

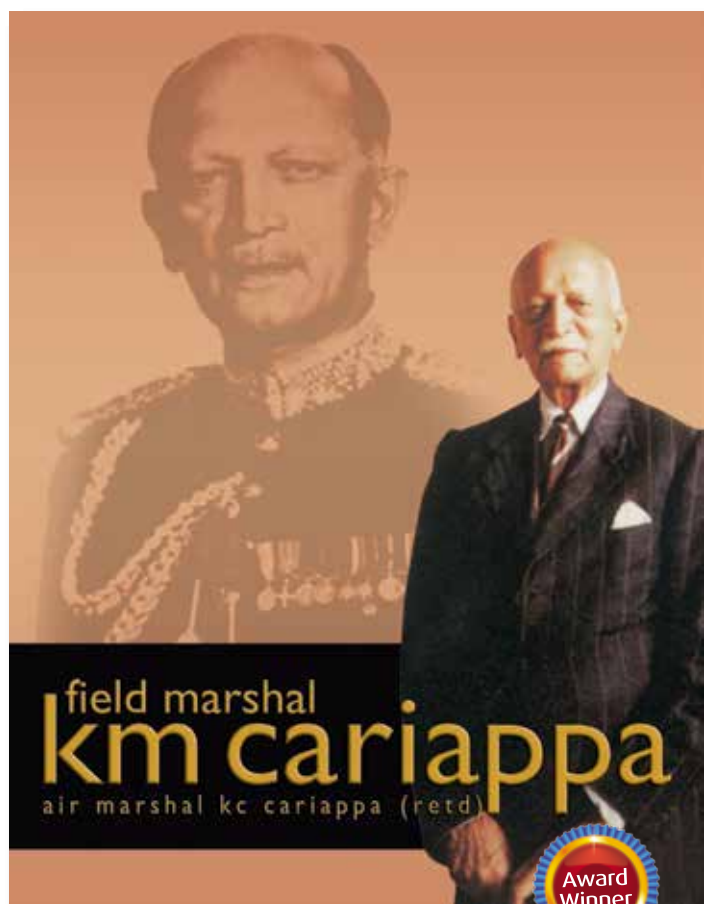
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Field Marshal KM Cariappa

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Air Marshal K.C. Cariappa (retd)

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