

## The Battle of Kohima

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Born and bred in Welshpool, **Harold Jones** joined the territorial army in 1937 and was called to the colours of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers at the outbreak of war. In 1942, he sailed for the Far East.



**By W. H. Jones from Welshpool**

"My name is William Harold Jones. I'm a native of Welshpool, born and bred. I joined the territorial army in 1937 - the 7th Battalion of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers. On the outbreak of war we were called up to the colours and I served with the 7th Battalion for two years. I was then transferred to the 10th Battalion because we were too young to be sent abroad at the time.

The 7th Battalion went on to Northern Ireland and we went to Beaumaris in Anglesey. I was with the 10th Battalion for approximately another two years and then I was transferred to the 1st Battalion of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers. They had been more or less decimated at the battle of Dunkirk and they came back with depleted numbers and so they called on the other battalions of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers to make numbers up for the 1st battalion.

In 1942, we sailed for the Far East but of course, we didn't know that at the time, we thought we were going to the Middle East. We called at Cape Town, North Africa. We were there for about four days to get rid of our sea legs a bit and then we went on to India.

We arrived in India in the May or early June of 1942 to take part in quelling the uprising of the Ghandi followers who wished to see the British get out of India at the time. They wanted home rule. We were then employed in that capacity for about two or three months before going into assault training - training in boats for a landing on Akyab, as we thought.

We went then to a place called Chittergong and from there to a village near Maungdaw (that's on the Mayu peninsula in Burma) to make a landing on the island of Akyab. Owing to the time of the year and the tides and the winds or something, conditions were against a landing so they decided to send us overland."

- **Harold witnesses first action against the Japanese...**



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**Carol Horne, Sydney, Australia**

Does anyone have any information or photos of the route to Margherita and thence to India taken by evacuees from

Maymyo Burma on their way to safety in 1942. My Grandfather, Major James Robb Edwards of the Salvation Army, is named on the 'Trek-out-of-Burma' listing with only the date - 18th May 1942 - and his destination of Margherita noted. Any information of towns/villages that he may have passed through on his way to Calcutta would be very much appreciated. Also, at what centre would he have registered his name during the journey. Thank you.

Fri Mar 19 16:38:09 2010

**Kaanchan Bugga, New Delhi**

Ian, this is the writer who wrote the Kohima AV script for you...was trying to get in touch with you on your cell phone. A friend of mine has an 85 year old father who fought in WW II and knows people who fought at Kohima. He had travelled there some time ago to pay his respects to comrades buried there. Do get in touch with me

Sat Feb 27 12:19:34 2010

**Ies bray-jones**

sirs i am trying to find out a little more about my uncle david henry bray-jones who was lost in the relief of kohima i would love to know some more about him if anyone can help please do his last four was 2255 thank you

Fri Jan 29 13:38:01 2010

**Joe Bailey, Ashford, Kent**

Are there any remaining survivors or family/friends who knew of my father Lance Corporal Joe 'Bill' Bailey of the Royal Norfolk Regiment 2nd Battalion, killed in action at Charles Hill, Aradura, Kohima on the 28th May 1944? Any info will be gratefully received.

Tue Sep 8 10:11:18 2009

**Elwin Jones N/Ireland**

My grandfather William Jones 4th Bn Royal Welch Fusiliers son of Edward and Mary Jones of Cefn Mawr Wrexham Killed 20/9/1944 in Holland . Did anyone know him or what happend him .Thank you

Tue Aug 25 09:29:36 2009

**Diana Armstrong from Glasgow**

My father Raymond Armstrong was in Kohima with the 2nd DLI. Does anyone have any more information about him? Thank you.

