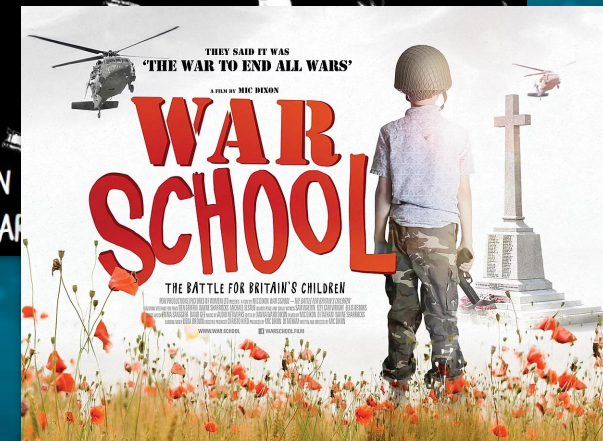
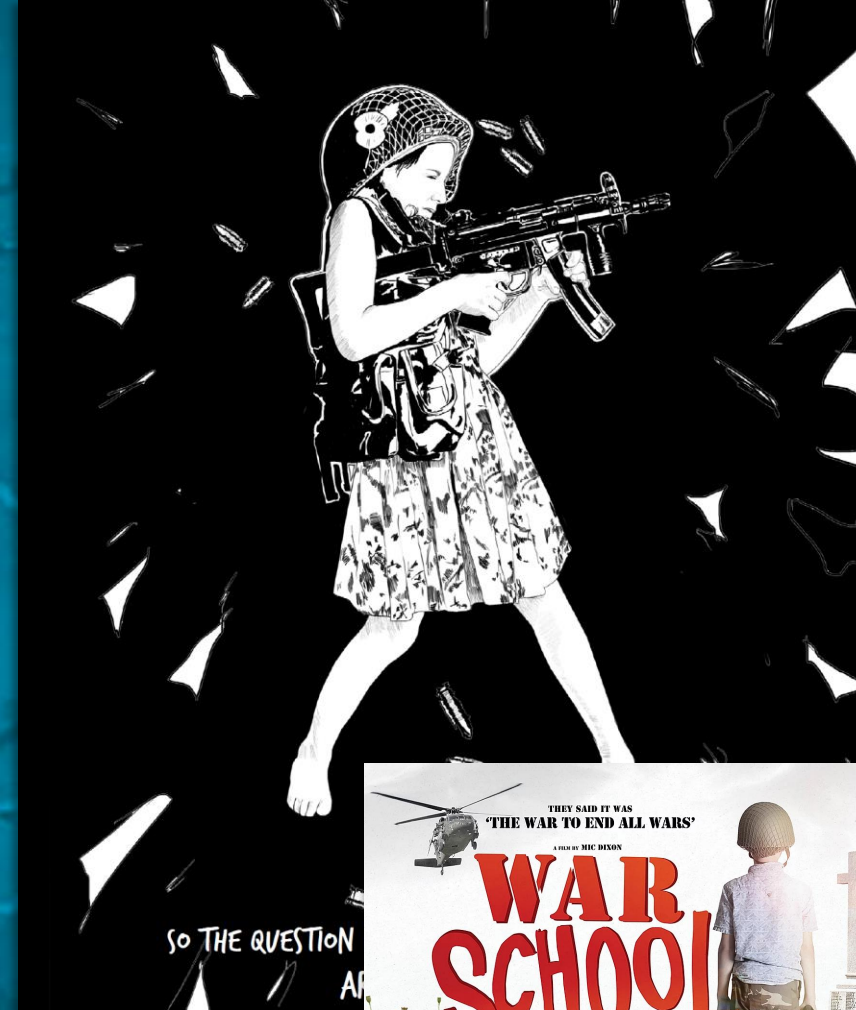


War School

- These learning materials are inspired by the film [*War School: the battle for Britain's children*](#)
- The film raises important questions relevant to citizenship, wellbeing and moral development
- The multimedia resources and activities have been designed to explore these questions from a critical thinking perspective
- More at war.school



Important: Before you continue....

Exploring this topic is important, but it is also potentially distressing. Some learners have experience of war and violence. Some may have lost a friend or family member in the in the armed forces. Ensure you have a good understanding of your group and how they might feel.

We recommend [Teaching Controversial issues from Oxfam](#) to prepare.





