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VALOUR & VICTORY: STORIES OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR

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An 80th anniversary tribute



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STORIES OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR

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Honouring hidden heroes of war

From the home front to the front line, it was the extraordinary endeavours of ordinary people that shaped the outcome of the Second World War.

Eighty years after the end of the Second World War, we're proud to pay tribute to the courage and commitment of diverse individuals from across the Commonwealth – the soldiers, pilots, nurses, firefighters and countless others – who saved lives and made history.

Our commemorative stamp issue, Valour and Victory, celebrates 10 hidden heroes who played vital roles in the war effort – and whose inspiring stories deserve to be told. You'll also discover a captivating Miniature Sheet singing the praises of 'Forces' Sweetheart' Dame Vera Lynn and a Prestige Stamp Book featuring tales of bravery, dedication and sacrifice.

Explore commemorative Coin Covers, an exquisite set of gold replica stamps and framed artwork.

Evocative archive images and compelling accounts of life behind enemy lines vividly capture the human impact of the Second World War – and the untold stories of the heroes who helped secure victory in May 1945.



1 Mint Stamp Set | AS13000 £17.00

- Ten Special Stamps celebrate extraordinary individuals whose actions saved lives, changed history and shaped Britain's war effort.
- Each stamp features an authentic photograph of a lesser-known hero set against a backdrop depicting their wartime role.
- This commemorative issue combines evocative images and remarkable stories saluting the courage and dedication of pilots, nurses, commandos, resistance fighters, codebreakers and others.
- Ten First Class landscape stamps.

George Arthur Roberts Firefighting during the Blitz
Mary Morris Nursing at home and on the front line
Tommy Macpherson Fighting behind enemy lines
Violetta Szabo Working undercover in occupied France
John Harrison Serving at sea on HMS *Belfast*
Bhanbhagta Gurung Serving with the Gurkhas in Burma
Thomas Peirson Frank Protecting London from flooding during the Blitz
Mahinder Singh Pujji Serving as a firefighter in three theatres of war
William Tutte Codebreaking the Lorenz cipher machine at Bletchley Park
Lilian Bader Repairing aircraft instruments

It's all in the details

Stamp format Landscape
Stamp size 37mm x 35mm
Number per sheet 25/50
Design Supple Studio
Printer Cartor Security Printers
Print process Lithography
Perforations 14 x 14.5
Phosphor Bars as appropriate
Gum PVA

2 Miniature Sheet | MZ208 £6.80

- A unique commemorative collectible honouring 'Forces' Sweetheart' Dame Vera Lynn's tireless commitment to British troops and advocacy for military veterans.
- The Miniature Sheet's four First Class stamps appear alongside a beautiful photograph of Dame Vera taken in October 2009.
- The stamps capture Dame Vera at various moments in her wartime career, from ENSA performances and troop visits to her appearance on BBC wartime radio.
- This superb souvenir pays tribute to a beloved national icon who uplifted British troops and civilians during the Second World War.



It's all in the details

Stamp format Landscape
Stamp size 41mm x 30mm
Miniature Sheet size 146mm x 74mm
Design Together Design London Ltd
Printer Cartor Security Printers
Print process Lithography
Perforations 14.5 x 14
Phosphor Bars as appropriate
Gum PVA



③ Presentation Pack | AP551 £24.70

- A beautifully illustrated souvenir celebrating the ordinary men and women whose courage and determination helped shape the outcome of the Second World War.
- Compelling true tales of soldiers, resistance fighters, codebreakers, medics and others appear alongside archive photographs, historical notes and fascinating facts.
- This high-quality collectible includes all 10 mint First Class stamps from the Valour and Victory commemorative issue.
- The four-stamp Miniature Sheet singing the praises of Dame Vera Lynn and her morale-boosting wartime tunes is presented in a separate carrier.
- This commemorative collection of remarkable stories and poignant images brings to life the humanity, courage and diversity of the everyday people who became true heroes of the Second World War.

