



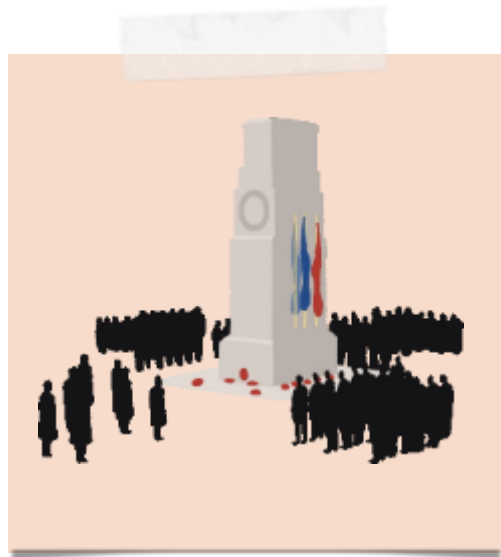
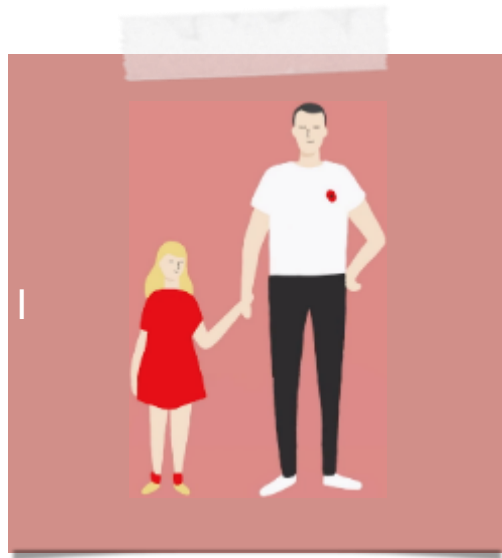
Remembrance honours those who serve to defend our democratic freedoms and way of life. We unite across faiths, cultures and backgrounds to remember the sacrifice of the Armed Forces community from Britain and the Commonwealth.

This year, The Royal British Legion is asking for communities across Britain to '[Remember Together](#)' the service and sacrifice, friendship and collaboration of the men and women of Britain, the Commonwealth and Allied nations who fought together in 1944.

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Remember Together

WWII was the biggest war the world has ever seen. The UK couldn't have won the war alone, we worked with our allies.

Does anybody know which countries fought alongside us in WWII?



Monte Cassino



D-Day



Imphal and Kohima

We will remember them all.
Click a picture to find out more
about a battle



Monte Cassino

17th January - 18th May 1944

The British, Commonwealth and Allied Forces.



Many nations. One war.

“[There were] a lot of stories going about what a terrible place it was so we were already prepared for the worst.”

“People started shouting and screaming and mules are screaming and hell broke loose. You see the path was not just ...narrow it was winding on those tight bends, but [the] Germans had positions over the months and months that they were there, pinpointing so close, that all the shells were falling either on one bend or the other, they didn't even have to look. All night there was movement on that path, there was no other way to get up that mountain, so they just opened fire for ten minutes it was like hell!”

“I remember being so hungry and tired and dejected so badly... that I just couldn't care less if I survived or was dead. That is the first weary part of the war that I experienced... I was completely finished physically.”

Michael Bondel

Signaller driver, 1st Polish Carpathian Brigade, 3rd Polish Carpathian Division



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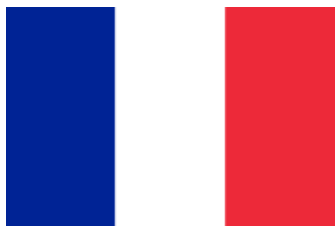
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D-Day

6th June 1944

The British, Commonwealth and Allied Forces.



More than **1** year to plan



5,000

Ships



11,000

Aeroplanes



23,400

Paratroopers



130,000+

Soldiers fought on the
beaches

350,000 members of the French Resistance together with the Special Operation Executive

As well as the nurses, code-breakers, meteorologists, inventors and many, many more who helped make D-Day a success

Lise de Boucherville Baissac



As soon as she heard the radio announcements alerting her to the D-Day landings, Lise knew what she had to do.

She cycled for three days, often sleeping in ditches and travelling through areas full of Nazi soldiers, to tell her colleagues in the French Resistance that the Allied troops were on their way.

