

About the Pack

The war veteran's stories in WE ALSO SERVED cover the First and Second World Wars and many different campaigns. Independent accounts in leaflet form describe each veteran's experience in and out of war, with detailed contextual information and with photographs, maps and diagrams. The leaflets are designed to support work by small groups. These can each work on a different story, whilst investigating and exploring common themes.

A comprehensive Teachers' Guide accompanies the pack. It includes general historical information, a summary of the individual stories and suggestions for the use of the pack. Five activity areas are suggested:

- What makes a hero?
- Why did Commonwealth soldiers volunteer to fight?
- Examining individual stories
- How did Commonwealth soldiers help Britain to win two World Wars?
- Did the soldiers experience racism whilst serving in or after the wars?

The materials support work on contemporary history, analytical and thinking skills and on citizenship. In particular the materials raise powerful and searching questions about the nature of the relationship between Black and Minority Ethnic people and mainstream British society. They can be used specifically at Key Stages Two and Three but they can also be adapted for younger and older children.

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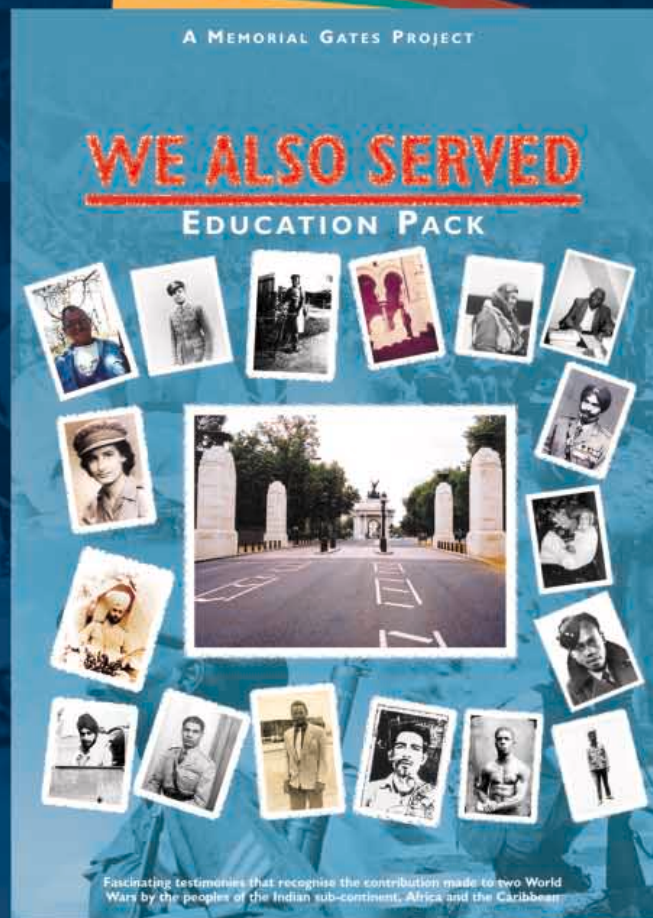
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WE ALSO SERVED –
a fascinating Educational
Pack that uncovers and
celebrates the significant
contribution made by
Service Men and
Women from the
Indian Sub-Continent
and from Africa and
the Caribbean to the
British Forces in World
Wars I and II



'It is nothing short of a miracle... which has called men from the uttermost ends of the earth... [and] which has caused human beings to do the most incalculable, improvident and, from a narrow point of view, profitless things.'

Winston Churchill describing to the House of Commons the support for the war effort from the peoples of what was then the British Empire

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'Air Brushed' Out of History

The exploits of the British Armed Forces in World Wars I and II continue to fascinate later generations and they are the subject of innumerable books, documentaries and films. The impression is given that the bulk of these forces came from Britain itself with a small but significant contribution from the 'Dominions' ~ Australia, Canada, South Africa and New Zealand. What has been forgotten, what has been 'air brushed' out of history, is the enormous contribution made in both wars by forces from the Indian Sub-Continent, Africa and the Caribbean.