Wed May 27 19:45:06 2009

**Ravinder Malhotra from New Delhi**

Subedar Goverdhan Das Malhotra's name heads the list of those brave soldiers in the battle of Kohima, whose mortal remains were consigned to the flames. I am seeking information about the regiment he belonged to ? Should anyone have any information to contribute, I shall be obliged

Mon Apr 27 11:42:37 2009

**Rajeshwor Yumnam from Imphal**

There is no written document or research work here at Imphal, though the longest expedition of world war 2 was held in this area. I am compiling some materials of the world war 2 here at Imphal. I would be very thankful if any contributors can mail me with information. I can help any interested person who wants the present scenerios and pictures of the battlefield and the locations as i am presently staying in Imphal

Mon Feb 16 09:50:30 2009

**sukhdev singh(london)**

I was born in the small oil town of digboi now in assam (india).I had the pleasure of travelling to most of the war cemeteries of north east india i.e.kohima,imphal,margherita,ledo,digboi etc.The difficult terrain in which our soldiers fought the japanese soldiers cant be described until you once visit the place of battlefield yourself.Those hills and small zigzag roads are a nightmare.The place where the battle of Moriang was fought on the hill top is worth seeing.Mostly british troops and allied soldiers laid there lives there,among them were mostly british,canadian,us,sikhs and gurkhas.I proudly salute to all those ! soldiers who laid there lives for us.  
Tue Feb 3 09:25:14 2009

**walling, Kohima**

I am searching for Lieutenant Colonel W F Brown's family(daughter). Please contact me.I have some information about him.  
Thu Jan 22 10:25:50 2009

**Ian Ferguson, London**

The Battle of Kohima War Museum at Kisama,near Kohima, Nagaland, opened on December 1st 2008.The museum houses artefacts and visuals that illustrate the battle and context in which it was fought. There are also two short films showing, one on the battle itself and a second, subtitled, of recollections of Naga veterans of the conflict. A second phase of the museum is planned by the Nagaland Dept of Art and Culture and we would welcome any contributions that could be incorporated into the further development of the museum,  
Sat Dec 27 16:31:44 2008

**Bob Cook from York**

If anyone wishes to contact me about the Kohima Museum or indeed for anything on the Battle of Kohima I would be happy to do my best to assist them. I am very interested in the stories above and would welcome any contribution to the museum either in stories, photos or copies of photos etc. everything would be properly accounted for under the commo rules for museums. Contact is [www.kohimamuseum.com](http://www.kohimamuseum.com)

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Sun Dec 21 11:40:36 2008

**john leggett clacton england**

my brother S/Major Maurice Leggett faught at kohima the seige after being mangled on the tiddm road and remustered to 4th west kentsin time for the fight at Kohima we do not give enoough credit to the mountain artillery unit on JOTSUMA who supported our lads through the seige and 31 sqn raf who did the air drops,  
Sat Dec 6 18:13:19 2008

**Bernard Hope**

My father (Tom Hope of the 2nd DLI) was at the Battle of Kohima. You can read about him on the website [www.freewebs.com/masonictalks](http://www.freewebs.com/masonictalks)

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Tue Oct 28 09:13:02 2008

**Ilu Meru from Kohima Nagaland**

Can anyone help me how I'll be able to contact Mr.W. H. Jones from Welshpool. I'm a Naga and presently working on a project - the WW-II at Kohima Nagaland and its neighbouring States that were affected during the War.Thank you.

Tue Sep 23 17:47:20 2008

**Ilu Meru**

Dear Linda Bourne Guilsfield, Keith Nurse and Bob Cook of York, Hello to all, I'm from Kohima Nagaland and presently working on a project which is a little over a year now, based on the IInd World War. Although, the War was all over the world my main interest and study/research is carried out around Kohima at Nagaland, Imphal at Manipur were the areas affected in the North-East of India and Burma during the IInd World War etc... I have read your articles posted earlier and is of great interest to me and humbly seek your kind help for any information/data you can provide me out with. I assure you that! full courtesy will be given to you for any info/data etc. Looking forward to hear from you. Thanking you.

Tue Sep 23 17:42:02 2008

**Avril Roberts, Oxford**

My husband was in 4th corps rasc. and was posted Kohima in 1941/2. although not in the firing line they were helping to keep the road open. I would be interested in any photos of that time. He was in hospital with his twin brother who died as a result of spru,e a tropical disease.

Mon Sep 22 07:26:25 2008

**Jayne O'Sullivan - Ireland**

Has anyone got information on Elfed Ellis from Wrexham (Moss) who served in army during WW2. He was a prisoner of war in China. He was given life saving operation by one of the soldiers guarding him. Thank you.

Thu Jul 31 13:41:25 2008

**Linda Bourne Guilsfield formerly s-o-t**

To Kevi Naleo.