Aim:	Explore how the armed forces and military issues affect peoples live in Britain	Age 15+
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Learning Activities (See slide notes for details)	Minutes
Learning questions	
Learners will have “silent conversations” responding to quotes from and about soldiers. Go to Silent conversations	30
Quiz to explore what young people know about the British Army, the law and war. Go to Quiz	20
Recruitment and training	
Analyse recruiting adverts try to persuade people to join the army. Go to recruitment advertising What happens in army training? Go to training review	30
Risk Assessment: Learners will use evidence and stories to critically assess the risks of joining the British Army? Go to risk assessment	40
War and society	
Define “militarism” and “militarisation”. Go to definitions Evaluate how militarised the UK is compared to other states in the movement based militarism spectrum	20
Explore how war and the military is visible in our everyday lives, and what this means. Go to war and the military in our everyday life	20
Reflection	
Remembrance: using clips of veterans, reflect on who, what and why we remember past wars. Got to Remembrance reflection	20

[Video clips](#) (5)

[Printable Resources to download](#)

Printable Resources

The learning activities on the following slides signpost when you need one of these resources.

Printable Quiz and answers (A4)



Microsoft Word Document

War School Comic



Adobe Acrobat Document

Printable poster (A3)



Microsoft Word Document

Poster notes (A4)



Microsoft Word Document

Printable Afghanistan deaths from BBC(A4)



Microsoft Word Document

Silent Conversation texts



Document

Militarisation spectrum country cards



Adobe Acrobat Document

Risk Assessment handout



Microsoft Word Document

Slides outline



Adobe Acrobat Document



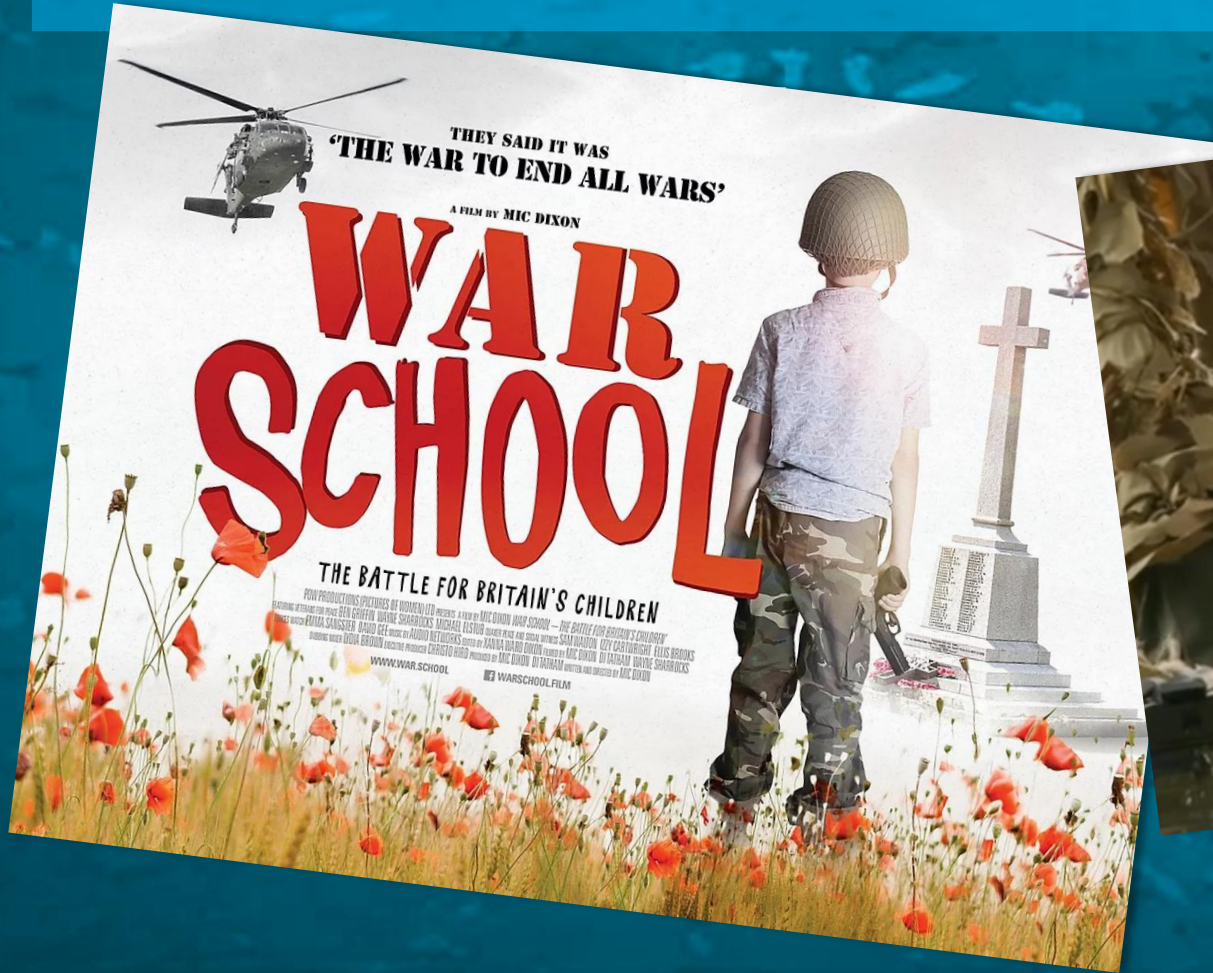
[Video clips](#)



