

### **BROKEN FAITH**

# BRITAIN'S FORGOTTEN HEROES

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All British pensioners who have made National Insurance contributions during their working lives are entitled to a British state pension regardless of where they choose to live. However, 4% of recipients of the UK state pension are denied their full pension because of an illogical Government policy that prevents their pensions being uprated in line with inflation.

The UK State Pension is payable overseas but is only uprated if the pensioner resided in the European Economic Area or a country with which the UK has a reciprocal agreement which legally requires uprating. Otherwise the UK state pension is frozen, falling in real value year-on-year. This plunges hundreds of thousands of British pensioners into poverty, including thousands of UK veterans.

The map below shows in blue countries in which British pensioners enjoy up-rated pensions and in red where they do not. Over 90% of frozen pensioners live in Commonwealth nations, with over 350,000 living in Australia and Canada.







Bernard Jackson exemplified the injustice of Britain's Frozen Pensions.

Bernard fought in World War II and participated in the D-Day Landings as a wireless operator in the RAF. He moved to Canada with his wife to their dream home. Sadly, after his wife died, Bernard was forced to return to the UK because he could not live on his frozen UK state pension of just £48 per week.

He served our country in its darkest hours, yet he was forgotten by the UK Government, with this neglect forcing him to leave his dream home. After his return to the UK, he continued to campaign against the injustice of frozen pensions to ensure that nobody else would suffer as he did.

Bernard sadly died at the age of 97 in March 2020. Broken Faith is dedicated to his memory in gratitude of his lifetime of service.





#### Sgt Barrie Ayres Royal Army Education Corps

#### Medals displayed:

Korea Medal (with Mention in Despatches), United Nations medal with clasp, Korea, and General Service Medal with clasp Malaya.

Barrie served with distinction, including in Korea. Despite this as a result of living in Australia, his pension is frozen at 1991 levels.

Barrie currently lives in Australia.

#### <u>That leaves Barrie with less than a third of the standard UK</u> <u>pension.</u>



#### Warrant Officer David Barrett Royal Marines

#### Medals displayed:

General Service Medal with a Northern Ireland clasp, South Atlantic Medals with rosette. Meritorious Service Medal and a Royal Navy Long Service Good Conduct Medal and Bar.

Warrant Officer David Barrett served his country for over thirty years as a Royal Marine Commando, including in the Falklands Islands, Cyrprus and Northern Ireland

During his service, he also worked for the Ministry of Defence, receiving a commendation from the US Department of Defence as well as his decorations from the UK.

David currently lives in the Falkland Islands.



#### Peggy Buchanan Veteran of Bletchley Park

Leading Wren Peggy Buchanan served the UK at Bletchley Park where she helped to break German enigma codes. After World War Two, she continued to serve at Naval air stations in Shropshire and Cornwall.

Peggy lives in British Columbia, Canada and is a clear example of the absurdity of the Government's approach to frozen pensions. If she lived two miles further south she would receive a full state pension.

"It has saved thousands of British and American lives and, in no small way contributed to the speed with which the enemy was routed and eventually forced to surrender."

#### General Dwight D Eisenhower Supreme Allied Commander

Writing in support of the contribution of those who worked at Bletchley Park, 12th July 1945



Patricia Coulthard

98-year-old Patricia Coulthard began training as a nurse a month before the beginning of World War Two and cared for troops evacuated from Dunkirk in 1940.

After completing her training, she volunteered to join the Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service and served in India and Burma during the War.

Patrica served at the Battle of Kohima, often described as the '*Stalingrad of the East*' and was voted Britain's greatest battle in 2013 by the British National Army Museum.

Patricia moved to Australia to be close to her two children. Despite her service, she only receives £46 per week.

# That leaves Patricia with less than a third of the standard UK pension.



#### Wng Cmdr John Crowley AFC, Royal Air Force

#### Medals:

Air Force Cross, Commendation for service in the air, Defence Medal, General Service Medal, Coronation Medal.

John Crowley currently lives in Australia.



#### Chief Petty Officer, Glenn Dearing, Royal Navy

#### Medals:

Long Service Good Conduct Medal, General Service Medal[NI]

Glenn served in the Royal Navy for over 20 years, serving with great distinction.

