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THE SUFFOLK REGIMENT IN BURMA

The Suffolk Regiment is among the troops fighting in Burma where it has been in action in the Imphal area, north of the Kabaw Valley. Here the Suffolks have been engaged in the recent operations following the infiltration of Japanese forces into Manipur State. Among the heavily wooded heights, the Suffolks helped to defend the principal pass from Burma into India and denied to the enemy the opportunity of descending into the Manipur lowlands. The Suffolks are fighting over terrain which is among the most difficult in all our fighting fronts. The country is mountainous and densely wooded. In tropical conditions in which the British soldier now has an opportunity to display the result of his long training in jungle warfare tactics, the Suffolks are holding their own and heavily punishing the enemy.

The regiment has a long experience of campaigning in Burma, for over a year ago it was in action against the Japanese in the Maungdaw area, among other places.

The Suffolks have also served in Malaya, and in France and Flanders during the present war.