Kohima Veterans Reunion in York
The First Visit to Japan by a British Veteran

The British Group, former British Kohima Veteran and the family of Burma Campaign veterans together with the Curator of Kohima Museum visit Japan.
Visit Yasukuni
They should come and do the same.

Watering the Imphal Campaign Cherry Tree to console their fallen soldiers’ spirit

A Kohima Campaign Veteran Roy Welland, a Japanese Burma Campaign veteran and friends joined to pay the respect for the war dead.

Held Memorial Service both Japanese/British way at the centre

Chidorigafuchi Cemetery Garden – Unknown Soldiers’ Resting place

英霊への祈り

Project A & Extra Mission
Unprecedented historical visit to Yasukuni Shrine by an ex-foe veteran from Great Britain

Roy Welland, the veteran of Kohima/Imphal Campaign (94) said, “Now I understand what Yasukuni means and I am glad that I came here.”

“It took a long way, time and agonising efforts for me to get to this point…” Akiko, a daughter of WW2 Japanese soldier (Kohima/Imphal Veteran)
SNAP SHOTS 1

Thanks to London All Nippon Airways, Roy and Ruth comfortably arrived in Haneda Airport October 2014

What is it like to see outside the Imperial Palace?
Mrs Celia Grover (an in-law daughter of the Kohima Major General Grover), Roy and Ruth accompanied with Bob Cook at the curator of Kohima Museum.
SNAP SHOTS 2

Pay a visit to: Chidorigafuchi WWII Unknown Soldiers Cemetery Garden

Celia and Bob with some thoughts...

Hideko Hayasaka Hon. Secretary of BCS and Prof. Alex Calbo Barcelona Uni. assisted Roy greeted by Ms Kyoko Akaike Cartoonist and Author of “Kohima Museum”.

Some of young generations who read the news and attended our event.
The 70th Imphal Campaign Anniversary – Memorial Service at Buddhist Temple in Shonai

Jokei-ji Temple, attended by Roy Welland (Kohima Veteran) and her partner Ruth Smith, Akiko Macdonald (a daughter of Kohima Veteran), Mayor, Dep Mayor, Chairman of Shonai, H Hayasaka (BCS), Bob Cook (BCS and Curator of Kohima Museum), Celia Gravenor, Y Futagami (BCS) and many other officials from Shonai

Paying visit to Lt. Kotoku Sato’s tomb stone

Photo taken by Asahi Newspaper
70th Anniversary of Imphal/Kohima Campaign Memorial Service at Jokeji Buddhist Temple

NHK National TV News televised on “News Watch 9” Programme
For British Guests served the first time tea ceremony in a traditional tea house. They were a bit tense not knowing what to do.
T Miida Council of Kashiwazaki Niigata Pref., from the left, Yoshi Futagami, BCS member, Utpal Borpujari and Subimal Bhattacharjee of India Film Director and Producer. The Chairwoman of Educational Association in Kimono giving a speech above.

Sakataa Old Samurai Lordship after modernisation of Feudal Japan, Samurai lost their job. They started to exploit silk firm.
We had such a lovely Japanese lunch in a stylish lunch box filled with all sorts of natural foods.

The old Samurai Clan in Sakata, Yamagata invited our group and visited their Silk Factory Museum.

A lot of National News coverage. Interviews were taken place for a long time.

Asahi National Newspaper, Yamagata Newspaper, Kohoku Newspaper, Kyodo Tsushin and NHK TV
2014

Massive reception at Shonai. Mayor of Shonai, Mr Harada and the most distinguished local groups of Business, Education, International Relationship and Rotary Club and so on welcomed us.

Bob Cook enjoys conversation with the Mayor.
Hideko Hayasaka, Masako Suzuki joined with Ruth Smith and Celia Grover lover conversations.

Dewa Sanzan Shrine, the highest priest welcomes British visitors.
Distinguished Priest guides us to the Shrine
– We were all blessed by the supreme

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Mt Haguro

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出羽三山神社・羽黒山
The Burma Campaign Society Album 2008-2016

Renkoji Temple in Tokyo where Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose’s ashes are kept.

People who donated for this trip: Mr Fujimori, Messrs Futagami brothers, Prof. Matsui, Mrs K Kato-Warburg and Mrs Akaike

Far left: Mr Fujimori, Futagami brothers and below Yoshi Futagami - All big donators of Japan Trip which made the trip possible.

Roy visits Akiko’s father, Taiji Urayama same Kohima veteran who lives in nursing home.

The head of Carer presents souvenirs that old people made to Roy & Ruth.