

Tabular Index of Interviews

Rather than preparing a traditional index to places, names, events, and other specifics, this index is intended as a guide in understanding the entire body of interviews collected during the original project. In part, using this format offers a means of assessing the full corpus of interview evidence collected regarding Malawi's World War One experiences. In addition, my decision to present a tabular index of this material preserves the histories presented here as primary sources which may be further interpreted by readers, absent the categorical assumptions which I had when originally approaching the subject. With this in mind, however, it seems appropriate to offer a few brief comments regarding each of the columnar categories I've used to present this information:

Name

For those veterans whose military records I was able to access, I have used their name as recorded at enlistment; in a very few cases alternate names are noted in the transcripts themselves. In all other cases, the names used are those offered by the interviewees, with appropriate honorifics noted in parentheses; sometimes these were necessitated by the social conventions observed at the time each interview was conducted. Some of the *Chiyao*-speaking informants, however, offered no surnames, instead following a cultural practice of identifying themselves as son (or daughter) of their father; that form as been retained here for a few respondents.

Number [#]

All interviews were assigned numbers when they were initially identified and then presented for processing. Those numbered from 1 to 182 were conducted between 1972 and 1974 during the initial phase of the project, while interviews numbered from 201 and above were conducted in 1991 during the final investigative stage. A few numbers missing from the numerical sequence are a result of difficulties encountered either when interviewing, processing, or preserving the original transcripts.

Gender

Since the project proceeded from the beginning as an investigation into the impact of Malawi's military on the country, most of those who offered their historical knowledge were male. As the project progressed, a small number of women were also included; it is therefore important to distinguish the gender of each interviewee, **(M)**ale or **(F)**emale.

WWI role

Although more than half of the testimonies are from former soldiers (*askari*) or carriers (*mtengatenga*), an important and large minority of those who offered their memories played divergent roles from 1914-1919. As these understandably coloured their experiences, they have been carefully noted, even when an individual's standing shifted during those years. In a small number of cases individuals who were not born until 1919 or after offered some valuable insights about World War One; a dash (—) has been used instead of a role for each of them.

WWII askari

This notation recognizes that a significant number of those interviewed served in a World War Two military capacity as well as having memories related to Malawi and the First World War. A check mark (✓) is used for those who so served.

Unit (as known)

Many of those with military experience served in one or more unit. Nyasaland King's African Rifles *askari* were often transferred from one of Nyasaland's several regiments to another and sometimes between the two Nyasaland battalions. Neither available personnel records nor the respondents themselves were always clear on such matters; hence the generic 'Ny KAR' seems a preferable designation. When it is known the interviewee served elsewhere, other appropriate military units have been indicated as well. The abbreviation *Sch.* is used to indicate those who served in the German East African *Schutztruppe*.

Number (as known)

Although no systematic effort was made to locate service numbers of *askari*, some interviewees offered theirs from memory. The Malawi Army also provided numbers for many of those interviewed in the old soldiers homes; however, there was some duplication and other inconsistencies in those records. Therefore the service numbers offered here should not be considered fully definitive. A dash (—) indicates no individual service number designation applies.

Discusses:

Usually more than just a mention, but rather an extended series of questions and responses touching on memories other than very brief comparisons of the two conflicts. A check mark (✓) indicates considerations of either:

WWI:

Considering not only events, personalities, movements, and policies of the war itself, but also war preparations, recruitment and training, coincidental happenings, effects, and implications of the war. Frequently exploring attitudes expressed, held, or observed by individual respondents.

WWII:

Only extending to some basic details or comparisons considered. Notwithstanding a check mark (✓) here, more detailed sections of these interviews, considering only WWII experiences, have been deleted from this collection (as noted in the transcripts). These will be included in an additional full volume of World War Two interviews planned for subsequent publication.

Page numbers [#s]

Although this collection of oral history documents extends over two volumes, the pagination is consecutive for ease of reference in this index.



I fully realize that in collating this information forty years on there may be some errors in this index, for which I offer my sincere apologies.