As a result of living in Australia, where he worked for the Australian Department for Defence, his pension is frozen despite two decades of dedication and service.



#### Roger Edwards Royal Marines and Royal Navy

Roger joined the Royal Marines in 1963, serving during the Radfan confrontation before being commissioned into the Royal Navy, in 1965.

In 1982, during the Falklands War he was attached to 'D' Squadron, 22 Special Air Service, taking part in raids on Pebble Island, Goose Green and Darwin as well as Mount Kent and Beagle ridge.

After this, he served in the Joint Force Headquarters in the Falkland Islands until leaving the service in 1986.

He now resides in the Falklands and acts as Member of the Legislative Assembly for Camp Constituency.



#### Corporal John Feltham Royal Air Force

#### Medals:

General Service Medal - with Borneo and Malay Peninsular clasps. Pingat Jasa Malaysia medal

John Feltham served as an Instrument Technician in the Royal Air Force between 1955-1967.

He served in a number of nations including Singapore, Malaysia, Borneo, Brunei, Malta, Cyprus, Oman as well as Germany and Norway.

John currently lives in Australia.



#### Corporal Walter Gee 9th Independent Parachute Squadron, Royal Engineers, and 11 Independent Squadron Royal Engineers.

#### Medals:

The General Service Medal, with five bars Cyprus, Near East (Suez), Malaya, Arabian Peninsula, and Brunei

Walter Gee joined the British Army in 1955 and served in a number of countries, often during significant conflicts including in Suez, Malaya, Borneo and Germany.

Walter currently lives in Australia.



#### David Graham Electrical Mechanic First Class Royal Navy

David Graham served in the Royal Navy from 1960-1969, much time of which was spent away from home ports.

Despite this service, his pension is frozen.

David currently lives in Australia.



#### Robert Haley Royal Navy

#### Medals include:

1939-1945 General Service Star, 1939-1945 World War Two medal, Atlantic Star, Arctic Star, Burma Star

94-year-old Robert Haley joined the Royal Navy at 17 and spent four years as a signaller on HMS Suffolk from 1942 to 1946, following in the footsteps of his Father who served in World War One.

Robert is proudly wearing the Polar beret he wore whilst serving on the arctic convoys including PQs 17 and 18.

Despite, his service to the country Robert only receives a UK state pension of £46.90 per week.

As a result, his pension last year was around £4,280 lower than if he lived in the UK and about £62,000 lower over the 29 years he has been in receipt of a UK pension because he moved to Australia.



#### Cpl Chris Howard Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers Army Air Corps

#### Medals:

General Service Medal, Malaya clasp. Pingat Jasa Malaysia Medal

Chris Howard served in the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers from 1959-1964 serving in Malaysia and Germany leaving as an Aircraft Technician AAC

He currently lives in Australia.



Captain Gloria A. Jeffrey nee Piper

#### **Medals:** General Service Medal Malay Peninsula

Gloria spent eleven years working in England as a Student Nurse and a Registered Nurse. She went on to serve in the Queen Alexandria's Royal Army Nursing Corps in West Germany, Singapore and Hong Kong.

During her tour of duty in Singapore riots took place and she was awarded the General Service medal "Malay Peninsula".

Gloria currently lives in Australia.



#### Flight Lt. Tony Keulemans Royal Air Force

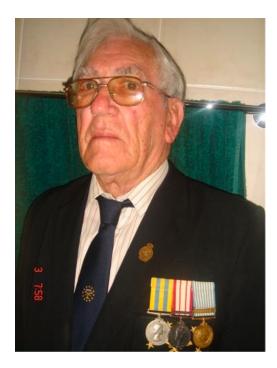
#### Medals:

Coronation Medal 1953, National Service Medal British Forces, Germany Medal Cold War Medal

Tony served in the RAF from 1949 – 1955 when he transferred to the RAF reserves.

His service included serving with the fighter command contingent for the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.

Tony currently lives in Australia.



#### Leading Telegraphist David March Royal Navy

#### Medals:

Korean War Medal, United Nations Medal. Naval General Service Medal with Bar for the Suez Campaign

David March left the Royal Navy in 1957 after being involved in operations off Korea, Malaysia, and in the Mediterranean, [Cyprus EOKA campaign and Suez]

David currently lives in South Africa.



