

Inspector Rex's History Snippet #39

The Battle of Kohima and Imphal

The battle of Kohima and Imphal during the Second World War may not be well-known in Australia. It was fought in Eastern India by the British, opposing the Japanese who had crossed the Chindwin River in Burma and entered India.

Some historians refer to the Defence of Kohima as Britain's Greatest Battle. Others refer to the siege as the Stalingrad of the East. The Japanese U-go offensive and subsequent battle of Kohima (and Imphal) are among the most brutal in the Pacific Theatre, and led to a surprising victory using a rather curious tactic involving an M3 Lee Tank and a tennis court.

Here is the famous epitaph created after the battle



The following video describes the famous battle

75th Anniversary of battles of Kohima and Imphal - Memorials

Short version (4'45'')

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r3G3Tuu8NGs>

Description, with real footage, of aspects of the battles

Long version (15' 44'')

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oO0WafV50i0>