

Lesson -7

VEER ABDUL HAMID



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4 GRENADIERS



This is the story of a brave soldier named Abdul Hamid. He was a Company Quarter Master Havildar in the Indian Army. He was a very brave soldier. He fought in the 1965 war between India and Pakistan.

Abdul Hamid was born in Dhamupur village of Ghazipur district in Uttar Pradesh on 1st July, 1933 in a muslim family to Sakina Begum and Mohammad Usman.

Would you like to know how he became the hero of the 1965 war between India and Pakistan?

It was the early morning of 10th September 1965, India was fighting against Pakistan. A Pakistani regiment of Patton Tanks was

marching on the Bhikhiwind –Amritsar Road, in the Khemkaran sector of India. It had reached a village named Cheema. This village was on the Indo-Pak border. In this sector, the battle had been going on since September 6. Here, Havildar Abdul Hamid and the other soldier of '4 Grenadiers Company' were waiting to face the Pakistani Army. Brave Abdul Hamid was sitting in a jeep. He had a special gun. The Patton Tanks of the Pakistani Army were not very far from him. He could hit the tanks with his guns if he wanted to. He was a good shot but he did not want to waste his shots. He wanted to hit the tanks with each of his shots. The Pakistani tanks were very powerful and dangerous. They were approaching nearer and nearer. They were firing continually. Brave Abdul Hamid marched forward. He saw a Pakistani tank. He turned his gun and fired a shot. The tank caught fire and went up in flames. All the soldiers of Abdul Hamid's company were very happy.

Suddenly he saw another tank. He fired a shot again and it also bursted into flames. Four more tanks were seen. The Pakistanis wanted to attack Abdul Hamid's company and kill him. He was their biggest enemy. They turned the guns of their tanks towards him. Before they could fire, Abdul Hamid hit the third tank too. And there it went! It had caught fire. Flames were rising high up into the sky. But alas! One shell of the enemy hit his jeep. The brave hero fell down. He was deeply wounded yet he did not lose heart. He ordered his soldiers, "Move forward and fight on." They obeyed his orders and fought bravely.

Some more tanks of the enemy were destroyed. The Pakistani soldiers were afraid and fled. This brave soldier of the Indian Army

died for his country. He was awarded the Param Vir Chakra posthumously. He will always be revered and remembered by the people of our country as the bravest hero of 1965 war against Pakistan. His village has been named 'Hamid Dham' after his name.

New Words

Word	Meaning
• regiment	- सैन्य टुकड़ी
• grenadier	हथगोला फेंकने वाला सिपाही -
• company	-सैनिकों का दल
• havildar	-थलसेना का पद
• continually	-लगातार
• wounded	-घायल
• Posthumously	-मृत्यु के बाद

Comprehension Questions

1. Answer the following questions:

- Who was Abdul Hamid?
- What were the Pakistani tanks like?
- How did Hamid destroy the enemy tanks?
- How did Hamid fight the enemies and what happened to him?
- How was Hamid honoured for his bravery?
- How do you feel about Abdul Hamid after reading the story of his bravery?

2. Fill in the blanks to complete the sentences:

- The war between India and Pakistan was fought in the year _____
- Abdul Hamid turned his gun and fired a _____
- Abdul Hamid was awarded _____ for his bravery.
- Abdul Hamid's village has been named _____ after his name.

Word Power

1. Match the words with their meanings:

<u>Word</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
• good shot	to get disappointed
• crack shot	to move forward in an organized manner
• to lose heart	one who can shoot any target successfully
• march forward	skilled at shooting

Language Practice

1. The first word of the following sentences are interjections, expressing the emotions written against them. Read the sentences and understand them:

Examples -

- Hello! How are you?(pleasure)

- Alas! He is no more.(**sorrow**)
- Oh! Look at the rising sun.(**wonder**)
- Hurrah! We won the match. (**joy**)

Now fill in the blanks with suitable interjections from the box:

Hello! Hurrah! Bravo! Alas!

- _ You have done a great deed.
- _ We have won the match.
- _ His father has passed away.
- _How do you do?

Let's Know More

Indian Armed Forces: The Indian Armed Forces are the military forces of the Republic of India. It consists of three professional uniformed services:

- **The Indian Army** - It is the land-based branch and the largest component of the Indian Armed Forces.

Motto- 'Service before Self'

- **The Indian Navy** - It is the naval branch of the Indian Armed Forces.

Motto- शं नो वरुणः means 'May the Lord of the Water be auspicious unto us'

- **The Indian Air Force** - It is the air branch of the Indian Armed Forces.

नभःस्पर्शं दीप्तं means 'Touch the Sky with Glory'