My father was in Burma at Kohima and Imphal. He passed away on 23rd July 2005 aged 85 We know very little of his time in Burma but we have just found 100 negatives that were taken in Burma that we have had developed and they are fascinating. I would very much like to share these with you and perhaps you could tell me your views etc.

Wed Jul 9 15:04:53 2008

**Kevi Naleo Kohima Nagaland**

I am from Kohima (born and brought up) I have a lot of interest in war stories and have a huge collection of pictures too. If anyone would like to have more information on the Kohima Battle please do not hesitate to contact me.

Tue May 20 09:10:01 2008

**Mike Chapman from Sussex**

Can anyone tell me if J. H. Maull fought in the battle of Kohima

Fri Apr 18 09:50:00 2008

**Keith Nurse, Orpington, formerly Wrexham, N Wale**

I am undertaking research on the service of my late uncle, R W 'Bill' Cartwright, from Denbigh (the family managed the Plough Inn, Bridge St, who served with the 1st Battalion Royal Welch Fusiliers in India and Burma 1943-45. Fortunately a group fo brief air mail letters he sent during

his period of service with the 'forgotten army' to his sister, my late mother, in Wrexham, have survived, as well as a photo of a group from his unit in India in 1943. Alas, I do not have the names of his colleagues. He returned with his unit by troopship to Liverpool in '45 and I recall visiting him in the tropical diseases hospital there, where he was suffering from malaria. He died in 1961.aged 47. Any info or inquiries welcome...

Mon Mar 31 11:45:39 2008

**Ness Swannick from Knockin**

Mr Jones 'my granddad ' What a man ,a true hero .Thankyou  
x

Mon Mar 24 20:20:08 2008

**Laura Watkins, Rhos**

My Gt Uncle Leslie Edwards from Corwen was in the Royal Welsh Fusiliers and I think he went to India and then was captured by the Japanese and worked on the railway. Can anyone help me with any further information? In remembrance of all who fought and fell

Mon Feb 25 08:08:19 2008

**Bob Cook of York**

Hi I have just taken over as the Voluntary Curator of the Kohima Museum within the Imphal Barracks in York. The Museum is open every Thursday from 0900 - 1200 hrs or by prior arrangement. Presentations can be given to groups/ clubs up to 25 in number.

Mon Feb 4 08:14:18 2008

**Syed Asghar Raza**

I spent a few weeks visiting my brother Brig.S.B.Raza in Kohima a few years ago. He was Deputy Inspector General in the Central Reserve Police Force posted in Kohima at the time. I was prompted to ask him why he chose to serve in such a remote place as Kohima. He took me to see the War Cemetery and said. "This is where a lot of my friends are." My brother was in the 7/2 Punjab Rejiment during the war. I was very moved to see all those graves and the memorial. I took lots of photographs and sent them to the Secretary of the Burma Kohima Lodge of Freemasons, but I doubt if they have any meaning to the members now. All this was a long time ago and I doubt if they have any sentimental associations with Kohima. For me it will always remain a very special place because of my brother who has since sadly passed away.I am grateful to the people who have written about this little corner of the world. I thank them profusely.S.A.Raza

Sun Nov 11 18:22:04 2007

**A Cole Aberdare**

My late father served with the regiment in Madagascar and Burma. I can't find any information on the regiment's part in the defeat of a very determined foe. Truly they were a forgotten battalion in a forgotten army. His name was Douglas Cole, he served with a few mates from Briton Ferry Neath. Any info would be great. I also served but to his disapointment I was a Cavalry man.

Fri Aug 17 09:12:21 2007

**Thomas Elmer Jones**

In Burma with Royal Signals 1944-1947anyone remember him?

Tue May 29 12:30:49 2007

**Saket SM Behl, Kohima, Mumbai, INDIA**

Dear Mr Jones, I am a movie producer in India, its my dream to make a film on the events which occurred during the Battle Of Kohima---- Since I am from that region, I want to show the world the historic importance of those events. Please let me know how to get in touch with you and I will surely come and meet you. I salute you and your comrades in arms who fought so bravely far away from your home lands.