How do war and the military affect us in Britain?



Why do you think the director called the film “War School”



The military should have a bigger role in our lives.

AGREE

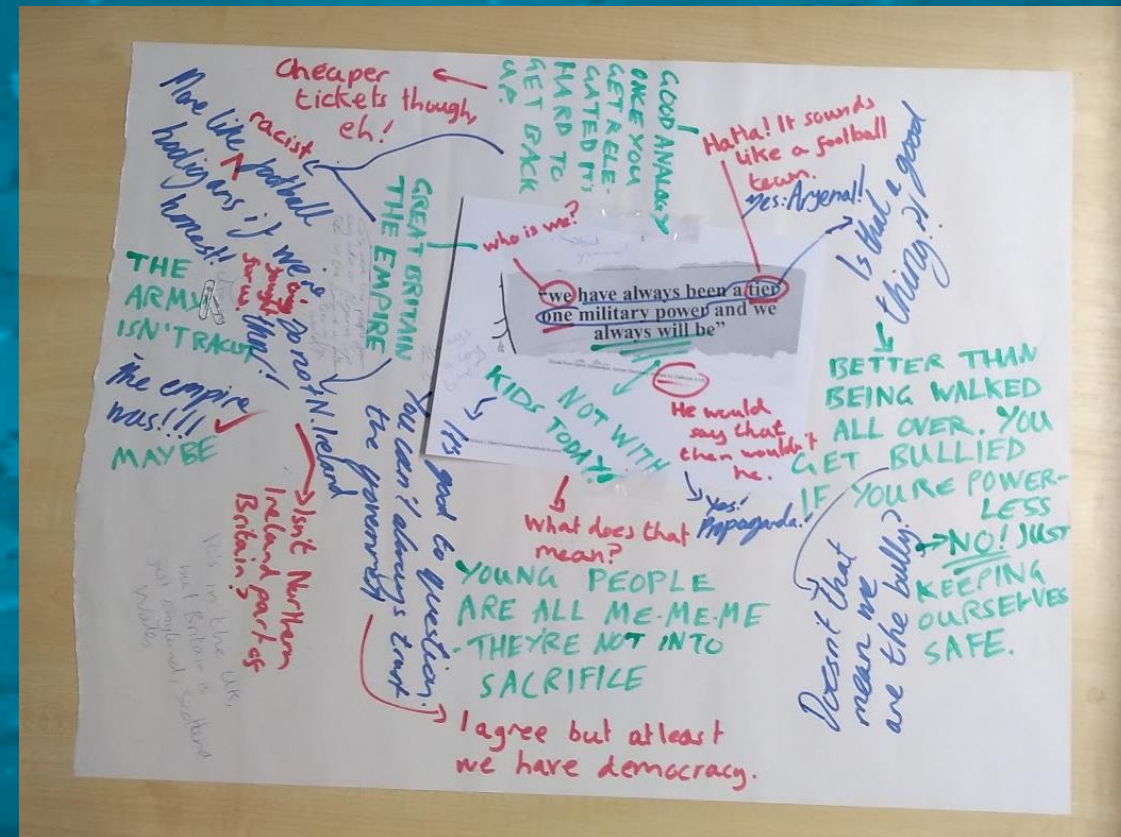


DISAGREE

Silent conversations

Without speaking, add questions, comments and responses to your text.

