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An African Life in Colonial Malawi



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Can an African soldier be loyal to his British regiment and stay true to his own society and its beliefs? Juma Chimwere believes he must!

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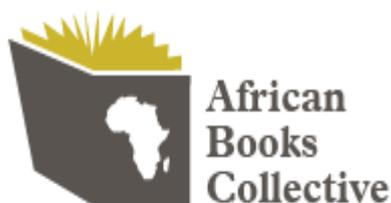
In his new book, Melvin E. (Mel) Page draws on his decades of studying and writing about the history of Central Africa to present the story of a Malawian *msilikali*'s life.

Juma Chimwere, a Yao soldier, was a real person, but this book isn't precisely a conventional biography nor a work of history. Rather, it is the true story of a genuine African hero, reimagined in the context of Malawian history while at the same time offering an account intended to ring true to the nation's past.

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The author is presently Professor of History (Emeritus), East Tennessee State University (USA). His previous book—*The Chiyawa War: Malawians and the First World War*—is a landmark study of the Great War in Africa, one of the first largely based on interviews with Africans themselves, many of them *asilikali* and *atengatenga* veterans of the conflict.



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