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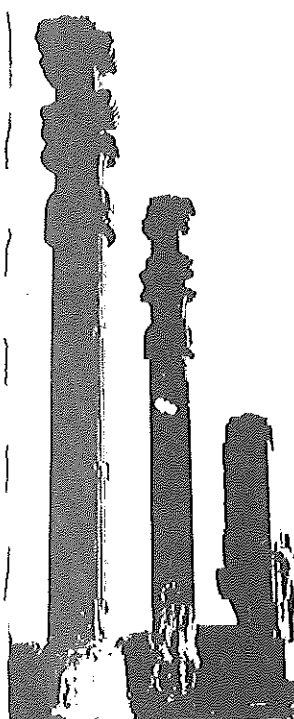
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Colonel Yazdan Nevisi was born in Tehran in 1930. He commenced his early education in a Zoroastrian school, and went on to enrol in the Military Academy in Tehran. After his graduation from the Academy, he joined the Imperial Guards. He was subsequently transferred to the Elite Imperial Forces, where he served until the revolution.

Colonel Nevisi played a significant role in the training of the Elite Imperial Forces. In addition, he served as the personal adjutant of Queen Farah. His memoirs provide rare glimpses into the details surrounding the Shah's decision to leave Iran, as well as the travails of the monarch's life in exile. Colonel Nevisi also provides a detailed account of the Shah's personal characteristics.

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