Move around the room to join other silent conversations (keep your pen).



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True or False



Take the quiz online
<http://bit.ly/war-school-quiz>

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What do you know about the UK military?



Recruitment advertising



Watch “Will I be listened to?”



Watch “Become a better you”

How does the advertisements use:

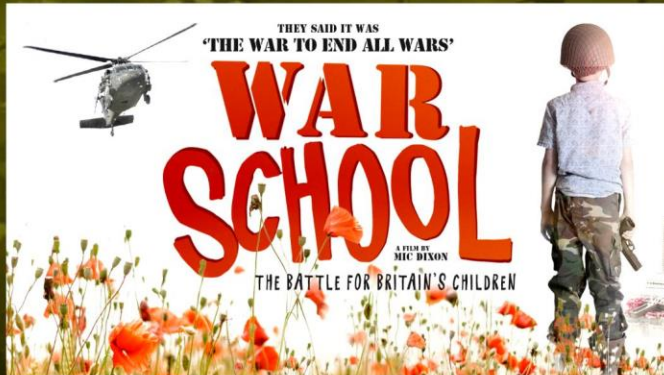
- Imagery
- Music and sound
- Language- the words used
- Identity – who is speaking?
- Emotion – what do you feel and why?
- Who is the advert aimed at?

Do you think it is persuasive?

Recruitment

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Excerpt - criticism of adverts



Watch criticism of British [Army](#) [adverts](#)

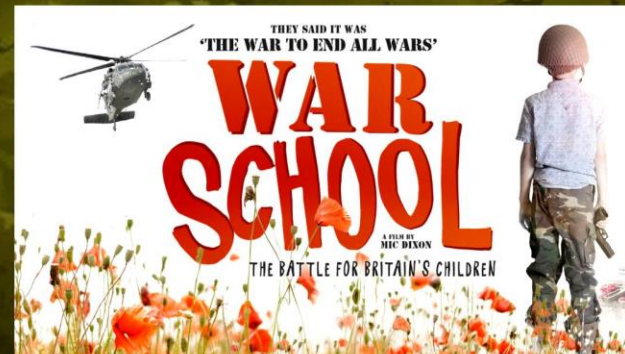


What happens in army training?



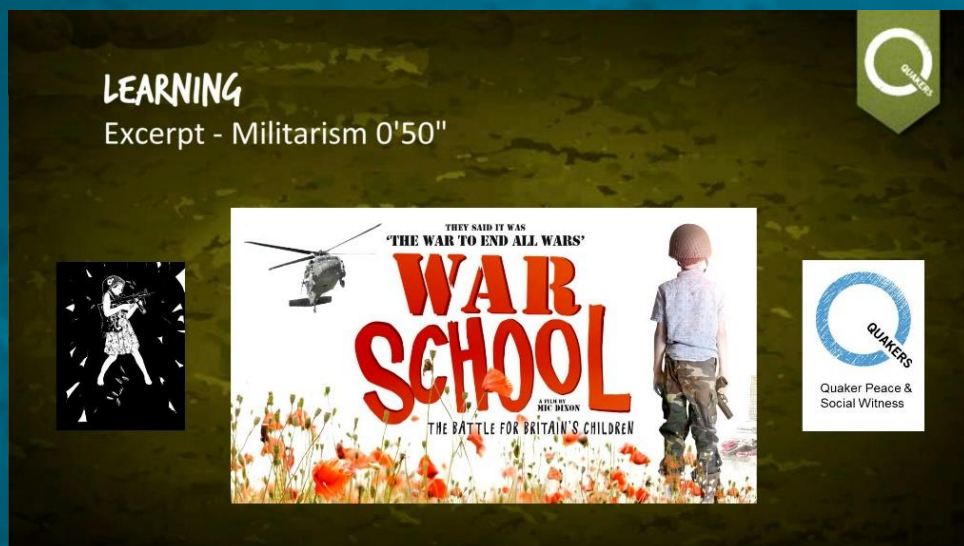
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Excerpt - Army Training 2'35"



Watch Veterans Ben Griffin and Wayne Sharrocks [describing](#) their experience of Army training

What is “militarism”



Watch militarism sequence
used as background for War
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“The belief that a country should maintain a strong military capability and be prepared to use it aggressively to defend or promote national interests.”

