



BATTLE OF WALONG - WAR / HISTORY

NEWS: The Indian Army is set to commence a month-long series of commemorative events from October 17 to November 14 to mark the **62nd Walong Day**. This initiative honors the valiant soldiers who fought in the **Battle of Walong** during the **1962 Sino-Indian War**, highlighting their sacrifices and courage in defending India's eastern front.

WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

About the Battle of Walong

- The Battle of Walong was a significant conflict fought between October 20 and November 14, 1962, during the Sino-Indian War.
- Located in the eastern part of Arunachal Pradesh, near the Indo-China border, Walong held strategic importance due to its proximity to the **McMahon Line** (de facto border between India and China)



Forces Involved:

- Indian forces, primarily comprising the Assam Rifles and the Indian Army.
- Opposing forces from the People's Liberation Army (PLA) of China.
- Indian troops utilized the rugged terrain to their advantage, conducting counterattacks and inflicting significant casualties on Chinese forces.
- Despite their determined defense, Indian forces were ultimately overwhelmed by the superior numbers and firepower of the Chinese army.



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Outcome: The battle concluded with a retreat of Indian troops, marking a challenging moment in India's military history. Both sides suffered considerable casualties, with the Indian Army experiencing significant losses, including killed, wounded, and captured personnel.

Legacy: The battle symbolizes bravery and resilience, becoming a poignant chapter in India's military history.

Walong War Memorial

- In honor of the soldiers who fought and lost their lives in this battle, the Walong War Memorial was established. It serves as a site of remembrance and tribute to the bravery of those who defended the nation.

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