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THE ROYAL WEST KENT REGIMENT IN BURMA

The Royal West Kent Regiment has seen service in Burma on the Arakan Front. The formation in which it has been serving formed part of the south-western outpost of our forces covering Maungdaw. They also confronted and thwarted Japanese efforts to turn our southern flank and roll our forces back along the northern road stretching from Maungdaw to Cox's Bazaar.

Skilled in the art of jungle fighting, the Royal West Kents held their ground until the Japanese effort was exhausted during the second and third weeks of February. Since then the Regiment have seen service in the Bawli Bazaar area.

The Royal West Kents have fought during the present war in Italy, Sicily, North Africa, and in France and Flanders. They particularly distinguished themselves in the severe fighting on the Sangro, where they were among the first troops to establish the main bridgehead across the river on the 23rd November, 1943, after one of the hardest fights of the campaign.

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