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Name	#	gender	WWI status	WWII Askari	unit (as known)	Number (as known)	WW I	WW II	page #s
abiti Maunde, (Gogo)	84	F	civilian		—	—	✓		488-491
abiti Mbala, Mariamu	73	F	child		—	—	✓		437-439
abiti Sindo, (Gogo)	80	F	civilian		—	—	✓		472-476
Agubiko, Kathebu	104	M	askari	✓	Sch; Ny KAR		✓		521-525
Alidi, Chionda	72	M	carrier		—	—	✓		433-437
Awasi, Bamusi	83	M	civilian		—	—	✓		484-487
Awonenji, Mereka	56	M	child	✓	Ny KAR		✓	✓	357-359
Banda, Alufeyo	133	M	askari		Ny KAR		✓		672-678
Banda, Austin	135	M	child		—	—	✓		678-683
Banda, Dear	108	M	askari		Ny KAR		✓		541-546
Banda, E.C.	110	M	child		—	—	✓		551-556
Basale, Sitambuli	77	M	MG porter		Ny KAR		✓		456-462
Bobo, N.	164	M	civilian		—	—	✓		685-687
Chabwinkha, (Mister)	121	M	child	✓	Ny KAR		✓	✓	617-625
Chaima, Samuel	38	M	civilian	✓	Ny KAR	7491	✓	✓	309-311
Chapuchapu, Mdala	3	M	askari		Ny KAR		✓	✓	14-19
Chikho, Mailosi	34	M	civilian	✓	Ny KAR	6126	✓	✓	291-296
Chikoti, Yosefe	18	M	askari		Ny KAR	4163	✓		157-163
Chikwenga, Aibu	222	M	askari	✓	Ny KAR		✓	✓	743-747
Chimwere, Titus W.	27	M	child	✓	Ny KAR		✓	✓	230-240

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Chirwa, Augustine Paliya	124	M	child		—	—	✓		630-637
Chirwa, Diamond Caswell	105	M	civilian		—	—	✓		525-530
Chirwa, J.B.C. Mankhuzu	125	M	civilian		—	—	✓		637-641
Chirwa, Kagunda	130	M	carrier		—	—	✓		656-661
Chitala, Mwenyedawa	5	M	askari		Ny KAR	4174	✓		28-37
Chitani, Kazembe	177	M	askari		Ny KAR		✓		709-719
Dabi, Kazibule	31	M	askari		Sch; Ny KAR		✓		266-275
Dolobeni, Wilson	103	M	cook		—	—	✓		514-521
Faithful, (Major) John	59	M	—	✓	Ny KAR		✓	✓	362-371
Falamenza, F.	163	M	child		—	—	✓		683-685
Ghisa, Useni	66	F	child		—	—	✓		407-411
Isaac, Amos	116	M	civilian		—	—	✓		575-590
Jumayani, (Gogo)	70	F	civilian		—	—	✓		425-427
Jumbe, Gilbert	52	M	civilian; askari		Ny KAR	13627	✓	✓	350-353
Juwa, Khobviwa	32	M	askari		Ny KAR	2418	✓		275-285
Kabualo, John Grey	54	M	civilian	✓	Ny KAR	15482	✓	✓	353-356
Kadewere, McPhail Issa	62	M	child	✓	Ny KAR	ZBK 735	✓	✓	388-396
Kalizonkho, Pilato	109	M	carrier		—	—	✓		546-551
Kamanga, Benjamin	127	M	civilian		—	—	✓		646-649
Kamanga, Sam	107	M	askari	✓	Ny KAR		✓	✓	534-541
Kamwendo, Weston	171	M	carrier		—	—	✓		706-709