Wed Apr 4 14:44:35 2007

**Mike, Abergele**

To Karen and Michael Quinn. The 8th & 9th Battalions Royal Welch Fusiliers were territorial army units and served in the UK during WW2.

Thu Mar 15 09:38:40 2007

**Rob Owen from Aberdovey**

My father served in Dunkirk, 1st Battalion Royal Welch, and the far east including the Battle of Kohima. His name was Evan Owen originally from Pennal in Mid Wales and lived in Aberdovey. Unfortunately he passed away in 1989 after a long illness. I was wondering if there was anyone who knew him. He only spoke of the fun he had during his time out there and nothing of the hell that they all went through. Thanks to all of them.

Wed Feb 28 10:00:49 2007

**Nino Zhasa Cummins, Saddleworth**

I'm born and brought up in Kohima, now married and settled in the UK and I'm really amazed by the whole Battle of Kohima and how the soldiers fought in a very rough terrain/environment far from their loved ones.

Thu Feb 22 15:40:43 2007

**Chris Coghlan**

Hello, I would love to get hold of Harold Jones or anyone else who was at the Battle of Imphal or Kohima. I am a section commander within Imphal Platoon at the Army Training Regiment in Basingbourn (Herts). Later on in the year Feb/Mar time. We are doing some presentations on the Battles of Kohima and Imphal and would like to invite anyone who is interested to come and speak of their experiences during the presentation. If you are interested then please contact me and I will make some arrangements for you. Many thanks and God bless...

Tue Jan 23 09:48:21 2007

**Rob Taylor, Wrexham**

My father Joe Taylor served with the 1st Bn Royal Welch Fusiliers from 1939 to 1945. I would like to hear from anyone who knew or served with him in France or Burma. Always remembered.

Wed Jan 17 09:38:19 2007

**Jeanette Nicoll from Welshpool**

Please, can anyone tell me if there were any air-raids in the Welshpool area? In the churchyard at the top of the town is a gravestone for a woman and her 2 grandchildren who had been killed in an air-raid. They may have been killed somewhere else and their remains brought back here but this seems unlikely during the wartime due to fuel shortages. Would be grateful for any information. Thanks!

Mon Jan 8 11:09:35 2007

**Fred Shaw, Birmingham**

I would be glad to hear from anyone who shared with 122 Light AA and 1st 8th Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers at Imphal



kohima and onwards.  
Thu Dec 28 09:54:22 2006

**Karen and Michael Quinn, Liverpool**

I am trying to find out information about the 8th and 9th Batt of royal welch. My father in law appears to have been in this batt I would like to know where did they serve during ww2 it is reported he was in the catering core? Thank you for any information.

Wed Nov 29 16:19:24 2006

**Genesta Cope (Nee Owen) Hinckley Leics**

I wondered if anyone remembers my Uncle Owen Glyn Owen who served with the 1st Royal Welch Fusiliers in Kohima during the Burma War, He died in 1980 and lived near Buckley in Flint. Also my father James Warren Owen, CQMS who served with the 2nd Battalion Royal Welch Fusiliers in Burma, he died in 1998. We lived in Cynwyd near Corwen until 1963, then moved to Towyn, then Hinckley in 1966.

Mon Nov 13 10:06:00 2006

**Patsy Jones (formally Redman)**

I am currently researching my father's service army history after losing any records and documents held by family members, and hoping that someone may be able to assist myself in this matter. The only information I have is that he served in Burma with the Royal Welsh Fusiliers 2nd Battalion at Arakan. He was injured in battle and spent some time in hospital with shapnel injuries and also maleria. His name was William Redman born 2nd November 1913 and came from Holyhead Anglesey North Wales. I would be very grateful if anyone could assist myself in my efforts to obtain as much information as possible with regards to my father.

• **Can you help?**

Fri Jul 28 07:27:01 2006

**Rob Howells, Cheltenham**

My father served with the Royal Welch Fusiliers and saw action at Dunkirk, Arakan, Kohima. He was born in Bynamman near Ammanford. He died on September 8th 1988. I have his flashes and my elder brother has his medals. I also have many photos from his collection and newspaper cuttings from Burma. It brings a lump to my throat reading these accounts of something I thank God I have not had to experience. God bless them all.

