



# Conflicts since World War II



**1** The Korean War  
**2** Rescue operations after the Omagh bombing, 15 August 1998  
**3** Soldiers in camouflage during the Falklands War  
**4** Soldiers resting off-duty after a patrol in Afghanistan



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 but some remain in a training capacity.

**KEY**

Just British Troops
UN
International Forces
NATO



The 20th century witnessed two global conflicts, World War I and II. Britain was one of the key countries involved in both and their impact has had a lasting affect on this country and the world.

Since the end of World War II, British troops have continued to be involved with conflicts, wars and multinational force action, illustrated in the timeline on this poster. In addition to this list, UK forces have been involved in other UN peacekeeping operations.

**British troop current activities outside of Britain today (at 1 January 2010)**

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	100+