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④ First Day Cover | AF531 £21.05

- A unique, time-limited commemorative collectible personalised with the name and address of your choice.
- The 10 Valour and Victory stamps are cancelled with your preferred special edition postmark on the first day of issue, 1 May 2025.
- The stamps feature photographs of inspiring individuals against backdrops illustrating the vital roles they played.
- Your First Day Cover contains an information card including an overview of this issue.

⑤ First Day Cover Miniature Sheet | MF200 £8.80

- The Dame Vera Lynn Miniature Sheet on an envelope personalised with the name and address of your choice.
- The four stamps honouring the role the 'Forces' Sweetheart' played in uplifting troops and civilians during the Second World War are cancelled with your preferred special edition postmark on the first day of issue, 1 May 2025.
- Includes the information card containing details of the issue.

⑥ Prestige First Day Cover | HF114 £4.50

- A personalised keepsake containing the unique pane of definitive stamps from the Valour and Victory Prestige Stamp Book.
- The pane is affixed to a special edition envelope personalised with the name, address and postmark of your choice on the first day of issue.
- Inside is an information card with the stamps' specifications and an overview of the issue.
- This time-limited souvenir is only available to order until the first day of issue, 1 May 2025.

⑦ First Day Cover Envelope | AE487 £0.30

- Your First Day Envelope includes the issue's title and contains the information card with an overview of the theme and specifications of the stamps.

Choose your postmark

The Tallents House postmark features an icon inspired by the Union Flag, created by the letter V for Victory, arranged in a circular pattern. The alternative postmark reprises the Peace in Europe headline which appeared in newspapers on VE Day in 1945, with London SW1 representing the location of The Cenotaph memorial.



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8 Prestige Stamp Book | YB128 £28.65

- This beautifully presented 24-page publication is a commemorative compendium of compelling stories and archive images.
- Historian and President of the Royal Historical Society Professor Lucy Noakes explores the diverse wartime roles played by individuals from Britain and the Commonwealth.
- The Prestige Stamp Book contains the 10 mint stamps saluting the courage and commitment of individuals, the Miniature Sheet's four stamps celebrating Dame Vera Lynn, and an additional page of unique definitive stamps.
- From home front heroes and fearless frontline soldiers to the crucial contributions of women – this is a fascinating, richly detailed tribute to the ordinary people whose extraordinary endeavours shaped the outcome of the Second World War.

9 Brilliant Uncirculated Coin Cover | AN262 £19.99

- This unique limited edition souvenir marking the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War honours the bravery and sacrifice of those who served in military and civilian roles.
- The 10 Valour and Victory stamps are paired with The Royal Mint's new 50p Brilliant Uncirculated coin depicting three key medals.
- The stamps are postmarked with a special edition handstamp on an individually numbered cover including the Valour and Victory title and evocative imagery.
- This high-quality commemorative collectible contains details of the history and significance of each medal featured on the 50p coin.
- Limited to 10,000 individually numbered editions.



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10 Silver Proof Coin Cover | AN263 £75.00

- A highly collectible Silver Proof commemorative coin is presented on a stunning souvenir saluting individuals who made invaluable contributions to the war effort.
- The 10 Valour and Victory stamps appear above The Royal Mint 50p coin struck from sterling silver using specially polished dies to achieve an exceptionally detailed and high-quality finish.
- The stamps are postmarked with the special edition handstamp on an individually numbered cover.
- Stories revealing the history and significance of the three medals feature alongside authentic imagery to create a visually stunning, fact-packed tribute to the ordinary individuals whose extraordinary valour helped secure victory in 1945.
- A strictly limited edition of just 1,000 individually numbered souvenirs.

11 Gold Proof Coin Cover | AN264 £1,475.00

- A superior souvenir commemorating 80 years since the guns fell silent to signal the end of the Second World War in May 1945.
- The Royal Mint's new 50p coin has been struck to a flawless Gold Proof finish using high-quality hand-finished dies to remove imperfections and create a stunning sharpness of detail.
- The coin is set within a powerful image capturing various wartime roles.
- This remarkable collectible keepsake is packed with rich insights and images that bring to life stories of courage and dedication.
- A strictly limited edition of only 80 individually numbered souvenirs recognising 80 years since the end of the Second World War.

