JUNGLE FIGHTER: MEET SHAAM LAL

Film glossary

Jitter parties

Small Japanese forces sent out to find British positions. They often fired at positions or used firecrackers to draw fire from British locations and identify them for attack.

Johnny Gurkha

Term used by British soldiers to refer to Gurkha (Nepali) soldiers who served within the British Indian Army in the Second World War.

Jai Hind

Patriotic phrase which translates from Hindi as 'victory to India' or 'long live India', popularised during the Indian independence movement.

Subadar

Military rank – an Indian officer in the British Indian Army (and previously in the armies of the East India Company).

Martial Race

Designation created by British officials in 19th century India to describe men of certain ethnic or religious groups they deemed to be particularly suited to warfare.

Sahib

Term originating from Arabic and notably used in British India to address British or Indian superiors.

Indian National Army (INA)



Armed force formed of anti-colonial Indian nationalists in Southeast Asia during the Second World War which was supported by the Japanese and fought against British and imperial forces.

Coolie

Asian labourer, primarily associated with the system of indentured labour used in British colonies during the 19th century (modern usage is considered offensive).

Chindits

A special operations formation, comprising mostly British and Indian soldiers, which acted deep beyond enemy lines in Burma.

