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# World War II

*A very personal journey*



**Richard Hirsh Camrass LLB MBE**

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*'Richard Camrass's memoir is remarkable... . He recounts his experiences with striking modesty, not only in terms of his achievements and ingenuity but also his bravery. His account of the Salerno landing, with bombs and guns mowing down the troops as they crossed the beach, does not dwell on the horrors, but simply states that he had nightmares about it for many years.'*

**Sir David Cannadine** FBA FRSL FRHistS, Dodge Professor of History, Princeton University

*'No British Infantry Division had in this war a more active or distinguished battle record than the 46th Division'* in which Lieutenant Colonel Richard Camrass was a distinguished serving officer.

**Sir Richard L. McCreery** KCB KBE DSO MC (*The Story of 46 Division 1939-1945*)

*'I believe that the members of the 46th Division will ensure as and when they return to civilian life that all the casualties, and all the trials and hardships of this war will be the foundations on which a better world is built.'*

**Major General C.E. Weir** CB CBE DSO (*The Story of 46 Division 1939-1945*)

*'From the moment we met in 1940 through the long and arduous campaigns of North Africa and Italy, 'Dickie' Camrass became my closest colleague in the 46 Division. Subsequently he was a life-long friend whose memory I will always cherish. This book is a fitting memorial to an exemplary human being who was an inspiration to everyone who served with him throughout World War II.'*

**Sir Alan Dawtry** CBE TD

*'Most people associate the Jewish story of World War II with the Holocaust. However they should recognise also that some 1.5 million Jews stood upright in battle against the Nazi war machine. One such Jewish soldier was Lieutenant Colonel Richard Camrass who sacrificed seven years of his life to eradicating the greatest evil that humanity has ever witnessed. He stands as a proud reminder that we Jews have always succeeded in conquering our oppressors, however powerful and numerous they may be.'*

**Brigadier General Zvi Kan-Tor**, Director, Museum of the Jewish Soldier in World War II, Latrun, Israel

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