

THE BATTLE GOES ON

CONFLICTS SINCE THE SECOND WORLD WAR

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The Aden Emergency, 1965

A sentry from the Coldstream Guards in the mountains of South Arabia.

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The Korean War, c1950

Lieutenant Bowden of the 1st Battalion, Royal Northumberland Fusiliers, with his platoon on a Centurion tank.

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Northern Ireland, 1968-98

Lance Corporal Clark of the 1st Royal Regiment of Fusiliers on patrol.



The Falklands Conflict, 1982

Gun crew at the ready on the aircraft carrier HMS Invincible.

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In 1982 Argentinian forces invaded the Falkland Islands, a British Overseas Territory. A task force was sent to recapture the islands. In a relatively short but difficult operation, 255 UK personnel from the army, navy and air force lost their lives. 6 British ships were also sunk and 34 aircraft destroyed.

Our forces have also supported United Nations peace-keeping operations, notably in the former Yugoslavia from 1992-1996. This cost the lives of 72 British service personnel.

More recently conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan have witnessed a large UK military commitment and further losses.

Since the Second World War ended in 1945 over 7,000 UK service personnel have been killed in 28 separate conflicts.

For example, fighting in Malaya (1948-60) claimed 1,443 British lives and 1,129 died in the Korean War (1950-53). The Northern Ireland 'Troubles' (1968-98) resulted in the deaths of 1,441 members of our Armed Forces.



1968 is the only year since 1945 when no British service personnel have been killed in conflict