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Limited to only 80 individually numbered editions



12 Framed Stamp Set | N3392 £39.99

- The complete collection of Valour and Victory stamps individually mounted in a premium black frame.
- The 10 stamps feature authentic photographs of heroic figures set against backdrops capturing their wartime roles.
- Dimensions: 35.5cm x 22.5cm.
- A unique souvenir for collectors and history enthusiasts to treasure and display.

13 Set of 15 Postcards | AQ367 £6.75

- A set of 15 postcards featuring enlarged reproductions of the Valour and Victory issue's 10 mint stamps, the Dame Vera Lynn Miniature Sheet's four stamps plus the composite Miniature Sheet.
- Perfect for collecting, framing or sending.

14 Gold Stamp Set | AS13000C £149.99

- An exquisite, unique limited edition set of Valour and Victory stamps produced in 24 carat gold.
- This exceptional collectible celebrates the extraordinary wartime roles played by ordinary men and women.
- The replica stamps are protected by a capsule and presented in a deluxe slipcase with the issue's title in gold foiling.
- Dimensions: 22cm x 11cm.
- A strict limited edition of just 1,945 sets to represent the year the war ended.
- This stunning souvenir is presented with a numbered certificate of authenticity.



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edition of
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15 Collectors Sheet | AT166 £18.20

- Vivid visuals and remarkable tales of courage and dedication feature on this commemorative collectible.
- The Valour and Victory stamps celebrating individuals who helped shape the outcome of the Second World War appear alongside self-adhesive photographic images reflecting their roles and stories.
- The stamps and labels are set against an iconic photograph of crowds celebrating the end of the war in London's Trafalgar Square.



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16 Stamp Souvenir | AW289 £21.05

- A non-personalised version of the Valour and Victory commemorative First Day Cover featuring all 10 new stamps cancelled with the alternative London SW1 postmark.
- On sale until 31 July 2025.

17 Stamp Sheet Souvenir | AW290 £8.80

- A non-personalised First Day Cover Miniature Sheet.
- The stamps are cancelled with the alternative London SW1 postmark.
- On sale until 31 July 2025.

18 Press Sheet | PZ085 £102.00

- Limited to 200 individually numbered editions; each Press Sheet features 15 Dame Vera Lynn Miniature Sheets.

19 Half First Class Sheet – George Arthur Roberts | AS13000AHS £42.50

- A Half Sheet containing 25 First Class George Arthur Roberts stamps.

20 Full First Class Sheet – George Arthur Roberts | AS13000AFS £85.00

- A Full Sheet containing 50 First Class George Arthur Roberts stamps.

21 Half First Class Sheet – Bhanbhagta Gurung | AS13000BHS £42.50

- A Half Sheet containing 25 First Class Bhanbhagta Gurung stamps.

22 Full First Class Sheet – Bhanbhagta Gurung | AS13000BFS £85.00

- A Full Sheet containing 50 First Class Bhanbhagta Gurung stamps.



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Limited Edition EuroPhilEx Collectibles

Stamp souvenirs issued to commemorate the UK’s mid-decade international stamp exhibition

23 EuroPhilEx Exhibition Sheet | AT167 £18.20

- This limited edition Exhibition Sheet commemorates the introduction of two stamps following the end of the Second World War.
- The 2½d and 3d stamps were issued in 1946 to mark the nation’s victory celebrations, with the theme ‘Symbols of Peace and Restoration’.
- Various artists were invited to submit ideas for the stamps, with the chosen designs by Edmund Dulac and H L Palmer being approved by King George VI.
- Included within the sheet are designs that were submitted but not taken forward.
- Each design is paired with the commemorative Union Flag First Class stamp.
- Issued on 7 May 2025 and available for the first time at EuroPhilEx Birmingham 2025.

24 EuroPhilEx Miniature Sheet | MZ209 £6.80

- An exhibition edition of the Dame Vera Lynn Miniature Sheet with EuroPhilEx 2025 overprint and numbering box.
- Available to pre-order ahead of their first day of availability at EuroPhilEx on 7 May 2025.
- Each sheet is individually numbered and limited to just 7,500 editions.
- The perfect souvenir for avid philatelists.



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