

# Day Hero: The Inspiring Story of Stanley Hollis VC



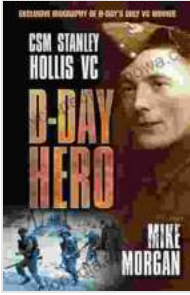
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## **A Hero Emerges**

Stanley Hollis was born into a humble family in the small town of Swinton, England, on January 15, 1919. Little did he know that his destiny would lead him to become one of the most decorated soldiers in British history.

When the Second World War broke out in 1939, Hollis enlisted in the British Army, eager to serve his country. He quickly rose through the ranks, displaying exceptional courage and leadership.

## **The D-Day Landings**

The defining moment of Hollis's military career came on June 6, 1944, during the D-Day landings. As part of the 6th Airborne Division, he parachuted into Nazi-occupied Normandy, France.

Hollis and his fellow paratroopers faced overwhelming odds. They were outnumbered and outgunned by the heavily fortified German forces. Despite the perilous situation, Hollis refused to falter.

## **Unwavering Bravery**

When his commanding officer was killed, Hollis took charge. He rallied his men and led them into battle, fighting with unwavering determination. Hollis's actions saved countless lives and inspired his comrades.

During the intense fighting, Hollis was severely wounded in the leg. Refusing to be evacuated, he continued to lead his men, crawling through the battlefield and directing their fire.

## **Victoria Cross**

Hollis's extraordinary bravery did not go unnoticed. He was awarded the Victoria Cross, the highest military honor for gallantry in the face of the enemy. The citation for his award reads:



***““For most conspicuous gallantry in action. He was in command of a platoon which dropped by glider near Ranville on D-Day. His was the first glider to land near the bridges over the River Orne and the Canal de Caen, the capture of which was vital to the whole plan of operations.””***

## **A Continuing Legacy**

Stanley Hollis's heroism on D-Day became a symbol of the courage and sacrifice of the Allied forces. His story continues to inspire generations, reminding us of the indomitable spirit that can overcome even the darkest of times.

After the war, Hollis returned to his hometown as a celebrated hero. He became a tireless advocate for veterans and played an active role in his

community. Hollis passed away in 2002, leaving behind a legacy of bravery and service that will never be forgotten.

## The "Day Hero"

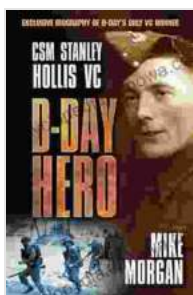
Stanley Hollis VC was a true "Day Hero," a man who rose to the occasion when his country needed him most. His unwavering courage and selfless sacrifice made a profound difference in the course of history.

The story of Stanley Hollis VC is a testament to the power of one individual to make a lasting impact on the world. It is a story that will continue to inspire and motivate people for generations to come.

### Explore More:

- Imperial War Museum: Stanley Hollis VC
- BBC: Stanley Hollis VC: The D-Day hero of Pegasus Bridge
- The London Gazette: Award of the Victoria Cross to Stanley Hollis

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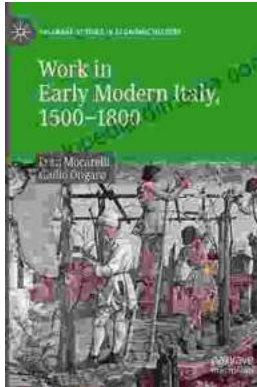


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