#### Major John Markham Royal Artillery

#### **Medals:** Suez Canal medal and Jordan medal

John joined the Royal Artillery in 1951, serving for 16 years before retiring as a Major in Europe and the Middle East.

After leaving the British Army his career was spent promoting British Industry in Europe and North America.

John currently lives in Canada.



#### Chief Petty Officer Alan May Merchant Navy

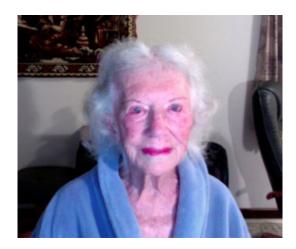
#### Medals:

1939-45 Star: Atlantic Star : Pacific Star : Italy Star : War Medal 1939-45: Arctic Star: Russian Medal, Red Duster H.M.Forces Veteran Badge

Alan May served in the Merchant Navy for all of World War Two crossing the Atlantic several times, followed by Malta convoys and servicing troops across the Mediterranean to and from Sicily.

He also took part in the Salerno landings, an Arctic trip to Murmansk followed after that by a voyage through the Panama Canal to the Marshall Islands for the planned attack on Japan.

Alan currently lives in Canada.



#### Inez Minc Nurse Voluntary Aid Detachment

Inez is 98 years old and currently lives in Australia. She served as a Voluntary Aid Detachment nurse during World War Two, nursing soldiers on the front line including Field Marshall Montgomery.

She saw and remembers the true cost of war, from Italian prisoners of war dying with untreated dysentery, to soldiers arriving with their ID burnt black and to dancing on VE Day.

She went on to become a published author but struggles as a result of her frozen pension.

Inez currently lives in Australia.



George Morley Chief Technician Royal Air Force

#### Medals:

Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, General Service Medal for South Arabia and Radfan Pingat Jasa Malaysia

George Joined the RAF in 1951, aged 16 and served with distinction including in Singapore and Yemen.

He currently lives in Canada



#### Gunner John Murphy Royal Horse Artillery

#### Medals:

National Service Medal, East Africa Medal with bar

John currently lives in Canada and despite his military service, his pension is frozen.



#### John Pettit Royal Fleet Auxiliary

#### Medals:

Korea Medal, United Nations Korea Medal

John Pettit's service during the Korean War included spending nine months in the Yellow Sea supplying the wider forces fighting the Korean War.

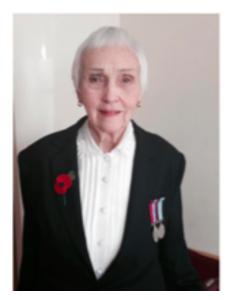
He currently lives in Canada.



#### Captain Anne Pilling Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps

Anne Pilling qualified as a nurse at 16 years old and worked in the NHS from 1967 to 1975, when she joined the British Army's Queen Alexandra's Royal Army nursing corp as a Lieutenant officer before being made a Captain.

After five years of service Anne returned to the NHS before specialising in rehabilitation services. Anne now lives in Mexico.



#### Anne Puckridge Royal Navy, British Army, Royal Air Force

95-year-old World War Two veteran Anne Puckridge served in all three armed forces, enlisting in the Women's Auxiliary Corp under the age limit in 1942. She served our country in World War Two plotting aircraft movements and warship movements and decoding messages as an intelligence officer across the Women's Auxilliary Air Force, Women's Royal Naval Service and Women's Auxiliary Corp.

Anne moved to Canada, in 2001 aged 76 to be closer to family and receives a meagre £72.50 a week as a result of the Frozen Pensions policy despite serving in all three armed forces and working past retirement age.



#### John Scott Royal Air Force

#### Medals:

1939-1945 Star, Burma Star, Defence Medal, War Medal 1939-1945

John is a veteran of World War Two and the Korean War .

During his four years tenure in Burma and Assam, he suffered many experiences from which he still suffers from today including scabies, jungle sores, dysentery, dengue fever, malaria and shrapnel wounds.

As a result of the UK Government's frozen pensions policy, John no longer wears his medals.

He currently lives in Canada.