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Kaombe, Vmande	64	M	civilian		—	—	✓		399-403
Kaponya, Belo	29	M	askari		Ny KAR	2357	✓		248-256
Kaputa, Kampila	9	M	carrier; askari?		(armed in the field)	—	✓		60-69
Katita, Disi [1972]	25	M	askari		Ny KAR	4482	✓		210-222
Katita, Disi [1991]	201	M	askari	✓	Ny KAR	11225	✓	✓	736-742
Kaunda, (Mister)	69	M	civilian		—	—	✓		419-425
Khorino, Khuliwe	35	M	askari		Ny KAR		✓		296-301
Kili, (Mister)	68	M	civilian		—	—	✓		414-419
Likuleka, Stambuli	14	M	askari		Ny KAR		✓		111-122
Lilongwe, Amoni	10	M	askari		Ny KAR	2128	✓		69-74
Linyama, Danda	33	M	Civillan		Ny KAR	10076	✓		285-291
Lipende, Issa	170	M	askari		Ny KAR		✓		700-706
Liwewe, Dorothy	42	F	civilian		—	—	✓	✓	318-324
Longwe, Fololiyani	112	M	askari		Ny KAR		✓		560-566
Longwe, Reuben	132	M	askari	✓	Ny KAR; RAR		✓	✓	666-672
Mahere, Joswa	43	M	civilian	✓	Ny KAR	15616	✓	✓	324-328
Mailosi, January	55	M	child	✓	RAR			✓	356-357
Makuluni, Michael	57	M	child	✓	Ny KAR	15,698	✓	✓	360-362
Makumba, Anusa	74	M	askari	✓	Ny KAR		✓	✓	439-446
Makumba, Tmedi	75	M	servant		—	—	✓		446-451
Makunganya, Elias	49	M	servant	✓	Ny KAR	DN 1928	✓	✓	340-344

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Makuta, Useni	7	M	askari		Ny KAR	2,118	✓		46-51
Makwinja, Imani	20	M	servant/ ship's cook		—	—	✓		167-173
Malomo, (Village Headman)	119	M	askari		Ny KAR		✓		605-616
Malunda, Judith	67	F	child		—	—	✓		411-413
Manawa, Harold	71	M	civilian		—	—	✓		427-433
Mandanda, Joseph	78	M	servant/ translator		—	—	✓		462-466
Mangani, Efraim	4	M	askari		Ny KAR	6067	✓		19-28
Mangomo, Dafter	8	M	askari		Ny KAR	2943	✓		51-60
Mankhuso, (Mister)	167	M	civilian		—	—	✓		691-694
Mbaisa, Mbaisa	12	M	askari		Ny KAR	2266	✓		86-98
Mbalasa, Niwehane	39	M	civilian	✓	Ny KAR	11097	✓	✓	311-315
Mbalazo, James	169	M	cook		—	—	✓		696-700
Mbepule, Tambuli	88	M	carrier		—	—	✓		503-507
Mbwana, Petro	86	M	hospital sweeper		—	—	✓		495-499
Mdoka, Mbwana	81	M	cook; askari		Ny KAR		✓		477-480
Meja, Wasi	61	M	child		Ny KAR		✓		384-388
Mlungu, Anderson	50	M	—	✓	Ny KAR	5908	✓	✓	344-346
Mnamasi, (Mister)	102	M	carrier		—	—	✓		511-514
Mogha, Isaac	180	M	carrier		—	—	✓		726-729
Mpanangombe, (Vil. Hdmn.)	117	M	carrier		—	—	✓		590-596
Mponda, Agima	45	M	child	✓	Ny KAR	15645	✓	✓	333-334

