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Those who read this splendid Second World War memoir will doubtless come to the conclusion that the author is extraordinarily lucky to be alive! After joining up in 1939 with the Queen's Royal Regiment, Mike Lowry was posted to the North West Frontier of India where he cut his military teeth chasing Pathan tribesman bandit gangs for two years, where he was wounded and received a Mention in Despatches. This was exciting enough but only a taste of what was to come. The Japanese advance into Burma threatened India and, along with many thousands of British and Colonial troops, Lowry found himself fighting in the Arakan region, where he earned a further Mention in Despatches. Conditions were appalling and the fighting was bitter by any standards. At one point his Battalion was cut off by the Japs for three weeks but surrender was never an option. Yet even worse was to come as the Battalion was thrown into the thick of the action at Kohima which is rated as the most desperate defensive action for the campaign. In one week 173 members of his Battalion were lost. All this is vividly described in this fascinating and inspiring memoir which will enthral its readers.

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John says

Lowry kept a detailed diary and other records to write a very interesting book on his service in the British Army from the out break of WWII to when he was removed from combat for medical reasons late in the war.

He writes clearly about low intensity combat in the Indian frontier with Afghanistan, and combat against the IJA in India and Burma. He provides great insight into tactics, management of troops, relationships with fellow officers and duty and service. He is quite admirable.

Scott McPherson says

This is a fantastic account of war in the Far East during the Second World War. Michael Lowry served in the Queen's Royal Regiment in the frontier of India, and later Burma. The author spent the outbreak of the war fighting bandits on the Indian border with Afghanistan, and then shifted into full-on-war with the Imperial Japanese Army in 1942. The book deals with his experiences in India and Burma, until a medical issue takes him out of the war. Lowry describes everything in detail, all the horror and humour of war that seem to go strangely hand in hand, as well as detailing the tactics and equipment used by the British and Indian troops. My only issue with the book is that I wish it could be longer (which is the opposite of my common complaints with books!)

Vikas Datta says

A marvellously detailed account of warfare right at the cutting edge - prior to and through World War II - through the eyes of an officer who participated in operations against recalcitrant tribesmen in Waziristan, and then swung to the other edge of the spectrum, fighting Japanese in the dense forests of the Arakan and then in the hills of Kohima. Has lessons galore on how wars are fought and won for today's equipment-loaded 'techno-soldiers'...
