

VICTORY OVER JAPAN (VJ) DAY (15 AUGUST 1945) – YOUR LOCAL REGIMENT

Both VE Day and VJ Day are notable anniversaries for the United Kingdom and the World; marking the end of horrific experiences and great sacrifice. 2020 would have marked significant 75th commemorations, which have obviously been adversely affected by Coronavirus 19.

Your local Regiment of London and the South East, The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment (PWRR), the Tigers, remembers the sacrifices made by its forebear regiments in the Second World War. Six of our forebear regiments (seven battalions' worth) were involved in the war against Japan:

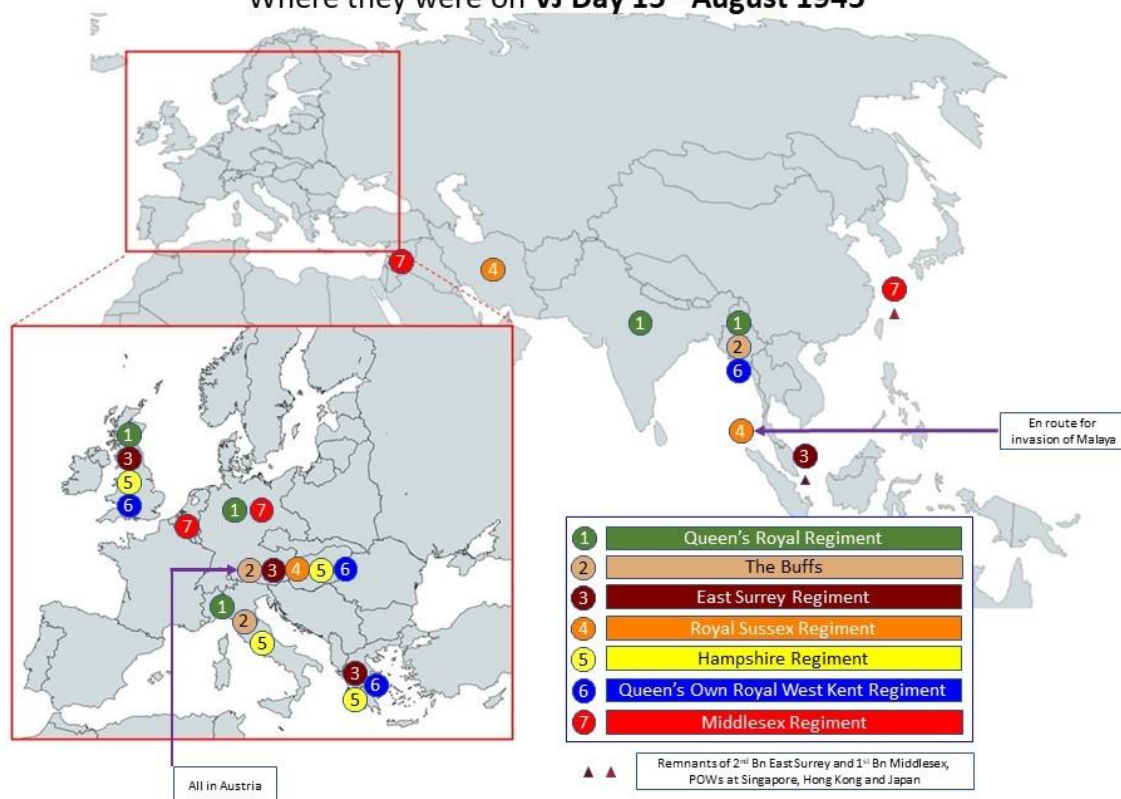
- 1st Bn Queen's Royal Regiment, India and Burma.
- 2nd Bn Queen's Royal Regiment, a Chindit unit, which went deep behind enemy lines on deep penetration patrols.
- 2nd Bn Buffs. 1944-45. Burma.
- 2nd Bn East Surreys. Malaya, then fall of Singapore.
- 9th Royal Sussex. 1944-45. Burma.

- 4th Bn Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment, a Territorial battalion, which defended Kohima and included the courageous actions of Lance Corporal Jack Harman VC. A Kohima Corporal is appointed in every PWRR battalion, each year, to acknowledge his bravery and the recent success of the appointed individual.
- 1st Bn Middlesex. Fall of Hong Kong.

This is where the battalions were serving on VJ Day:

PRINCESS OF WALES'S ROYAL REGIMENT (PWRR) FOREBEAR REGIMENTS

Where they were on VJ Day 15th August 1945



1. Queen's Royal Regiment:

1st Bn – Burma (Sittang Bend)

2nd Bn – India (Ponna– post Chindit Columns 21&22)

1/5th - Germany (Berlin)

1/6th and 1/7th Yorkshire, after advance towards Germany, with 1/5th in 131 Bde

2/5th, 2/6th and 2/7th Bns (169 Bde) – Italy - Trieste

2. The Buffs:

1st Bn – Trieste

2nd Bn - Rangoon

5th Bn - Austria

3. The East Surrey Regiment:

1st Bn – Austria (Carinthia)

2nd Bn – Sussex. (Original 2nd Bn POW's freed Changi, Japan, Singapore)

1/6th Bn – Greece (Stilis)

2/6th Bn - Norfolk

4. The Royal Sussex Regiment:

1st Bn - Austria (Klagenfurt)

2nd – Baghdad, Iraq (PAIFORCE)

4/5th - Baghdad, Iraq (PAIFORCE)

9th Bn – Malaya (On board HMT *Ranchi*, ready for Operation ZIPPER)

5. The Hampshire Regiment:

1st Bn – Lincolnshire (Louth)

2nd Bn – Austria, (Freidburg)

1/4th Bn – Austria (Furstenfledt)

2/4th Bn – Greece, (Yannina)

5th Bn - Austria (Hartberg)

7th - Dorset (Blandford)

6. The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment:

1st Bn – Greece

2nd Bn - UK

4th Bn - Rangoon, Burma

5th Bn - UK

6th Bn – Griefenburg, Austria

7. The Middlesex Regiment

1st Bn – Hong Kong and Japan POW

1st Bn – Reconstituted 28 May 1942 – Germany (Lubeck), from 2/8th Bn

2nd Bn – Belgium, (Iseghem)

2/7th Bn – Palestine and Syria

8th Bn – Germany, (Luchow)

9th Bn – Germany, (Plettenburg)