Gurkhas invade Iraq!

In this second installment of the testimony of veteran Gurkhas, 89-year-old Bharati Gurung (left) recalls fighting on behalf of the British in Iraq. Some of the details of the battles bear a striking resemblance to the conditions faced by coalition forces there. The regiment moves on to Cyprus and is captured by the Germans in Tobruk and taken to a POW camp in Italy.

His story is part of Lahurey ko Katha that records the lives of Gurkha soldiers, most of them over 75 years old. This fortnightly column is translated from Nepali by Dev Bahadur Thapa for Nepali Times.

Bhutan flower book

The defile Himalayan traveller, pensive and Buddhist-titled, is a tried and tested formula. Classics, such as Peter Matthieson’s The Snow Leopard, are already in their umpteenth reprint. We can only hope that this book will be as successful. Hellum divides his plant paintings by seasons, in a manner that is both artistic and scientific.

His story is part of Lahurey ko Katha, a book that documents the lives of Gurkha soldiers. The author has created an extremely original and engaging book which brings together the spiritual and the spiritual in a successful way. As Hellum himself concludes: “Every story in this book brought a different kind of silence.”