



15th August 2025 (VJ Day)

VJ Day – VE Day and VJ Day 80

The 80th anniversary of VJ Day (Victory over Japan) takes place on Friday 15 August 2025, commemorating the end of the Second World War.

While VE Day (Victory in Europe) marked the end of the war in Europe in May 1945, many thousands of Armed Forces personnel were still engaged in fighting in the Far East. Victory over Japan would come at a heavy price, and Victory over Japan Day (VJ Day) marks the day Japan surrendered on 15 August 1945, which ended the Second World War. Fighting in the Asia-Pacific took place from Hawaii to North East India. Britain and the Commonwealth's principle fighting force, the Fourteenth Army, was one of the most diverse in history, more than 40 languages were spoken, and all the world's major religions represented.

During the Second World War, letter writing helped to ease the pain of separation between soldiers and other displaced people, and their loved ones.

Receiving letters from family and friends was also vital for morale, keeping men and women connected to the homes they had left behind. Letters written to family and friends are today a fascinating source of information about everyday life in wartime Britain.

Do you have letters or postcards sent by your family members during the Second World War to their loved ones? This could include soldiers on the front line; men, women and children on the home front; or relatives who contributed to Britain's war effort from Britain and Commonwealth countries.

In partnership with Imperial War Museums, we're asking young people and families across the UK to share the stories they find here on our Letters to Loved Ones gallery.

You can also share and discover your VE and VJ Day family connections of the people commemorated by CWGC via the

For Evermore: Stories of the Fallen

The descendants of many of the Commonwealth veterans of that army are today part of multicultural communities around the world, a lasting legacy to the success and comradeship of those who fought in the Asia-Pacific.

VE Day and VJ Day 80 website

<https://ve-vjday80.gov.uk/>