Department
- married Amelia Catherine Bell 8 February 1900, at Old (Mission) Church, Fort William, Calcutta
- at time of Kathleen's birth was Assistant Surgeon, I.S.M.D.
- India Army Quarterly List for January 1912 lists him as Resident MO, Eden Sanitarium and Hospital, Darjeeling
- in 1919 India Army List was Assistant Surgeon, 1st Class, working in civil sector in Peshawar
- his son Eric Herbert Wyndham Fleming (my great-uncle) was a radiographer/radiologist in the Calcutta School of Tropical Medicine in 1931
- immigrated to England August 1951

ROBERT HAYTER (Robert's father)

- Born March 1, 1859
- Baptized at Karachi 27 May 1859
- Son of David Hayter, acting apothecary in the Bombay Medical Establishment, from which he retired in 1881, and Margaret (nee Wainwright), born Ireland, died 7 April 1924 Lonavla, India
- David was born c.1823 and died of jaundice 27 June 1881; buried at Sewri Cemetery, Bombay
- Robert married Laura Jane Mansfield July 13, 1885 at Christ Church, Byculla
- at time of marriage was a Guard on the Great Indian Peninsular Railway
- at time of my grandfather's birth (1889) he was a Station Master on the GIPR and residence was Igatpuri
- died 19 November 1903, buried Sewri, Bombay

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"Robert Hayter's Grave - 1881"



**Sewri Cemetery, Mumbai:
TigerPaw helped
Dr. Hayter find seven of his
ancestors' graves**



THE TRIP: AN EXAMPLE OF OUR PREPARATION

His Excellency
Governor of West Bengal
Government Place West, Governors Camp,
BBD Bagh, Kolkata, West Bengal 700062

Date: 03.02.2018

Excellency for kind attention Shri Keshari Nath Tripathi

We are writing in connection with the visit from Canada of Dr Charles Hayter, who's grandfather Dr Robert Thomas Mansfield Hayter served in India during 1911-1947 and in 1939 (December) was awarded M.B.E. at Durbar held by Governor of Bengal, your predecessor.

Additionally Dr. Charles Hayter's grandmother's father Henry Martin Fleming served with the Government Telegraph Department in 1900 as well as in Darjeeling.

Dr Hayter is also an author in his own right on medicine and it would be a privilege and an honour for him to visit and stay as a guest of your Excellency for a few days during which time any records your office is able to share with him pertaining to his ancestors would be very welcome in forging renewed links with India.

In the event a stay at Raj Bhavan is not feasible, then perhaps a series of visits over a few days to study and review materials will also be highly appreciated.

With regards to the time of visit, this is planned for October this year, though we are trying to find out when the School of Tropical Medicine will be open post Dusshera. As such any recommendations as to dates that suit Raj Bhavan would be greatly appreciated.

Thanking you in advance for your kind consideration.

Yours sincerely,
Maj. Gen. Surjit Singh (Rtd.)
Executive Director



VIGNETTES:



In the library of Raj Bhavan
(Governor's House, Kolkata)



Eden hospital,
Darjeeling



Boarding the toy
train in Darjeeling



Extreme Right Dr. Hayter examining an old X-RAY film tank
(Dating back to 1922, used by his grandfather Robert Thomas Mansfield Hayter)



Visit to JJ Hospital, Mumbai: Grant Medical College;
Sir Jamshedjee Jeejeebhoy Group of Hospitals, Mumbai



ON THE ANCESTRY TRAIL

This fall during the period of the festival of Dusshera and the Garba dances Dr. Charles Hayter, whose ancestors serve their services in India 200 years ago will come on a trail of discovery to retrace the footsteps of his grandfather Dr. Robert Thomas Mansfield Hayter, who had a distinguished medical career in India from 1922 to 1947, including service at the School of Tropical Medicine in Calcutta. In 1939 Charles's grandfather was awarded the M.B.E. at a ceremony held at the Government House, Kolkata, and TigerPaws will now take Charles to Raj Bhavan as it is now known for a visit to commemorate his grandfather's being awarded the M.B.E. at the 1939 Durbar held by Governor of Bengal in 1939, as well as a lecture and visit School of Tropical Medicine where his grandfather was Assistant Director in 1941.

