

CONFLICTS SINCE WORLD WAR II 1945 – TODAY

THE ROYAL BRITISH
LEGION



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Borneo



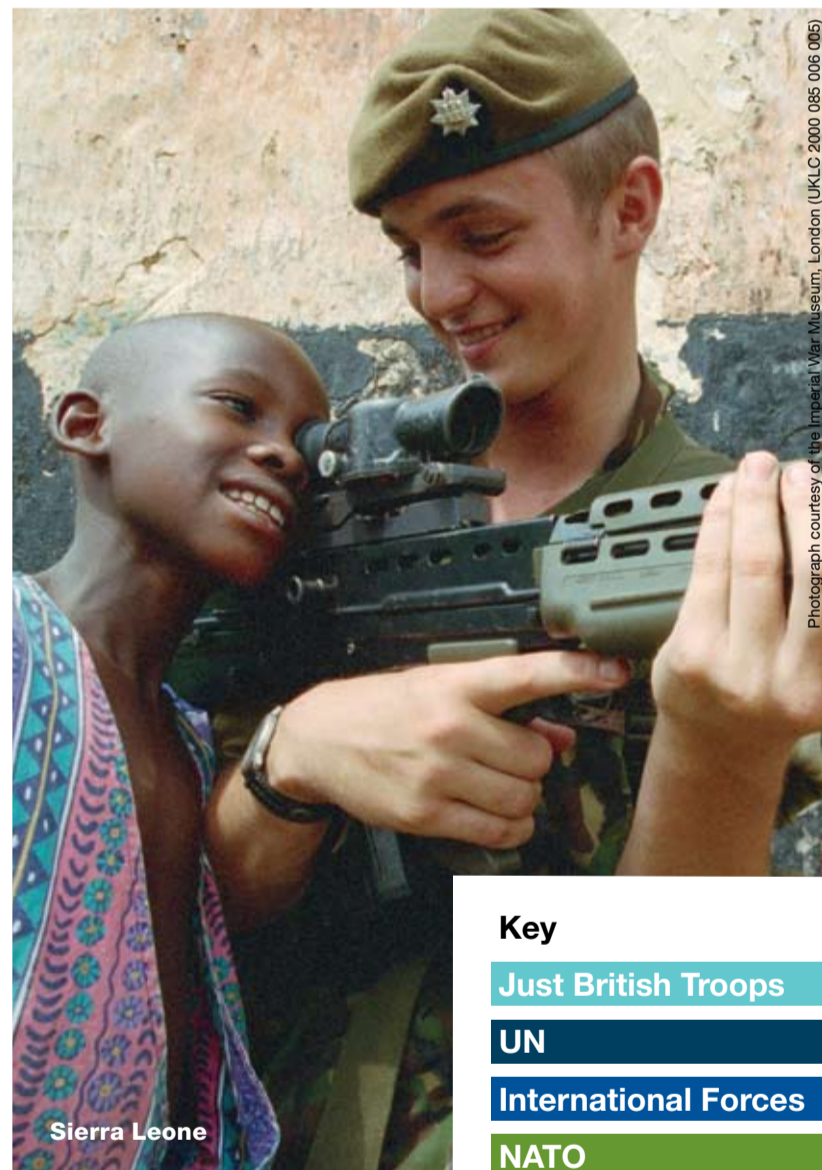
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Northern Ireland



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Afghanistan



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Sierra Leone

Key

Just British Troops

UN

International Forces

NATO

The 20th century witnessed two global conflicts, World Wars I and II. Britain was heavily involved in both and their impact had a lasting affect throughout the world.

Since the end of World War II, British troops have continued to be involved in conflicts, wars and multi-national force action, as shown on the timeline. In addition to this list, UK Forces have been involved in many other United Nations peacekeeping operations.

British troops are in 80 different countries around the globe, sometimes as advisors and at other times on full operational duties. Here are some of those current activities:

British troops global activities*

Afghanistan (excluding special forces)	9,500
Southern Iraq	150
At sea	1,050
Falklands/South Atlantic	1,500
Cyprus	300
Middle East (excluding Iraq)	3,500
Kosovo	150
Bosnia	<50
Africa (mainly Sierra Leone and Kenya)	100+

*as recorded on 1 January 2009

1947	Events in Palestine
1948 – 1960	Malaya Emergency
1950 – 1953	The Korean War
1952 – 1960s	Kenyan uprisings
1955 – 1959	Cyprus (UN forces involved since 1963)
1956	The Suez War (with French and Israeli troops)
1964 – 1967	Aden and Radfan
1965	Borneo (with other Commonwealth forces)
1969 – 1970s	Dhofar (with pre-revolutionary Iranian troops and contributions from Pakistan and Jordan)
1969 – current	Northern Ireland
1982	The Falklands War
1991	The First Gulf War (international coalition)
1992 – 2007	The Balkans Conflict, Bosnia Herzegovina (then NATO, then IFOR and then EUFOR)
1999 – current	The Balkans/Kosovo conflict
2000	Sierra Leone
2001 – current	Afghanistan (International coalition with NATO involvement)
2003 – 2009	Second Gulf War The invasion of Iraq (International coalition led by the US and UK). The majority of British troops have now returned home – 150 remain in a training capacity.