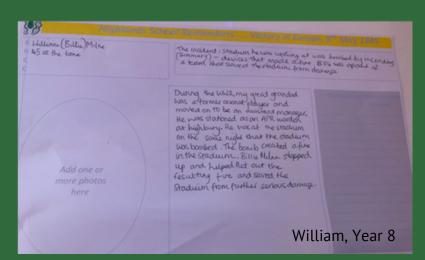




# WORLD WAR TWO ENDED IN EUROPE 75 YEARS AGO ON 8 MAY 1945

Students and staff at Highlands School were asked to contribute personal stories from their families about VE Day (Victory in Europe Day), which we celebrate on Friday 8 May this year. This marks the formal acceptance by the 'Allies of World War II' of Nazi Germany's unconditional surrender of its armed forces on Tuesday 8 May, 1945.





## Highlands School Remembers.... Victory in Europe, 8th May 1945 Relative's name: Chitta Ranjan Relative's age (then/now): 25 years /deceased now Contribution: Police officer in Assam Railforce on India(Assam)/Burma border Created by: Ms Biswas

Determination

Additional detail: Where: Assam/Burma border When: 1943-1946

### Mrs DeBiswas

#### Describe in detail what the contribution

My dad was an officer in the Assam Rifles, Police section during 1943-1946. He was assigned to protect the railway line that ran between Burma and India in the north east of India in the state of Assam. His duties consisted of patrolling along the railway track, making sure that the Japanese enemy did not attack any trains going through, or if they tried to enter India through this border, they were to prevent this from happening.

India was a strategically important country in the British Empire at the time of World War II. The British did not want India to be invaded and occupied by Japan, an ally of Germany in Asia

#### Quotes from the interview with your relative:

My father passed away many years ago so unfortunately cannot include any quotes.

He did tell us of his colleague once who was cleaning his rifle and he witnessed him accidently letting the rifle off and shooting himself! I think that really disturbed him. He never talked much of his years in that role, I think it really was quite traumatising, but I also remember he said that he had to say 'Halt! Who goes there?' loved reminding us of this first English line he learned!

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