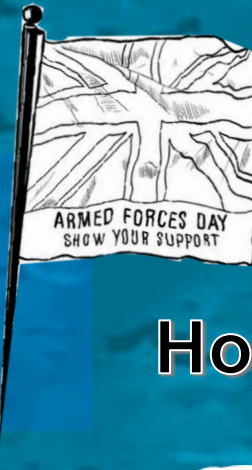
How many heavy weapons
do you have?



How militarised
is your country?



How much do you
spend on the military?



How many people are
in your military?



Militarisation spectrum

Least
militarised



Most
militarised

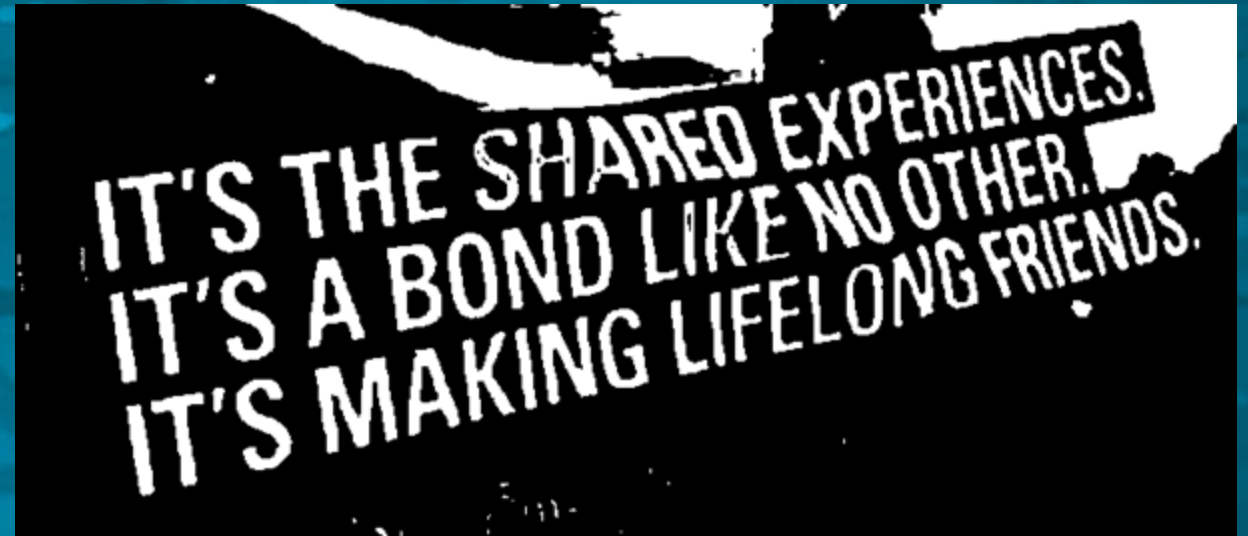
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What are the risks of joining the army?



Killed in action...



UK military deaths in Afghanistan: How they died

The UK's military role in Afghanistan since 2001 has not been without its human toll. Members of the Army, RAF, Royal Marines and special forces have lost their lives in the fight against the Taliban. Here, the BBC News website offers a look at who they were and how they died.

[Full list](#) | [In pictures](#) | [How they died](#)

Filter by: Other ▼

How they died



Total deaths:

456

Hostile: 392

Accident: 41

Other: 23

Other deaths: Some deaths in Afghanistan have occurred as a result of causes other than hostile action or accidents. There have been a small number of suicides and troops killed in so-called "friendly fire" incidents. The cause of some deaths is still under investigation.



Other causes

Friendly fire	12
Suicide	3
Under investigation	1
All other causes	7

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fact sheet in
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Source: BBC