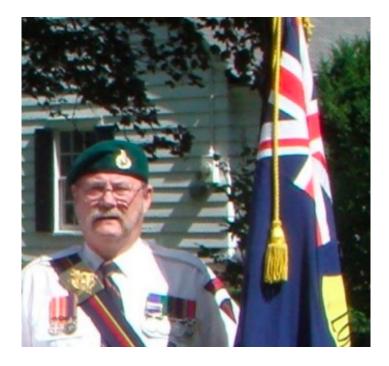
#### Warrant Officer 2 Bernard Shrubsole

#### Medals:

UN Medal and clasp [Korea], General Service Medal & Clasp[Malaya Peninsular], Army Long Service and Good Conduct Medal,

Bernard served his country in many theatres of service across the world including in Korea and Malaya.

He currently lives in Australia.



Corporal Ian Spencer Assault Engineers

#### Medals:

General Service Medal with Borneo, Northern Ireland and South Arabia clasps, Jasa Malaysia, Military and Commando medals

Alongside his service in Borneo, South Arabia, Northern Ireland and Malaysia. Ian also served with NATO in Norway and Hong Kong.

He currently lives in Canada.



#### Seargant Tony Strawn Royal Army Catering Corp

#### Medals:

General Service Medal with 2 bars, UN medal, Army Long Service and Good Conduct Medal

Tony Strawn served for 25 years in the British Army in Malaya, Germany, two tours in Cyprus, two tours in Northern Ireland as well as serving with AMFL in Norway Turkey and Denmark.

He currently lives Australia.



#### Lance Corporal Loui Ting Royal Tank Regiment

#### Medals:

General Service Medal with [clasp for Borneo and bar for Northern Ireland] Pingat Jasa Malaysia Medal

Loui served in the Royal Tank Regiment in a number of overseas tours including in Borneo and Malaysia.

He relies upon his pensions income to support his family in retirement.

He currently lives in Australia.



#### Staff Sgt. Rodney St J. Travers-Griffin, Royal Army Service Corps

#### Medals:

General Service Medal with two bars 'Canal Zone' and 'Cyprus'. Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, The Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal

Staff Sgt Travers-Griffen served for 20 years in Germany with the British Army of the Rhine, at Suez and in Cyprus during the EOKA troubles and in Jamaica, British Honduras and British Guiana. He finished his career serving in Horse Guards at HQ London.

He currently lives in Canada.



#### Chief Petty Officer David Walters Royal Navy

#### Medal:

General Service Medal 1962

David Walters served in Britain's Royal Navy for 14 years, the last four of which were in submarines.

His service included seeing action in the Malaya campaign.

David currently lives in Australia.



#### Trooper Hamish Waters 5th Royal Tank Regiment

#### Medals:

General Service Medal with clasp Borneo, Pingat Jasa Malaysia Medal

Hamish served in the Royal Tank Regiment with distinction, including in Borneo and Malaysia.

He now lives in Australia.



#### Lance Corporal (later Officer Cadet) Dickon Westmorland

#### The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment

#### Medals:

General Service Medal (Cyprus Bar), British National Service Medal

Dickon served with distinction in the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment including in Cyprus.

He currently lives in Australia and is a long standing campaigner for pensions justice.

# NATIONAL SERVICE ACTS, 1948 TO 1955

### NOTICE TO MEN BORN BETWEEN Ist JULY, 1938, and 30th SEPTEMBER, 1938

Requirement to Register at Local Offices of the Ministry of Labour and National Service on Saturday, 17th November, 1956

In pursuance of the above Acts and of the Regulations made thereunder, all male British subjects within Great Britain who were **born between 1st July, 1938, and 30th September, 1938, both dates inclusive** (with certain exceptions mentioned below) are required to attend without fail for registration at a Local Office of the Ministry of Labour and National Service on

# SATURDAY, 17th NOVEMBER, 1956

After the Second World War, the United Kingdom introduced National Service which required all fit and healthy men aged 17-21 to spend 18 months serving their country in one of the armed forces. This was extended to two years, following British involvement in the Korean War.

The last serviceman completed his military service in May 1963. Those on national service saw active service in a number of nations from Germany to Japan.

The veterans listed below all served their country through national service, despite this they all receive a frozen pension.

