

# Real Stories of Commonwealth Soldiers During World War II

The Second World War was a global conflict that lasted from 1939 to 1945, and it had a profound impact on the lives of millions of people around the world. The Commonwealth of Nations, a group of countries that share a common history and culture, played a major role in the war, and its soldiers fought alongside Allied forces in all theaters of operation.

The Commonwealth soldiers who fought in World War II came from a wide variety of backgrounds, and they had a wide range of experiences. Some were professional soldiers who had been trained for combat, while others were civilians who had been called up to serve. Some fought in the front lines, while others served in support roles. And some were killed in action, while others returned home safely.



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The stories of these soldiers are a testament to the courage, determination, and sacrifice of the men and women who fought for their country. They are also a reminder of the horrors of war and the importance of peace.

## **The Battle of Britain**

The Battle of Britain was a pivotal moment in World War II, and it was fought entirely by Commonwealth forces. The battle began in July 1940, when Nazi Germany launched a series of air raids on Britain. The British Royal Air Force (RAF) fought back bravely, and eventually defeated the Luftwaffe, the German air force. The Battle of Britain was a major turning point in the war, and it helped to save Britain from invasion.

One of the Commonwealth soldiers who fought in the Battle of Britain was Flight Lieutenant John Cunningham. Cunningham was a New Zealander who joined the RAF in 1939. He quickly became one of the RAF's top fighter pilots, and he shot down 20 German aircraft during the Battle of Britain. Cunningham was awarded the Victoria Cross, Britain's highest military award, for his bravery.

## **The North African Campaign**

The North African Campaign was a series of battles that took place in North Africa from 1940 to 1943. The campaign was fought between the Allies and the Axis powers, and it was one of the most important campaigns of World War II. The Commonwealth forces played a major role in the North African Campaign, and they fought alongside Allied forces from all over the world.

One of the Commonwealth soldiers who fought in the North African Campaign was Sergeant Sydney Valpy Radley-Walters. Radley-Walters was an Australian who joined the army in 1940. He fought in the North

African Campaign for two years, and he was awarded the Military Medal for his bravery. Radley-Walters was captured by the Germans in 1942, and he spent the rest of the war as a prisoner of war.

## **The D-Day Landings**

The D-Day landings were a series of amphibious landings that took place on the coast of Normandy, France, on June 6, 1944. The landings were part of Operation Overlord, the Allied invasion of Europe. The Commonwealth forces played a major role in the D-Day landings, and they landed on five of the six beaches. The D-Day landings were a major success, and they helped to liberate Europe from Nazi Germany.

One of the Commonwealth soldiers who landed on D-Day was Private Sidney Bates. Bates was a Canadian who joined the army in 1940. He landed on Sword Beach, one of the five beaches where the Commonwealth forces landed. Bates fought his way inland, and he helped to capture the town of Caen. Bates was awarded the Military Cross for his bravery.

## **The Burma Campaign**

The Burma Campaign was a series of battles that took place in Burma (now Myanmar) from 1942 to 1945. The campaign was fought between the Allies and the Japanese, and it was one of the most difficult campaigns of World War II. The Commonwealth forces played a major role in the Burma Campaign, and they fought alongside Allied forces from all over the world.

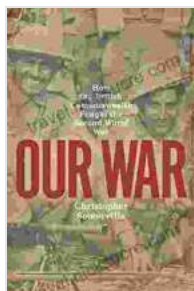
One of the Commonwealth soldiers who fought in the Burma Campaign was Captain Michael Calvert. Calvert was a British officer who joined the army in 1939. He fought in the Burma Campaign for three years, and he

was awarded the Distinguished Service Order for his bravery. Calvert was killed in action in 1944.

## The Legacy of the Commonwealth Soldiers

The Commonwealth soldiers who fought in World War II made a significant contribution to the Allied victory. They fought bravely and with determination, and they helped to liberate Europe and Asia from Nazi Germany and Japan. The legacy of these soldiers is one of courage, sacrifice, and honor.

The stories of the Commonwealth soldiers who fought in World War II should never be forgotten. They are a reminder of the horrors of war and the importance of peace. They are also a testament to the courage, determination, and sacrifice of the men and women who fought for their country.

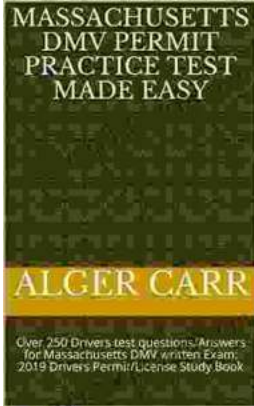


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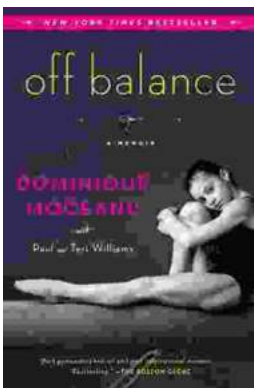
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