

## VICTORY IN EUROPE (VE) DAY (8 MAY 1945) –

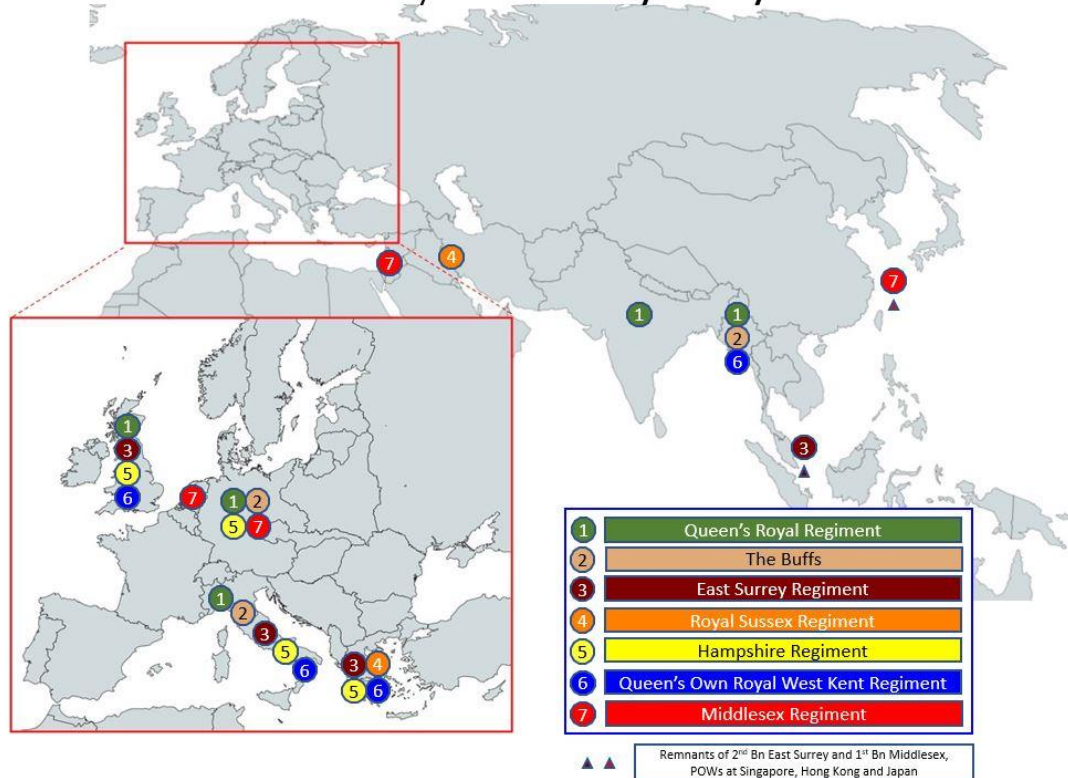
### PRINCESS OF WALES'S ROYAL REGIMENT (PWRR)

Both VE Day and Victory in Japan Day (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 75<sup>th</sup> 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. This is where the battalions were serving on VE Day:

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

Where they were on VE Day 8<sup>th</sup> May 1945



#### 1. Queen's Royal Regiment:

1<sup>st</sup> Bn – Burma (Zalon)

2<sup>nd</sup> Bn – India (Jhansi – post Chindit Cols 21&22)

1/5<sup>th</sup> – Germany (Hamburg)

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

2/5<sup>th</sup> 2/6<sup>th</sup> and 2/7<sup>th</sup> Bns (169 Bde) – Italy - Venice

**2. The Buffs:**

1<sup>st</sup> Bn - South of the River Po, Italy

2<sup>nd</sup> Bn – Rangoon, Burma

4<sup>th</sup> Bn – disbanded after disastrous losses on Leros

5<sup>th</sup> Bn – South of the River Po, Italy

7<sup>th</sup> Bn - Redesignated as 141 Regt RAC (The Buffs) - Delmenhorst, Germany  
(Then disbanded)

**3. East Surrey Regiment:**

1<sup>st</sup> Bn – Italy (Pordenone)

2<sup>nd</sup> Bn – Sussex. (Original 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn still POWs Changi)

1/6<sup>th</sup> Bn – Greece (Stilis).

2/6<sup>th</sup> Bn - Norfolk

**4. Royal Sussex Regiment:**

1<sup>st</sup> Bn – Greece thwarting communist party attempt take over the country

2<sup>nd</sup>, 4/5<sup>th</sup> Bns Iraq and Persia as part of PAIFORCE

**5. Hampshire Regiment:**

1<sup>st</sup> Bn – Yorkshire (Helmsley)

2<sup>nd</sup> Bn – Italy (Forli)

1/4<sup>th</sup> Bn – Italy (Forli)

2/4<sup>th</sup> Bn – Greece (Khalkis)

5<sup>th</sup> Bn – Italy (Forli)

7<sup>th</sup> Bn – Germany (Gnarrenburg)

11<sup>th</sup> Bn – Dorset (Blandford)

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

1<sup>st</sup> Bn – Greece

2<sup>nd</sup> Bn – UK

4<sup>th</sup> Bn – Waw, 100 Kms North East of Rangoon, Burma

5<sup>th</sup> Bn – Fiesson, Northern Italy

6<sup>th</sup> Bn – Ferrara, north of the River Po, Italy

7<sup>th</sup> Bn – Disbanded 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1944, redesignated as 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn to replace losses in the Dodecanese

9<sup>th</sup> Bn – (162 Regt RAC) but retained White Horse cap badge, disbanded 1942

## **7. Middlesex Regiment**

1<sup>st</sup> Bn – Hong Kong and Japan POW

2<sup>nd</sup> Bn – Germany (Ems-Weser Canal area north of Osnabruck)

1/7<sup>th</sup> Bn – Germany (Alfstedt)

2/7<sup>th</sup> Bn – Palestine (Gedera)

1/8<sup>th</sup> Bn – Germany (Bremerhaven and Cuxhaven)

2/8<sup>th</sup> Bn – Germany (Worth, Kuddeworde, Hammoor in Tritau area)

9<sup>th</sup> Bn – Holland (Rotterdam, Dordrecht area)