

# 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.

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.



### The Falklands Conflict, 1982

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

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

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.

