



THE ROYAL BRITISH
LEGION



The Royal British Legion

VJ DAY 75

at the National Memorial Arboretum
Saturday 15th August, 2020

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BALMORAL CASTLE

Today we mark the 75th anniversary of VJ Day, which brought victory for the Allies and finally marked the end of the Second World War.

Those of us who remember the conclusion of the Far East campaign, whether on active service overseas, or waiting for news at home, will never forget the jubilant scenes and overwhelming sense of relief. Amongst the joy at the end of the conflict, we also remembered, as we do today, the terrible devastation that it brought, and the cost borne by so many.

Prince Philip and I join many around the world in sending our grateful thanks to the men and women from across the Commonwealth, and Allied nations, who fought so valiantly to secure the freedoms we cherish today. May the memory of their sacrifice and bravery remain with us always.

ELIZABETH R.

15th August, 2020.

ORDER OF CEREMONY

MUSIC PROVIDED BY

The Central Band of the Royal Air Force
led by Wing Commander Piers Morrell; Director of Music

Aurum Vocale, led by Greg Beardsell

ORDER OF SERVICE

From 09.00am – Guest arrival and laying of poppy posies

10.25am – Arrival of VIPs

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED

10.40am – Commemorations commence

10.58am – Act of Remembrance

See next page

11.20am – Commemorations conclude

*At the end of the service please remain in your seat and then follow the instructions of the stewards.
For the safety of all guests we will be maintaining social distancing at all times.*

Please note that the BBC will still be broadcasting live.

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

PLEASE STAND (IF ABLE)

THE EXHORTATION

read by the Rt Hon. Boris Johnson MP, Prime Minister

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning
We will remember them.

(All)

We will remember them.

LAST POST

played by a Royal Marine Bugler

ONLY OFFICERS IN HEAD DRESS SALUTE

TWO MINUTES SILENCE

PIPER'S LAMENT

FLYPAST

THE DEDICATION: KOHIMA EPITAPH

read by veteran Richard Day

When you go home, tell them of us and say,
For your tomorrow, we gave our today.

PLEASE BE SEATED

WREATH LAYING

Wreaths will be laid by HRH The Prince of Wales and veteran Darbara Singh Bhullar



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GET INVOLVED

VJ Commemorations will continue throughout the day
and include those listed below

11.30AM – 5.30PM

A nationwide Red Arrows tour will take place over each of the four capital cities
of the UK.

8.30PM

A VJ Day 75 special BBC broadcast, "The Nation's Tribute", which will include
veteran stories, military bands, celebrity guests and wartime images, all set against
the iconic backdrop of Horse Guards Parade in central London.

SUNSET

Buglers across the country will be playing 'Sunset' as the
finale to the day of Commemoration.

If you are active on Social Media, share your Second World War stories,
family histories and messages of remembrance on social media.

