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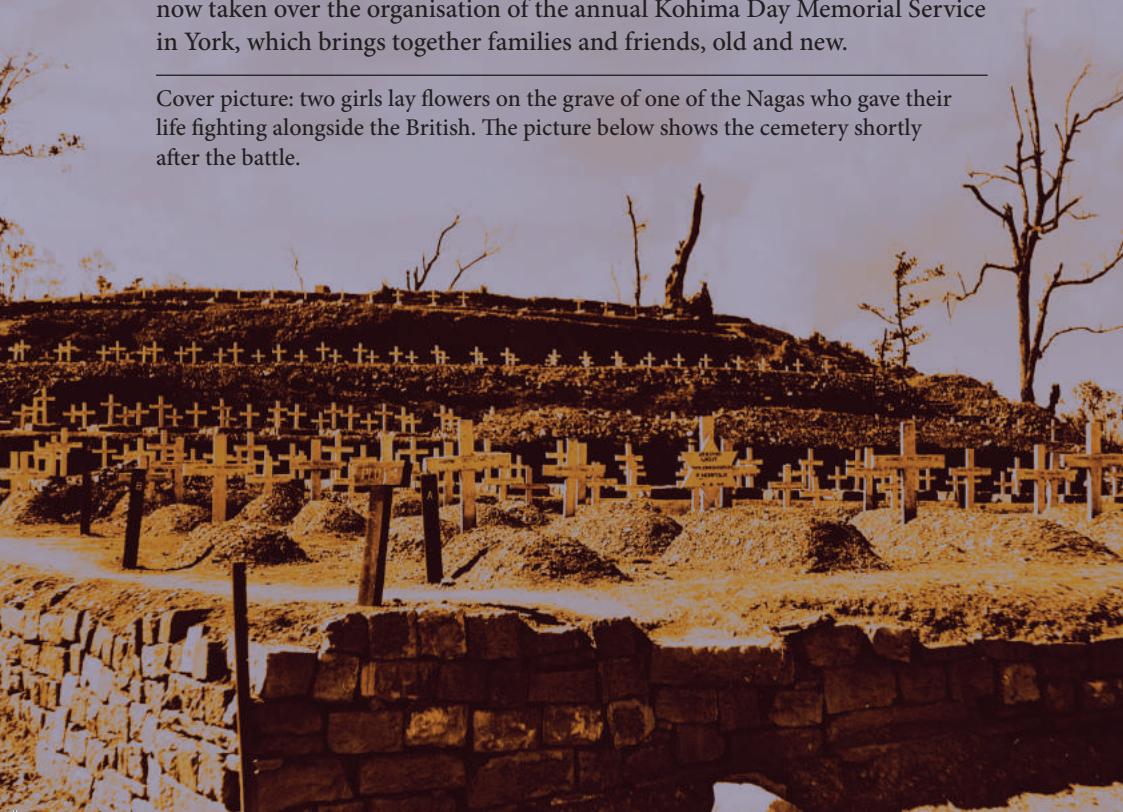
IN 1944, KOHIMA, a hill-town in north-east India, was besieged by a Japanese Division. The 1500 defenders withstood the Japanese attack for two weeks until they were relieved by the 2nd British Division. The ensuing battle lasted two months, and drove the Japanese into retreat.

In the course of the battle the town was completely destroyed. The women and children took refuge in the jungle. The men supported the British and Indian troops as guides, combatants, spies and porters. Without their help, it is doubtful that the battle could have been won.

For sixty years after the battle, there was little contact between the British troops and their Naga allies. During these years, veterans of the 2nd Division held annual reunions to honour their fallen comrades. In 2004, they resolved to found a trust to assist the education of Naga children, the descendants of those who had fought by their sides. When the idea for this Trust was first communicated to a leading Naga citizen, he wrote: "You have not forgotten us".

The Kohima Educational Trust (KET) is run by volunteers. Its initial funding came from veterans and the contemporary 2nd Division. Now a new generation has become possessed with the story and is seeking to widen the sources of income so that the Trust can continue and extend its mission. KET has now taken over the organisation of the annual Kohima Day Memorial Service in York, which brings together families and friends, old and new.

Cover picture: two girls lay flowers on the grave of one of the Nagas who gave their life fighting alongside the British. The picture below shows the cemetery shortly after the battle.



Ongoing projects and other initiatives

- Our Scholarship program continues to grow and in 2015, we have established a new program of two-year scholarships for students to go on to study in years 11 and 12. The scholars are chosen from the group completing year 10 and are chosen for either their financial situation or on merit. KET, with your support, has now given scholarships to over 500 young Nagas. KET is dedicated to growing this scholarship programme and plans are now underway to develop it and to do more for students entering further education.
- *Mind Your Health* was launched in January 2016 when 26 young women from 15 villages attended this three day program. The aim of this project is to provide basic health care services in the remote villages of Nagaland. KES has partnered with the faith-based organisation in order to respond the basic health care needs of the people.
- Launch of the Naga Glossary Key Words. Six years in the making, this unique publication has been meticulously compiled. It features over 2,900 commonly used words and phrases and their equivalents in the sixteen Naga languages recognised by the Government of Nagaland. This pioneering glossary is designed to contribute to better communication among the Naga peoples.
- KES has undertaken a huge project to interview those Nagas still alive who took part in the battle and helped the British soldiers. The interviews have been filmed and KES is planning to preserve the recordings in book form to keep for future generations. The KET scholarship program has specifically included descendants of these veterans.

- KET/KES partnered with Rotary of Hawaii to respond to the need for cleanliness awareness in Nagaland, helping to build seven latrines in the village of Rusoma.
- A major project to be launched in January 2018 is the Gordon Graham Prize for Naga Literature, which will be open to all Naga writers around the world. The prize will be awarded in December 2018.

Other projects

- Sponsorship of a Naga teacher for a degree in English-language teaching at the University of York.
- Presentation of a standard dictionary to each of Nagaland's 400 secondary schools.
- Provision of a central library for schools in Kohima. We have recently added to this general reference library a collection of titles about the Battle of Kohima, to enable children today to learn about what happened in their villages. The schools in Kohima organised an essay competition encouraging the children to study that period of time.
- Assembly of a bibliography of literature about Nagaland.
- Establishment of a basketball court, which KET helped to build in the village of Phek. Funded by Ray Jackson, a downed pilot who wanted to give back to those villagers who rescued him. Following Ray's death in 2016, his family continues to support KET, enabling the Trust to continue carrying out general maintenance and repairs.
- Producing a guide map to the battlefield areas and memorials in Kohima.

If you would like further information about any of these projects, please refer to either our website or write to sylvia@kohimaeducationaltrust.org

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