

## Remembrance Day Interviews 2011



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During the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War the theatres of War were Far East - The Japanese Invasion-North Africa, Middle East and Europe.



Mrs Sobha Kumari Chhetri, my late mother worked in this hospital as the Japanese inched their way to the Indo-Burmese border. In the famous Battle of Tennis Court in Kohima the opposing armies were literally separated by land the size of a tennis court that was there!

It is tradition to say the Kohima statement in every Remembrance Sunday Parade and service. In the going down of the sun WE REMEMBER THEM. We gave our today for your....tomorrow. Many War Memorials in Europe, Middle East, Far East, North Africa and the Falklands remind us of the Selfless sacrifices of Servicemen. Amongst them were the Indomitable hill-men of Nepal.

Between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> World War two hundred and forty-five thousand Gurkhas fought for Britain's Crown and Glory. They fought for the freedom of the many nations. Thousands were killed in actions and thousands of wounded were repatriated to the hills of Nepal and the ultimate price of the Gurkhas' bravery—"It is better to Die than to be a Coward" were the widows and orphans in Nepal.

That is why I have been taking part in Woking's Remembrance Sunday Parade/Service since 2003 to acknowledge sacrifice of all servicemen and my humble homage to my compatriots, the Gurkhas who have been giving their all, the ultimate sacrifice for Britain's honour and glory.

'The Bravest of the Brave, the most generous of the generous. Country(Britain) never had a friend like you"  
*tribute by General Sir Tuger.*