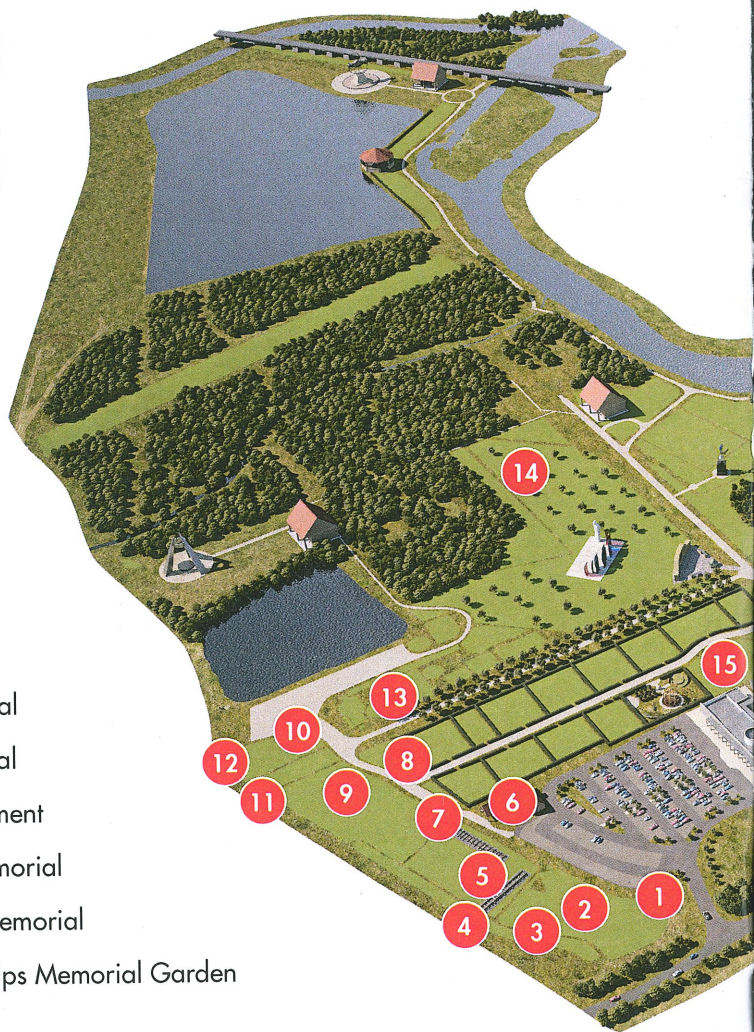
Use the hashtag **#VJDay75**

Contribute to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's Digital Wall
of Remembrance. Submit a few sentences, and a photo if you have one,
to remember a loved one who fought during the War or give thanks for
everyone who fought for their country.

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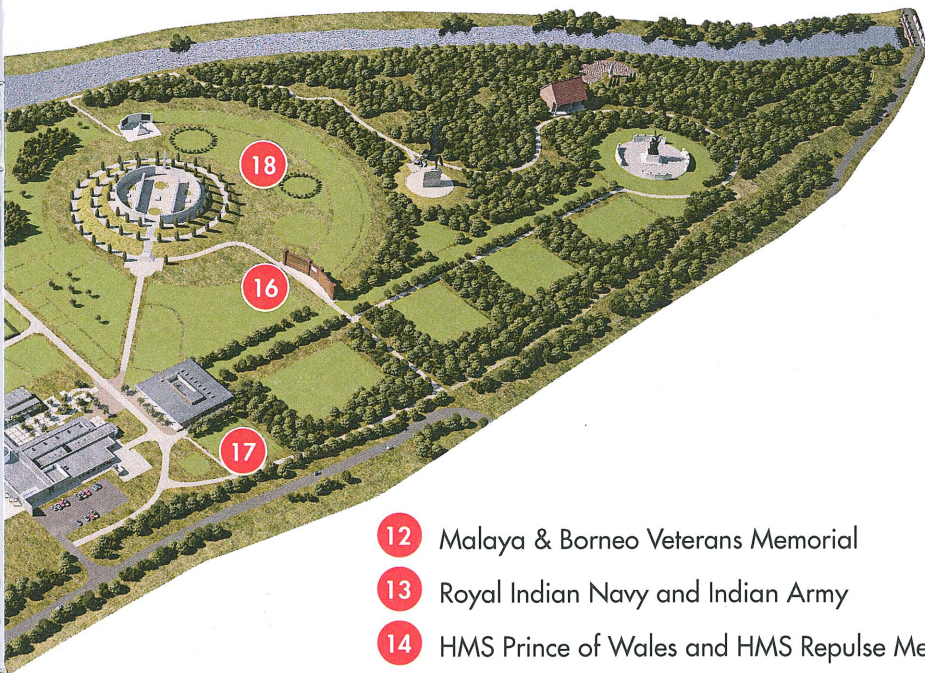
Activity packs can be downloaded from either
www.britishlegion.org.uk/vjday75 or www.thenma.org.uk





- 1 The Chindit Memorial
- 2 Burma Star Memorial
- 3 Royal Norfolk Regiment
- 4 Burma Railway Memorial
- 5 Sumatra Railway Memorial
- 6 Japanese Prison Ships Memorial Garden
- 7 Changi Lych Gate
- 8 Sikh Memorial
- 9 Dogra Regiment Memorial
- 10 Baluch Regiment Memorial
- 11 Brigade of Gurkhas Memorial