#### T<u>he Royal Navy</u>

Radio Electricians Mate Rod West 1950-52 Royal Navy Reserve Rod West 1952-64 L/Coder (E) John Jackson 1954-56 Royal Navy Reserve John Jackson 1956-58 Tactical Communications Operator Peter Vatcher 1958-59 Petty Officer Michael Hurren 1955-60

#### T<u>he British Army</u>

Cpl Michael Masterson 1954-56 Cpl John Harrison 1951-53 Sapper Joseph Baxfield 1952-54 L/Cpl David Ward 1952-54

Cpl Granville Johnson 1955-57 2/Lt Kerin Lloyd 1955-57 Gunner Robin Smith 1953-55 2/Lt Jolyon Brown 1953-57 L/Cpl Derek Dunsbier 1956-58 Pte Patrick Clayton 1957-58 Cpl David Knight 1958-60 Cpl Ian Johnson 1959-62 Sgt Henry Chadwick 1949-51 Sgt John Moore 1955-57 Pte Jeff Tracy 1949-51 Sgt Norman Atkinson 1951-53 Cpl Stephen Lamb 1955-57 Cpl Roy Howard 1954-57 L/Cpl Dick Holford 1956-58 L/Cpl Tony Soden 1960-61 Pte John Yates 1960-61 Cpl Geoff Gough 1951-53 Pte John Carr 1953-55 Cpl Mervyn Quigley 1954-56 Pte Tony Ballard 1954-56 Pte Mike Astridge 1958-60 Sgt Donald Thyer 1944-47 Sapper Malcolm Mitton 1949-51 Cpl Roy Brentall 1952-54 L/Cpl Fred Astbury 1958-60 Cpl Michael Randerson 1953-55 Driver Roger Hawkins 1957-59 Roy Hetherington 1956-58 Gunner John Murphy 1960-62 Gunner James Hanney 1957-59 Cpl Tom Whyte 1954-57 L/Cpl Peter Gill 1958-60 Pte David French 1948-50

Pte John Kirkhope 1951-53 L/Cpl Deryck Stevens 1951-53 Cpl-2nd Lt Mike Landry 1955-57 Terry Doyle 1959-61 Pte Ray Robinson 1959-61 L/Cpl Peter Sanguinetti 1959-61 (also served as Lt, Territorial Service 1961-67) Cpl David Wilmot 1960-1969 Colin Rainsbury 1955-57

#### The Royal Air Force

Bombardier John Purdon 1952-54 AC/1st OE George R Milon 1948-50 SAC Jeremy Roberts 1957-58 Cpl Brian Fenoulhet 1947-50 Flying Officer Gord Philipson 1951-53 SAC Mark Wright 1953-55 SAC Bob McLaren 1954-56 SAC lan Ham 1955-57 LAC Jack Edward Baker, 1952-55 SAC George Rutherford 1957-59 Aircrew Trainer Kinsey Maurice 1943-44, 1946-56 LAC JR Wright 1947-49 AC1 Robbie Duncan 1948-50 SAC Stewart Bell 1949-51 Flight Lt. Mark Drake 1953-55, 1955-58 Cpl Martin Gouldthorpe 1953-55 Senior Technician Ian Ogilvie 1954-59 Flying Officer Courteney Ponting 1955-57, 1957-67 Inr Technician John Smyth 1954-56 Cpl Alan Wren 1955-57 Richard Hayter 1955-57 SAC Mike Toddington 1956-58 LAC William Hall 1956-58 LAC Peter Laver 1950-54 Jnr Technician Larry Roscoe 1966-72

Dennis Littler 1958-63 Ben Lyon 1950-52 Roy Godber 1950-52 Henry Hall 1951-53 Derek Watcham 1951-53 Bryan Hand 1952-57

There are many more service men and women who suffer the same plight as those listed here, some of whom felt unable to be listed publicly.

They all served their country in their time of need and feel that they have little or no choice but to stand up once again to ensure that the over half a million affected pensioners receive the full pension they paid into, expected and rightly deserve.

Our veterans often reject or feel uncomfortable with the label 'hero' but their commitment, service and dedication to our country demonstrate that they are the very best of us. We hope that their stories and their commitment will cause the Government to end the injustice of frozen pensions once and for all.

They freely gave their loyalty and service to our nation and it is high time that the British Government upheld their end of the bargain.



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