

REMEMBERING MANGAL PANDAY



Mangal Pandey was the forerunner of India's freedom struggle. The British rule was shaken by the flame of the revolution he instigated. Mangal Pandey was a soldier in the 34th Bengal Native Infantry under the British East India Company. During the revolution of 1857 Mangal Pandey gave rise to a rebellion that spread like wild fire to the whole of North India and other parts of the country. On May 10th 1857, a revolt broke out in the military cantonment of Meerut as well and this revolt spread across northern India. There was already discontent among the Indian soldiers on the discrimination against the Indian soldiers over the British soldiers. The rumor regarding the new cartridges added to the

fire. On 9th February 1857, when the 'new cartridge' was distributed to the native infantry, Mangal Pandey refused to take it. As a result there was an order to take away his weapons and take off the uniform. Mangal Pandey refused to obey that order and on 29th March 1857 attacked the British officer Major Hughson who proceeded to snatch his rifle.

"MANGAL PANDEY"

BORN IN = 30th JANUARY 1831
IN NAGWA VILLAGE IN BALLIA