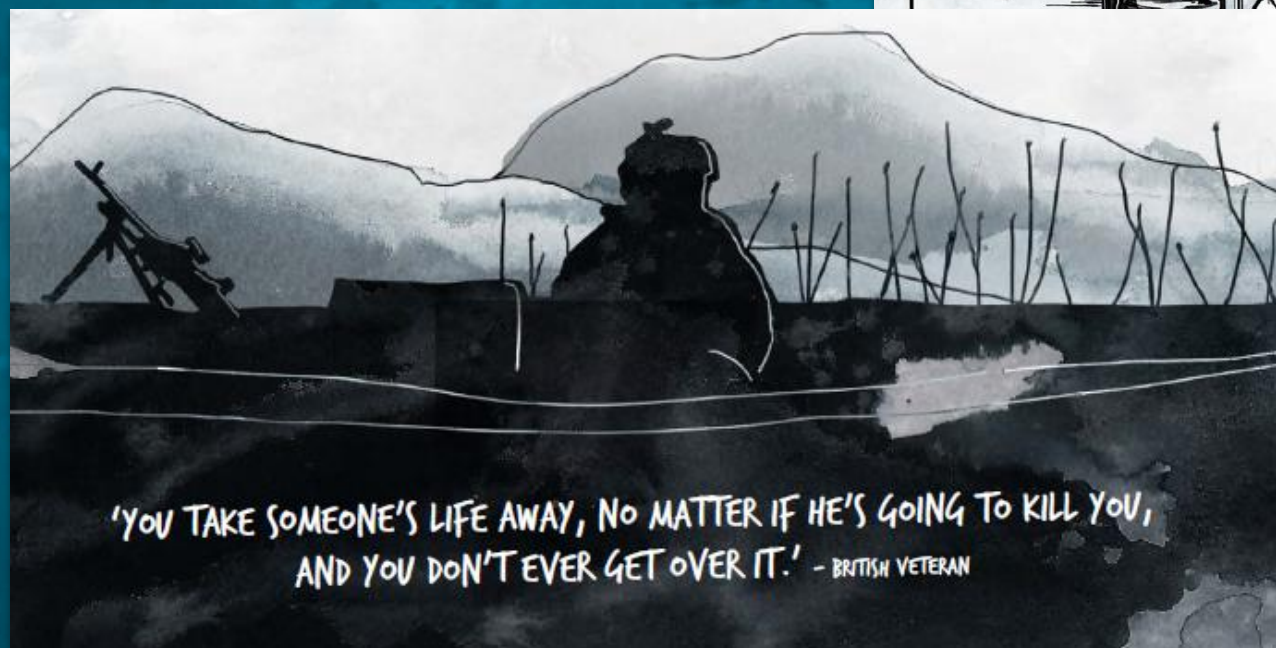
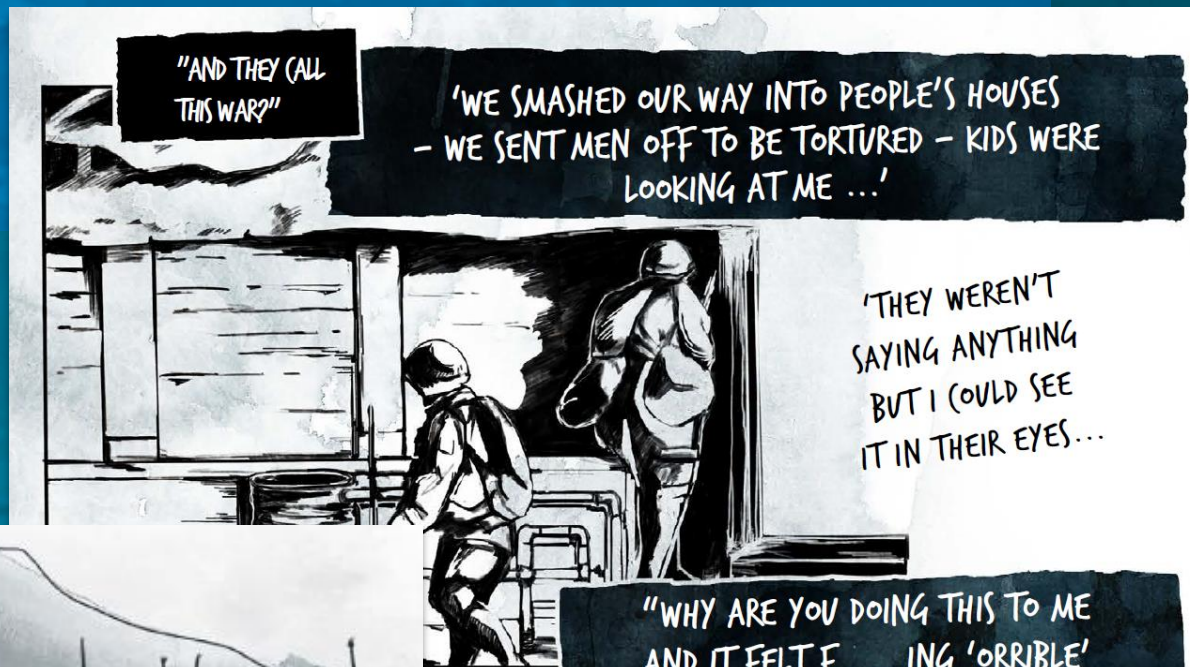
Risk Assessment