Tue Mar 14 20:32:57 2006

**Ambalika, Assam, India**

Had the opportunity of visiting the Kohima War Cemetery. Feel real proud of what those men of my age did. Feeling doubly happy to read this recollection. thank you, sir(s).

Thu Sep 29 04:58:07 2005

**Thomas Lynch from Llanelli**

I watched the program about the forgotten army. I'm only 19, and only then did I realise what people of my age then were going through. My grandfather lost 4 brothers in the war and the fact that our generation are forgetting our fellow Welshmen and women, and all other nations, who fought, died and still are living with the scars of the war is upsetting. Thanks to all the people who served for us!

Tue Aug 23 15:47:24 2005

**Kay Roberts, Welshpool**

Mr Jones and his comrades were called the forgotten army. Well I for one will never forget what they did. I walk free because of their sacrifices. Thank you.  
Wed Jul 6 15:58:06 2005

**Sandra Watson from Welshpool**

This is so nice to see my dad's story on the web. I am so proud of him and grateful to him and all of the men who gave their today for our tomorrow. Thank you.  
Wed Jun 15 16:57:26 2005

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**Harold Jones** from Welshpool saw his first action against the Japanese in 1943. He went on to fight in the Battle of Kohima, one of the most violent struggles of the war in Burma.



"In March 1943, we landed up at a place called Donbaik and that was our first official experience of fighting the Japanese. Sadly to say, the 1st Battalion was cut up rather bad. I think there were about 130 casualties of killed, wounded and missing men.

Anyway, I got through that alright and we were brought out. The Japanese got behind us and we had to fight our way out along the coast. Eventually, we got back to where we started from - a place called Maungdaw.

Then we were pulled out of Burma and we went into jungle training in central India - a place called Belgaum - and we were training there for a few months. In 1944, the Japanese had broken through over the Chindin in Burma and were approaching the towns of Imphal and Kohima.

About 13 miles away was the supply depot of Dimapur which was a huge supply depot for that area and the Japanese were trying to get it for supplies. We went by train, the Royal Welsh. We were part of the 6th brigade, 2nd division and we arrived up at Dimapur in April '44.

Then we went on up to Kohima. By then, the Japanese were at the bottom end of Kohima (the Dimapur side) and after a few skirmishes, we eventually got to Kohima. I was there about 10 days. It was a terrible place.

When we first got off, we were taken by Bren Gun carriers. We jumped off the Bren Gun Carriers and ran up this hill which was rather steep. The shells and bullets were flying everywhere. I got down behind a chap there and it was only after about five minutes that I realised it was a dead Japanese with a notice on him saying, 'don't touch it's a booby trap'. They used to plant grenades like that and if you moved him, up you'd go.

Anyway, we fought our way up. We were on a hill called Garrison Hill but the battle of Kohima took place on a lot of features, small hills and there were such places as Kukis Piquet, Garrison Hill, Summerhouse Hill and different places like that.

On the night of May 2nd, the Indian airforce came over to strap the Japanese positions and we were that close to one another, that they strapped the British instead and I was wounded by the aircraft. Looking back, I was fortunate because I went out the following day and the chap who took my place - a chap from Blackburn - he was killed and it could well have been me.

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The night I was wounded, they put me in a trench on my own and, of course, my arm was in a sling. I was rather incapacitated but the Japanese broke into our area and it was the worst night I ever spent because I had no arms and no way to defend myself. Fortunately, they never came near me and our chaps did drive them out eventually.

I was evacuated down to Dimapur and from there, to a hill station called Oshalong. I was convalescent there for about two or three months, I believe.

I rejoined the Battalion in the September of '44. Of course, the Battle of Kohima had almost finished then and then we went on right through Burma. We drove the Japanese right up to Rangoon.

Before Rangoon fell, they flew us back to Chittagong for a rest. We then boarded a ship to land on Rangoon but fortunately on our way there, Rangoon had fallen to the airborne division. Troopers had landed on it and the Japanese had evacuated the place.

Then we were stationed at a place called Syriam where the oil fields had been. In the November, they started to send us home. We'd been out in Burma and India for about three and a half years. We came home and I was transferred to clearing mines on the East Coast and then back to the depot at Wrexham.

