

A Gurkha Remembers

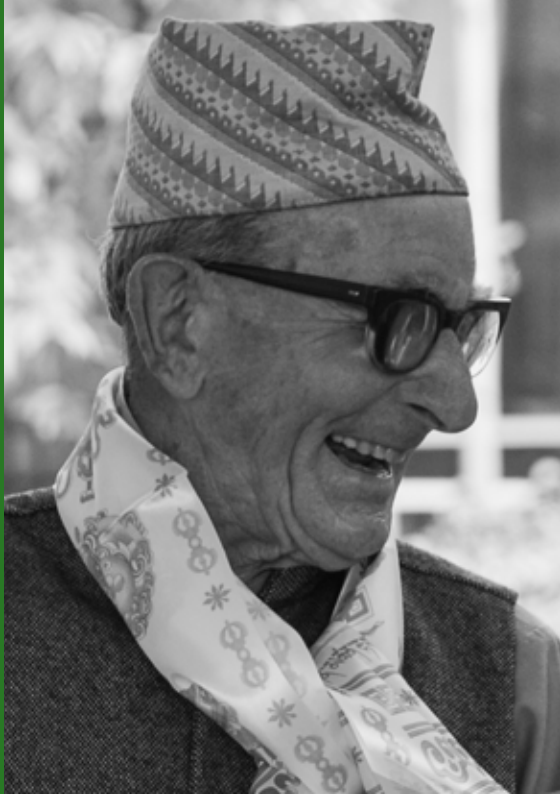
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Lt Colonel John Cross OBE has spent a lifetime in Asia – in and out of the army.

Educated at Shrewsbury, 'JPX' – as he is affectionately known – joined the British army in 1943, aged 17. By 1944, he was at the Indian Military Academy in Dehradun, going on to serve with 1/1 Gurkha Rifles in Burma.

In 1982, after 39 years' service – nearly all with the Gurkhas – JPX retired to Nepal. For many years now, he has lived in Pokhara with his adopted son, Buddhiman Gurung, and family. In 2014, he was granted Nepali citizenship.

This is his story.

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