Risk	Notes	Severity level (1-10)	How likely (0.0 → 1.0)	Threat level (severity x likelihood)
Click 1: view completed “example” row.				
Click 2: see other suggested categories				
Click 3: see a definition of moral injury.				

Risk Assessment - answers

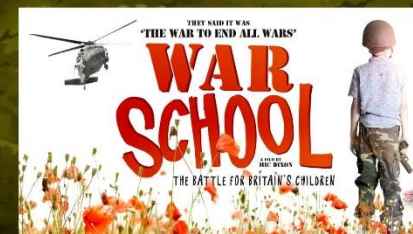
Risk	Notes	Severity level (1-10)	How likely (0.0 → 1.0)	Threat level (severity x likelihood)
Physical injury	7,300 were treated in field hospital for battlefield injuries, non-combat wounds or disease. 220,000 British personnel have served so far in the Iraq and Afghan campaigns.	7	0.033	0.231
Mental health problems such as PTSD	Figures are disputed. Help for Heroes say 59,992 (27.2 per cent)	8	0.272	2.176
Economic problems after leaving such as being jobless or homeless	50,000 are coping with mental health conditions, 10,000 are in prison, on parole or on probation and 6,000 have no permanent address (2018).	8	0.1	0.8
Being bullied in the Army	We don't know exactly how common it is - the government is doing a review. Some recruits have killed themselves after bullying.			
Death	456+179 out of 220,000 soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan died, but not all wars are the same and not all soldiers fight.	10	0.0027	0.027
Seeing friends hurt	This is very hard to study - estimate.			
"Moral injury"	Put another way, guilt. This is the sense that you have done something against your own values that can never be undone. More			

“Moral injury”



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Excerpt - Moral injury 10'20"



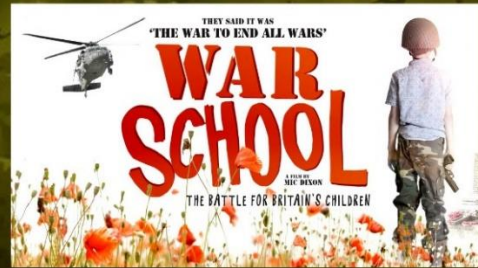
Watch Veterans sharing their [wartime](#) experiences

Remembrance

- What should we remember?



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Excerpt - Remembrance 9'25"

The poster for the movie 'War School' features a young boy in a military helmet and uniform standing in a field of red poppies. A helicopter is visible in the background. Text on the poster includes: "THEY SAID IT WAS 'THE WAR TO END ALL WARS'", "WAR SCHOOL", "AN ADAPTATION OF THE BOOK BY MICHAEL BAKER", and "THE BATTLE FOR BRITAIN'S CHILDREN".

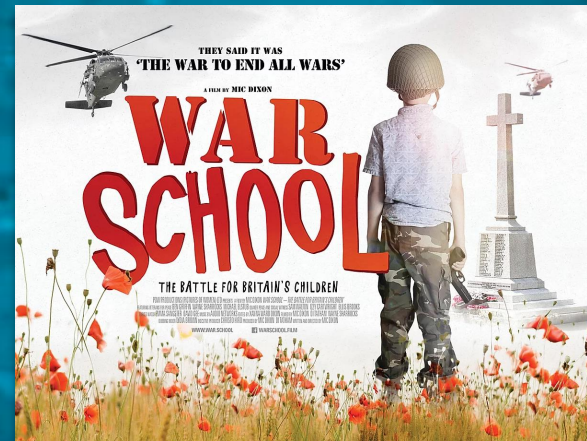
Watch [‘Remembrance’](#) sequence from [War School](#)



How do war and the military affect us in Britain?

- This is the question we started with.
- Write a reflection on how you think war and the military affect our lives in Britain, and your feelings about that.

These learning materials were developed by Quakers in Britain as a companion to *War School*



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