I was discharged in the May of 1946. So that was some of the experiences. I could go on about a lot more of the incidents that happened but that's the main story of my war service as regards fighting the Japanese."

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#### your comments

**Sarah Anne Smith, Kingston, NY, USA**

On October 29, 2009 during my visit & tour of Nagaland friends took me to the "Kohima War Cemetery" as they referred to it. The experience opened my eyes, mind, and soul to the heroic effort demonstrated by the Naga defenders of freedom. I now have video footage of my tour of the cemetery and am searching for ways to unveil this dramatic & strategic part of World War II history to North America and Europe audiences. Contact me, please, with your ideas."When you go home, tell them of us and say, for your tomorrow, we gave our today." I hope to do just t! hat!  
Sun Nov 15 19:46:42 2009

**Peter Court from Vancouver**

Am at present writing a screenplay on a veteran from that war who evacuated with malaria a couple of hours before the Japanese attacked Kohima. That battle and the Midway sea battle were THE turning points in the war.  
Fri Sep 4 07:21:28 2009

**DJ Sarma from Assam , India**

I have been researching the battle of Kohima for some years now . The twin battles of Imphal-Kohima) was also

described as the "Stalingrad of Asia" turned the tide of WWII on the eastern front. I have heard that a number of officers had recorded parts of the battle on their private 8mm movie cameras. Anybody with any info on this?  
Sun Aug 9 17:17:24 2009

**John Mounsey from Bradford**

hello Mr Jones. My Dad served with the Royal Welch Fusiliers at Kohima His name was Bernard Mounsey and he was transferred from the South Staffordshire Regiment. He would never talk much about his time out there but I was very proud of him.  
Sun Jul 26 08:59:28 2009

**Khrienuo, Hyderabad.**

Dear Mr. Jones i am a research scholar and in the process of my research i have collected lots of materials and has done a lot of reading. I can understand the suffering and the adversity that the British soldiers had to go through to stop the Japanese invasion. The British soldiers faced with new topography and climate had faced a lot of hardship. It was because of the bravery and effort of the British soldiers that the Japanese expansionist policy and attempt to bring the Asian countries under their dominances was stop. I want to convey my heartfelt 'Thank You' to you and to all the British soldiers who fought in the Battle of Kohima.  
Sun Jun 21 21:54:28 2009

**Bernard Fox from Leicester**

Did any veterans ever come across a Fus. Fredrick Sanford 1 Bat. RWF from Pebworth in Gloucestershire. He was killed at Kohima on May 5 1944? Or his Brother John Henry Sanford who was with 2 Bat. Worcester's also at Kohima, who went to visit his younger brother Fred to learn from Fred's mates he had been killed that morning and already buried.  
Wed May 27 19:41:50 2009

**Ravinder Malhotra**

My late father used to tell me of the valour of his uncle who died in Kohima and whose name appears on top of the stone plaque at the Kohima War Cemetery. I visited the cemetery in 2006. I am researching this battle to make a documentary to highlight the valour of all the men who laid down their lives for a secure future for us. I call upon all who can contribute to this research.  
Sun Mar 29 18:09:55 2009

**Temjen Longchar , Nagaland**

During the 2nd world war 1944, which took place in Kohima, my grandfather and some Naga people were working as a porter as well as postel carrier under the British army at Kohima. He used to carry postel parcels and letters from Dimapur to Kohima with barefoot faring all the way into the depths of thick jungles. His job was known as (dhak) commonly known as dhakwala. My grandfather used to tell me a story of how a decisive battle was fought between the Japs and the British soldiers at Kohima. I salute all those brave men who have fought with valour and courage and sacrificing their life for our present from their past sacrifices for the nation. I am really touched with verse written on the epitaph on Garrison Hill at Kohima, "WHEN YOU GO HOME, TELL THEM OF US AND SAY, FOR YOUR TOMORROW, WE GAVE OUR TODAY".  
Mon Oct 20 09:55:06 2008

**Ian Ferguson, London**

A Battle of Kohima, War Museum is under construction and refurbishment. Recently returned from there and am keen to collect and collate text and images from the period to strengthen the display available to the Naga Govt.

