“The Sikhs are calm and cold-blooded, full of determination and self-confidence. Due to their natural instincts and traditions they are born soldiers. Their military training is generally good, but their marksmanship cannot match that of the German soldier. They are agile (*move easily*) and able to sneak like cats. In combat they are wild and undaunted (*unafraid*) by death, just like the Gurkhas they are masters of knife fighting. Since their officers make them believe that the Germans will not take them prisoner, they often fight to the death. There is no denying that the Sikh, and the Indians in general, are noble in combat and display a certain gallantry, especially towards our wounded.”

Source: Lieutenant Karl Strölin\*, *Kampfweise unserer Feinde für den Dienstunterricht zusammengestellt* (Berlin: 1916)

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