

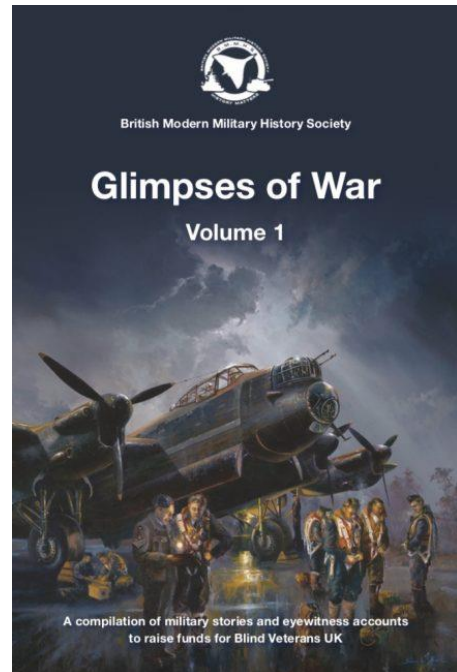
GLIMPSES OF WAR

A COVID inspired book for a military charity, published May 2021.

Whitchurch resident Richard Wingfield's father, Captain Mervyn Wingfield DSO DSC RN, was instructed to take the surrender of the German U-Boat fleet in Norway at the end of the Second World War. As he explains in this new book, as well as getting the latest German submarine as his flagship, he also got free champagne, free beer and he almost got a free Mercedes as well!

The story of what happened is one of many told in a new book from the British Modern Military History Society (BMMHS), which will be launched on the anniversary of VE Day, 8th May. Proceeds from the book *Glimpses of War* will go to the military charity Blind Veterans UK (formerly St Dunstan's). The book will be published through Amazon.

Inspired by the first COVID lockdown, when their monthly live talks ceased, the members and associates of BMMHS, were asked to search their family archives and papers for their own and their family members' experiences of war time – military or civilian, any war, any role. An overwhelming response saw in excess of 220 articles and over 400,000 words from across the globe including the USA, Australia and several European countries. Articles ranged from the Boer War through the two world wars to the more recent Falklands War in 1982 and Afghanistan.



BMMHS has always donated to military charities from its live and Zoom talks and saw *Glimpses of War* as an ideal mechanism to keep raising funds. Blind Veterans UK was selected because of its invaluable work supporting military veterans across all the services, many throughout their lifetime. Today it supports visually impaired members aged between 26 and 106.

Andy Cockeram, Chairman of BMMHS said: *'We are delighted to support Blind Veterans UK, a well-respected and nationwide charity which does amazing work for its members. It is hard for any of us to imagine how difficult life must be without sight, and with the support of BVUK, its members are given every assistance to lead a full and active life.'*

Major-General Nick Caplin, CEO Blind Veterans UK said: *'We are privileged to help rebuild the lives of those who have served and lost their sight, and very grateful indeed to the BMMHS for their unfailing support for our mission.'*

Glimpses of War volume 1 will be published through Amazon on the anniversary of VE Day on 8th May 2021. Volumes 2 and 3 are planned for the next couple of years.

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