Fri Sep 19 09:09:33 2008

**Frank Sims Toronto**

I read the account of Mr Jones service after posting my previous comment. The photo Mr.Jones posted of 1st Bat. signal platoon is identical to one in my possession. I believe Mr.Jones would have known my father, Frank Sims who is shown on the top row 4th from the right. If Mr Jones remembers my father I would be pleased to hear from him. The story of Mr Jones service seems familiar to that of my father and it seems possible they may have served together for some time.

Mon Aug 18 09:37:13 2008

**Francis Smith, Taunton**

Anybody know a travel agent able to help with accomodation and permits for a short visit to kohima cemetery? thanks

Thu Jul 10 10:14:50 2008

**Bob Youel Astley nr Manchester**

George Boswell yep my dad was known as 'napper.' I lost him when I was a youngster [15] and would welcome any news

Thu Jun 26 09:11:04 2008

**George Boswell from Newtonabbey**

Bob,Was Walter Youel also known as "Napper Youel"? If so my grandfather has a picture of him, albeit in black and white and showing its age. His actions are folklaw around these parts.

Tue Jun 17 13:24:45 2008

**Robin Sanderson of Paris**

Fascinating story of brave men. My father too was a burma veteran 6 th battallion /11th Sikh retrained for Indian Airborne. He was almost the only survivor of his regiment. He was at Shangshak I believe where the 50th division held the Japanese back for 3 days similarly to Kohime and before then. They were almost decimated and ordered to withdraw: each helped a wounded comrade to get back. John survived on some supplies from the many Dakota drops that fell among the Japanese because they were dropped from too high. John and his buddy, jaw shot away, were eventaully picked up by a RN patrol boat. He spent months in hospital with Malaria. He later dropped on Thai POW camps to set our boys free.Does anyone out there have more inf on the ^th Battalion/11th Sikh regiment in The arakan.nb He eventually lived to 80 years to die in his bed, having retired as a Lt-Colonel after 46 years of military service.

Thu Jun 5 08:56:11 2008

**Lynn Hay London**

My father who recently passed away aged 90 William John Lawrence, Bill to his friends served in Burma for a number of years. He very rarely spoke about his experiences and it has been a small insight to read Harolds story

Wed May 7 15:27:29 2008

**Yupangnenla Longkumer Nagaland**

Interesting story...

Fri Apr 18 09:44:01 2008

**Ekon N.Yanthan**

Many people mistook Kohima as a part of Burma, but actually it is in the land of the Nagas ie., Nagaland.  
Mon Apr 14 09:34:22 2008

**Bob Youel**

Anybody know my dad 'Walter Youel' who fought there?  
Wed Jan 23 09:19:31 2008

**Lee Sapsford**

Very interested to read your story, my grandad George Cherry may have been with the 4th Btn Royal West Kents D coy. He didn't tell me much about the war but he left me his photos.  
Mon Jul 9 16:42:57 2007

**Medo Ragneil from Dimapur**

Mr.Jones you guys from a different place came to an unknown place sacrifice your youth and life for the people whom you are not related with and save their identities, really in my opinion u guys deserve to be honour as the hero's of the 21st century and for you guys today i am the citizen of a free state and a part of the world larges democracy.Thank you.  
Thu Jun 28 09:31:27 2007

**Yanger, Kohima**

Dear Mr.Jones, words cannot express the freedom we are enjoying now, thank you so much to you and your man for saving our "Identities".  
Sun Jun 24 19:45:52 2007

**Patrick Pugh, Shillong.**

Hello Mr. Jones, My eyes watered, as I read those words on the epitaph. Thankyou to all of you at the Fusilers for not having us speak Japanese or lose our identities.  
Thu Dec 14 09:19:29 2006

**Ejaz Hazarika, Shillong, India.**

Having seen the Commonwealth War Graves Cemeteries all over North East India and after minutely studying the profiles of those who were laid to rest there, one cannot but Salute all those who made the supreme sacrifice-"Gave their todays for our tomorrows!!" I also salute those who were there and survived.  
Tue Aug 15 11:17:27 2006

**Antu Yhonzone Nagaland**

As it says "for your tomorrow, we gave our today". Thanks a loads Mr. Jones.  
Mon May 15 10:15:51 2006

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