**THE HISTORIC BUILDINGS NOW ON THE UNESCO
WORLD HERITAGE LIST, ON DR. HAYTER'S TOUR:
ASK US FOR DESIGNING YOUR OWN TOUR OF THESE
AND OTHER UNIQUE LOCATIONS**

Victorian Gothic and Art Deco Ensembles of Mumbai:

The Victorian Gothic and Art Deco Ensembles of Mumbai is a collection of 19th century Victorian Neo Gothic public buildings and 20th century Art Deco buildings in the Fort area of Mumbai in Maharashtra, India. This collection of the Victorian Gothic buildings and Art Deco buildings are set around the Oval Maidan, a large recreational ground that was once known as the Esplanade. The east of the Oval is flanked by the Victorian Gothic public buildings and the western side is flanked by the Art Deco buildings of Backbay Reclamation and Marine Drive. This nomination aims to safeguard a total of 94 buildings

Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus, Mumbai:

Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus, formerly known as Victoria Terminus, is a historic railway station and a UNESCO World Heritage Site in Mumbai, Maharashtra, India which serves as the headquarters of the Central Railways. The station was designed by Frederick William Stevens according to the concept of Victorian Italianate Gothic Revival architecture and meant to be a similar revival of Indian Goth (classical era) architecture. The station was built in 1887 in the Bori Bunder area of Mumbai to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of Queen Victoria. The new railway station was built to the south of the old Bori Bunder railway station. It is one of the busiest railway stations in India, serving as a terminal for both long-distance trains and commuter trains. The station's name was changed from Victoria Terminus (code BBVT) to Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus (code CST) in March 1996 in honour of Emperor Chhatrapati Shivaji, founder of the Maratha Empire. In 2017, the station was again renamed Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus



Elephanta Caves:

The Elephanta Caves are located in Western India on Elephanta Island (otherwise known as the Island of Gharapuri), which features two hillocks separated by a narrow valley. The small island is dotted with numerous ancient archaeological remains that are the sole testimonies to its rich cultural past. These archaeological remains reveal evidence of occupation from as early as the 2nd century BC. The rock-cut Elephanta Caves were constructed about the mid-5th to 6th centuries AD. The most important among the caves is the great Cave 1, which measures 39 metres from the front entrance to the back. In plan, this cave in the western hill closely resembles Dumar Lena cave at Ellora, in India. The main body of the cave, excluding the porticos on the three open sides and the back aisle, is 27 metres square and is supported by rows of six columns each.



Elephanta caves,
Mumbai



Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus,
Mumbai



St Francis-Xavier Church,
Goa



Toy train,
Darjeeling

Mountain Railways of Darjeeling:

This site includes three railways. The Darjeeling Himalayan Railway was the first, and is still the most outstanding, example of a hill passenger railway. Opened in 1881, its design applies bold and ingenious engineering solutions to the problem of establishing an effective rail link across a mountainous terrain of great beauty.

Churches and Convents of Goa:

The churches and convents of Goa, the former capital of the Portuguese Indies – particularly the Church of Bom Jesus, which contains the tomb of St Francis-Xavier – illustrate the evangelization of Asia. These monuments were influential in spreading forms of Manueline, Mannerist and Baroque art in all the countries of Asia where missions were established.



Newly Launched

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After a very late but particularly heavy monsoon which resulted in the golden bamboo grove sprouting new shoots, visitors from USA, Bosnia, Israel, and of course from within India, came to unwind and rejuvenate at Spashram.

Here is some of their feedback which best summarized their experience and the Spashram philosophy - "the spirit of adventures and spiritual adventures!"

**Daily Aarti
at Spashram
River Mountain Retreat**





Recent testimonials:

Glamping on the Ganges

What an amazing place! Inder Jit and his staff went above and beyond to host us for a week at their wonderful retreat just a short trip up river from Rishikesh but far enough to enjoy the native flora and fauna without tripping over tourists. They provided us with three incredible, gourmet meals everyday plus clean, modern yet eclectic sleeping accommodations as well as arranging several trekking experiences and side trips to the source of the Ganges and central Rishikesh. This was our first trip to India and certainly not our last. On our return we plan on letting Tiger Paw adventures handle all the arrangements. They were so amazing I can't imagine planning a trip without their expertise.