FAR EAST MEMORIALS

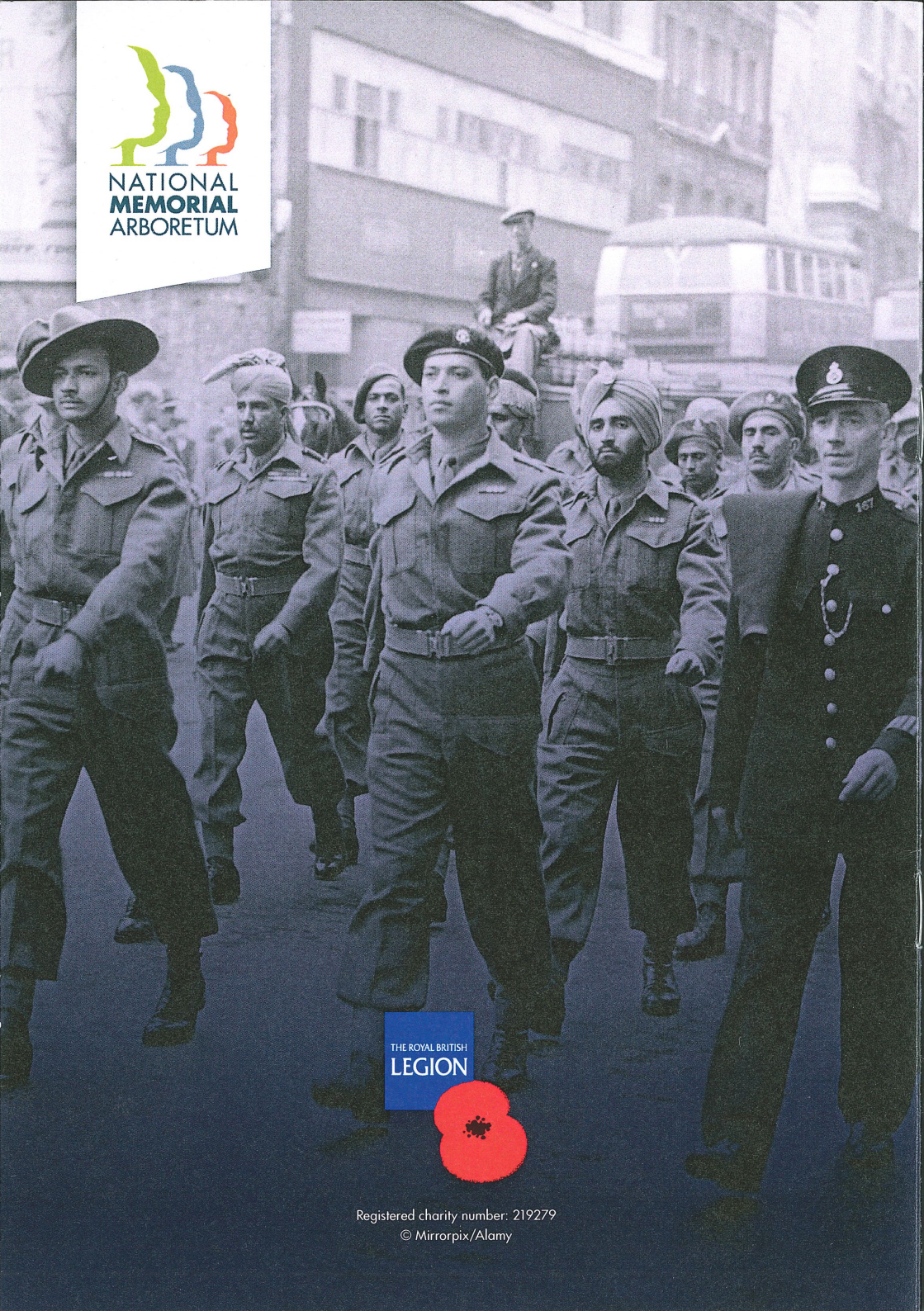


- 12 Malaya & Borneo Veterans Memorial
- 13 Royal Indian Navy and Indian Army
- 14 HMS Prince of Wales and HMS Repulse Memorial
- 15 Sir Leonard Cheshire Ampitheatre
- 16 Royal West Kents Regiment Memorial
- 17 King's African Rifles Memorial
- 18 Anglo-Japanese Peace Garden

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