

**AN OUTSTANDING SECOND WAR 'BURMA OPERATIONS - RAJPUT HILL'  
IMMEDIATE M.M. AWARDED TO COMPANY HAVILDAR-MAJOR, 5TH BATTALION  
(NAPIER'S) 6TH RAJPUTANA RIFLES**



MILITARY MEDAL, G.V.I.R. '16143 HAV. NAURANG RAM, 6 RAJ. RIF.'

M.M. London Gazette 5 October 1944: *'In recognition of gallant and distinguished services in Burma:- No. 16143 Company Havildar-Major Naurang Ram, 6th Rajputana Rifles, Indian Army.'*

The recommendation (for an Immediate I.D.S.M.) states: 'C.H.M. Naurang Ram, 5th Bn. (Napier's) 6th Rajputana Rifles.

*'On 25 June 44 at about 1430 hrs during an engagement with the enemy on the feature known as RAJPUT HILL, PALEL-TAMU Rd C.H.M. NAURANG RAM and a party of men were engaged in combing the perimeter for any signs of enemy. Suddenly he saw a Japanese crawl from a fox hole below the perimeter, he fired two shots at the man from a distance of 30 yds., then, risking the fire of numerous Japanese snipers he rushed forward to take the man prisoner who, however, snatched a grenade and holding it to his chest prepared to throw it at C.H.M. NAURANG RAM; he, without hesitation closed on the Jap, wrested the grenade from him, and hurled it down the slope where it immediately exploded. Then covered by his Pln C.H.M. NAURANG RAM safely brought back his prisoner. This N.C.O. showed great presence of mind in realising the value of a prisoner for identification purposes and a complete disregard for personal safety when he snatched the grenade from the Japanese.'*

Naurang Ram was a Hindu Jat from the village of Bhirr in the district of Taipur. He served with the 5/6th Rajputana Rifles as part of the 49th Indian Infantry Brigade in the 23rd Indian Division between May 1942 and the end of the war, bar a brief spell with the 17<sup>th</sup> Indian Division between March 1944 and April 1944:

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