The Largest Volunteer Army in History

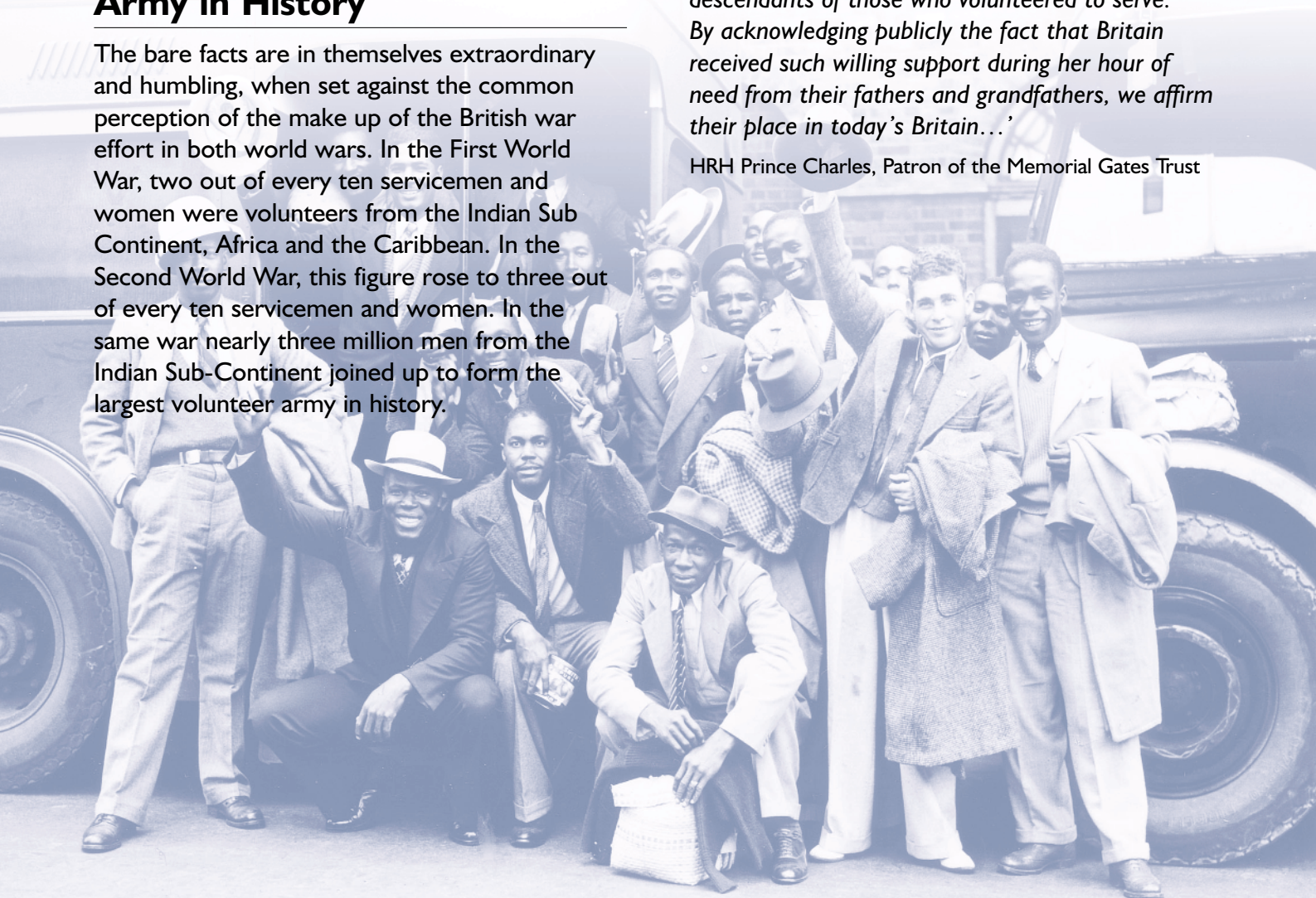
The bare facts are in themselves extraordinary and humbling, when set against the common perception of the make up of the British war effort in both world wars. In the First World War, two out of every ten servicemen and women were volunteers from the Indian Sub Continent, Africa and the Caribbean. In the Second World War, this figure rose to three out of every ten servicemen and women. In the same war nearly three million men from the Indian Sub-Continent joined up to form the largest volunteer army in history.

Putting the Record Straight

WE ALSO SERVED is a fascinating educational pack that seeks to put the record straight by uncovering this important part of our history. The pack has been prepared as part of the Memorial Gates Project; a project that has erected a set of commemorative gates across Constitution Hill at Hyde Park Corner in London. These gates, which mark the contribution made by the peoples of the Indian Sub-Continent, Africa and the Caribbean in both World Wars, were opened by Her Majesty the Queen in November 2002.

'Looking back to important moments in our past... is important also to our present and future as a multi cultural and multi racial society. Many of those now settled in this country from the Indian Sub-continent, Africa and the Caribbean are the descendants of those who volunteered to serve. By acknowledging publicly the fact that Britain received such willing support during her hour of need from their fathers and grandfathers, we affirm their place in today's Britain...'

HRH Prince Charles, Patron of the Memorial Gates Trust





Sixteen fascinating accounts

WE ALSO SERVED uncovers the human stories that lie behind this contribution. It provides a fascinating account of the experiences of sixteen war veterans; men and women. They came from across the world ~ from Barbados, from Pakistan, from Jamaica, from Sierra Leone, from Sri Lanka, from Bangladesh, from Nigeria, from India, from Nepal ~ to fight alongside British troops. They fought in the trenches and across Europe, they fought in the desert and in the jungle in Africa and in the Far East. They flew fighter planes and bombers and they worked in field hospitals and as seamen.

After fighting some of them returned home and played a role in building their newly independent countries, whilst others settled in Britain and brought up their children here.



'I was a little coloured boy from the Caribbean and I instinctively called him Sir. 'No Sir,' he hastily corrected. 'It is I who call you Sir.'

Flight Lieutenant Billy Strachan on being introduced to his newly appointed batman