Her work didn't finish there. She now needed to help make sure the troops could travel through France to free it from Nazi occupation. She travelled around the country, taking weapons and equipment to other members of the resistance and damaging railways and phone lines so that the Nazis couldn't use them.

Lise said that life as a spy was "sheer hard work... what was needed was cold-blooded efficiency for long, weary months rather than any bursts of heroism".



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Imphal and Kohima

8th March - 18th July 1944

The 14th Army



- The 14th army consisted of soldiers from Britain, pre-partition India, Nepal and East and West Africa
- The majority of this army was from the British Indian Army
- They are sometimes called the 'Forgotten Army' as their battles were overshadowed by the fighting in Europe
- 2.5 million people from pre-partition India volunteered to aid Britain in WWII making it the largest volunteer army in history

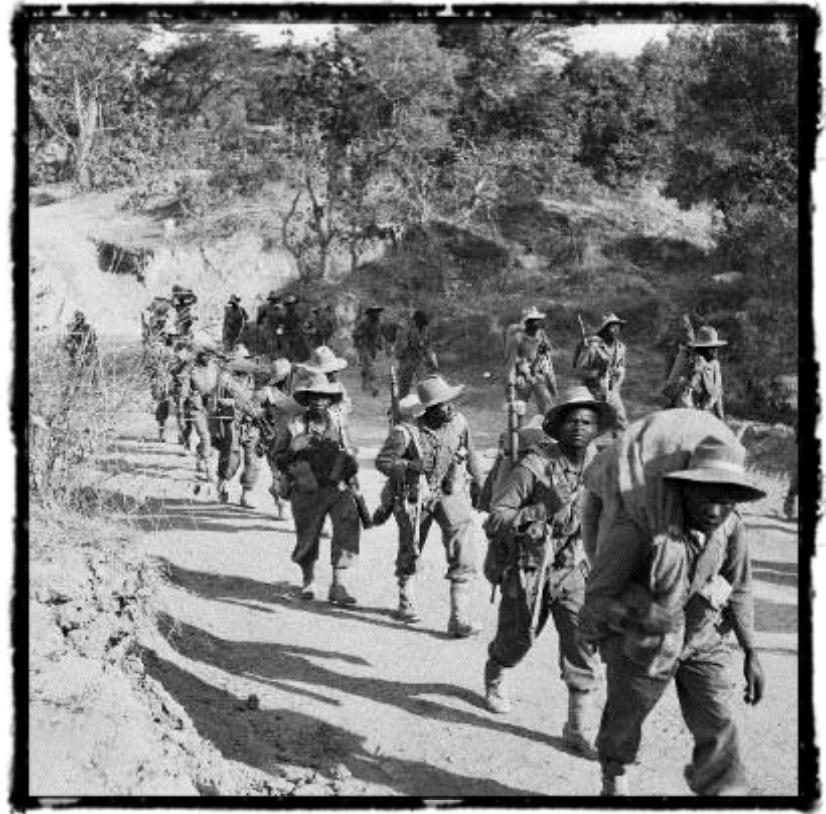
“The Japanese had penetrated and outflanked a place we called Lone Tree Hill, and there were no troops between Divisional HQ and the hill. The CO sent for me and said ‘I will take two companies and you stay in the rear’. We got within thirty yards and were grenaded back. We withdrew, took up defensive positions and spent all night there.”

“I knew that early in the morning there would be a final counter-attack. It came and in the hand-to-hand fighting we had many casualties. I felt detached and hatred for the Japanese and a desire to kill them; I became a demon.”

“In battle you reach an extreme state of hatred, but it goes away. You feel sad. How insane war is, but if you don’t kill the enemy, he will kill you.”

Indian Major Dinesh Chandra Misra

5/6th Rajputana Rifles



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Remember Together reflection

We are grateful for the work of all the people from 46 nations who worked together to win the three battles in 1944.

We remember the bravery, service and sacrifice of the troops who fought at Monte Cassino, on D-Day and at Imphal and Kohima.

We also remember all those who supported the effort: the men and women who made army uniforms in India, tested equipment in the UK, worked as resistance fighters in France, and many more.

By remembering everything we have in common with our allies, we can help to ensure a peaceful world.



*“If we are together nothing is impossible.
If we are divided all will fail.”*



Winston Churchill