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Muhoni, Aroni	22	M	askari		Ny KAR		✓		186-196
Mvonye, Buleya	36	M	civilian		Ny KAR			✓	302
Mwachacha, Jesemani	41	M	askari		Ny KAR		✓	✓	315-317
Mwachande., Makupete	6	M	askari		Ny KAR	8337	✓		37-46
Mwakamowo, Mfumu	227	M	child		—	—	✓		747-751
Mwakasungu, D.R. Maphote	229	M	child	✓	Ny KAR		✓	✓	754-756
Mwakisahi, Konsala	181	M	carrier		—	—	✓		729-733
Mwali, A.G. Mugomo	129	M	child		—	—	✓		653-656
Mwali, Malowa	131	M	askari		Ny KAR		✓		661-666
Mwalugali, Matayi	228	M	child		—	—	✓		751-754
Mwenebwisi, Kennani	182	M	carrier <i>kapitao</i>		—	—	✓		733-736
Mwina, Maulidi	11	M	askari	✓	Ny KAR	2483; R534	✓		74-85
Ndala, Dinala	1	M	askari		Ny KAR	2779	✓		1-8
Ngoma, A.C.	115	M	child		—	—	✓		573-575
Ngwale, Kaisi	179	M	askari		Ny KAR		✓		719-726
Njala, Tamani	19	M	askari		Ny KAR	2479	✓		163-167
Njawala, Saidi	28	M	askari		Ny KAR	2641	✓		240-248
Njungwa. Isaac	24	M	civilian	✓	Ny KAR	21542		✓	209
Nkanda, Sydney Chituta	21	M	askari		Ny KAR		✓		173-186
Nkhata, Ham	113	M	civilian		—	—	✓		566-568
Nkhata, Karonga	126	M	child		—	—	✓		641-646
Nkhwazi, Elton	232	M	child	✓	Ny KAR	ZBK 12006	✓	✓	756-758
Nkwana, Tabulo	17	M	askari		Ny KAR		✓		145-157

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Nsanama, Fulotiya	2	M	carrier; askari		Sch; Ny KAR	2195	✓		8-14
Nthondo, (Sub-Chief)	123	M	civilian		—	—	✓		629-630
Nyimbiri, Peter	26	M	askari		Ny KAR	1163	✓		222-230
Nyirenda, Mugwinya N.	111	M	civilian		—	—	✓		556-560
Nyungwa, Ndala	37	M	bugler		Ny KAR		✓	✓	302-309
Paulo, Simon	60	M	child	✓	Ny KAR		✓	✓	371-373
Phiri, Bringet Antonio	166	M	child		—	—	✓		689-691
Phiri, Jonathan	23	M	askari		Ny KAR	492	✓		196-208
Phiri, Kakalala	114	M	carrier		—	—	✓		568-573
Rambiki, (Mister)	168	M	child				✓		694-696
Saenda, Andson	46	M	—	✓	NY KAR	40369	✓	✓	334-336
Saidi, Amisi	76	M	servant	✓	—	—	✓	✓	452-456
Sekapachanya, (Mister)	128	M	civilian		—	—	✓		650-653
Selemani, Bamusi	51	M	civilian	✓	Ny KAR	21835	✓	✓	346-350
Sikula, Taulo	16	M	askari		Ny KAR	3492	✓		133-145
Siliya, Beaton	48	M	—	✓	Ny KAR	15756	✓	✓	336-339
Siyabu, Aroni	15	M	bugler		Ny KAR	4135	✓		122-133
Songolo, Daisa	13	M	askari		Ny KAR	2675	✓		99-111
Store, Mcrae	44	M	civilian	✓	Ny KAR	7305; 13222	✓	✓	329-333
Sukala, Thom	30	M	askari		Sch; Ny KAR		✓		256-265
Tambala, Olivia	122	F	civilian		—	—	✓		625-629
Thole, Simon	165	M	civilian		—	—	✓		687-689
Thorneycroft, Robin	63	M	—	✓	Ny KAR	—	✓	✓	396-399
wadi Kalokwete, Likwapi	82	M	askari		Ny KAR		✓		480-483

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wadi Masamu, (Sheikh) Mada	85	M	civilian		—	—	✓		491-495
wadi Mlekano, Kalisinje	79	M	Cook		—	—	✓		467-472
wadi Mtuluko, Chiosya	87	M	carrier		—	—	✓		499-503
wadi Selemani, Madi	89	M	askari		Ny KAR		✓		507-511
Wajiusa, Kildon	106	M	child		—	—	✓		530-534
Yatina, Gomani	65	F	child		—	—	✓		403-407
Zeni-zeni, Petro	118	M	civilian		—	—	✓		596-604