- Gary, USA

Wonderful place, over the top experience

3 nights were not enough to enjoy in this small private paradise just by a beautiful nature spot right on the Ganges.

The team running the place led IJ and Rohit were amazing hosts. Great food, great service. Doing yoga right on the places' private, as well as doing rafting leaving straight from the same private beach, will become memories for life. Thank you Spashram.

- Bon b Tel Aviv, Israel

All you yoga teachers and other workshop doers...we just spent a week on the ideal retreat location just outside Rishikesh...Spashram, Tiger Paw Adventure, and host/owner Inder Jit Singh where absolutely amazing.! Right on the Ganges in an eco conscious environment.

- Janna Saslaw, USA

UPCOMING EVENTS:

In 2019, we see intense activity for which TigerPaw and Spashram are preparing now:

- MA MEGHAN WALSH, NY, USA to bring Yoga, Meditation and Rajasthan Tour Group.
- CHAMPLAIN COLLEGE GROUP, VERMONT USA to make a repeat journey to study Indian culture and religions.
- INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL GROUP to make a journey for Tropical Charms of the South India
- Visitors from England are also visiting Southern India, including HAMPI (Another UNESCO World Heritage Site) are whose family have long been patrons of TigerPaws journeys.
- IN TIGER LAND WITH CAMERA are avid tiger watchers from England using our specialist skills in designing the ultimate tiger photography safari. (SEE BELOW)



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2. Expert field guides
3. Optimum photography conditions

YOUR GUIDE IN BANDHAVGARH:

Satyendra Kumar Tiwari is Tiger Paw's guide at Bandhavgarh National Park. Not only is Satyendra one of India's most reputed wildlife naturalist guides but he is also a specialist photographer. **Satyendra** is an authority on tiger to the degree that he is on the Government board of the National Tiger Conservation Project and needs to be mandatorily present for any translocations, radio collaring, post mortems and such.

Satyendra runs, along with his wife Kay Hassall, a modest but perfectly functional guest lodge.

YOUR GUIDE IN KANHA:

Mr. Jeswin Kingsly D is your guide in Kanha, he is the head naturalist at Kipling Camp.

Jeswin worked with WWF India as field assistant in Tiger project and in Elephant conflict mitigation project | Tiger trapping operation in Enbagur, Karnataka in the year 2014 on field placing trapping cage in which tiger got caught the next day | Man eater monitoring operation in Dhotabetta, Ooty in theyear2014 | Rescue of 40 wild boars from well in Karamadai in 2015 | 40 days of elephant drive operation along with forest department during elephant Refreshment camp 2016 | Participated in wildlife census 2016 NES thengumarada and also animal, bird census Mettupalayam 2016

CURRENT TIGER POPULATION

Wildlife Parks	Tiger Population
Tadoba	88 - 95
Pench	86 - 90
Kanha	118-125
Bandhavgarh	95 - 105
Ranthambore	70-75



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MANIPUR POLO AND SANGAI FESTIVAL: 22-29 NOV, 2018 (Booking open only for 2019)



Manipuri dancers



Native Polo, Manipur

Take a long step back into ancient history heading due east. Where current day India ends past Assam (renowned for Assam and Darjeeling tea), and Burma land of rubies and teak, now known as Myanmar begins, lies the ancient kingdom of Manipur.

Abutting the Shan peoples and hills of Burma and possessing tremendous commonalities with them, Manipur converted to Hinduism in the 1600's by royal decree. Today while it is 44% Christians in denomination, and 2% Muslims, the remaining 52% of the population are of the Hindu faith. In Hindu mythology it was Indra god of the heavens who gifted the winged horse to man, by slashing its wings to remain below.

An offshoot of this legend is that of the Manipuri deity Marjing, the horse god who in turn was the inspiration behind the ruler of Manipur creating the sport for his troops.

As previously, once again TigerPaws and IJ's Polo Holidays have brought international teams to participate in the native polo tournament. This year will include Uruguay and Haiti besides USA, UK and India.



MANIPUR POLO FESTIVAL: 22-29 NOV, 2018

(Booking open only for 2019)

During the course of the tournament, player and families visit local festivals, native bazaars, rock music and fashion shows some of which are of an international class. **BOOK NOW:**

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Inder Jit Singh
MD-CEO

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