

For the 80th Anniversary of D-Day A Military Quiz with Wiltshire Connections

1. Name the area in Wiltshire where most military training in the county takes place.
2. Where in Wiltshire would you find this War memorial?



3. Sergeant Maurice Albert Wyndham Rogers, VC MM, was awarded his Victoria Cross for bravery in the face of the enemy during War Service in Italy during World War II. What date was he killed in action?
4. What housing development within Wiltshire was once dubbed the largest War memorial in Europe, with its streets all named after men of the area who died on active service in both World Wars?
5. Salisbury is home to a Military Museum dedicated to the Wiltshire Regiments (and its subsequent regenerations). What is it known as locally?
6. What is the name of the village and its church that were commandeered for military training purposes in 1943?
7. Which artist, who lived for many years in Salisbury, died on the 18th July 1944 whilst on war service?
8. Which war film directed by Sam Menzies features filming locations including Pear Tree Hill, Erlestoke and the Chalk Grasslands north of Salisbury?
9. Where in Wiltshire can you see the several of the original WWI Battlefield Burial Plot Crosses on display?
10. Wing Commander Guy Gibson VC DSO DFC, Sir Francis Chichester KBE, Sir Patrick Moore CBE, Charles Hawtrey (of Carry On Film fame) and Sir Arthur C. Clarke (who was a radar instructor) - they all served at which Wiltshire Royal Air Force base?

11. This image is of a stable block which housed American GI's preparing for the D-Day Landings of WWII. Name the village - where one of its pubs The Blue Boar was off limits to the GI's and only used by the American NCO's.



12. Air bases in Wiltshire were involved in dropping parachutists (as part of overall Operation Overlord) into France on the night of 5th/early hours of 6th June. What was the codename of that airborne operation?
13. The airborne operation involved gliders being towed by Stirling aircraft from a Wiltshire airbase. This base is now privately owned and used for gliding school purposes. It is still used occasionally by the Royal Air Force and is also used as a model aircraft club and a motor raceway. What is the name of this Royal Air Force base?
14. Most people know there were 5 codenamed beaches for the landings in Normandy. What was the codename for the 6th and UNUSED Normandy beach?
15. From 18th June 1944, the 4th and 5th Battalions of the Wiltshire Regiment played a significant part in the push across France and Belgium into the Netherlands and Germany in the following months. Which British Division was the Wiltshire Regiment part of, and what was that Division's nickname?
16. What was the name given to the high ground near Caen, in Normandy, which the 4th & 5th Wiltshires played a leading role in capturing and successfully defending against fierce counterattack?
17. Formed in May 1940, Wiltshire had 13 Battalions of Home Guard plus a Home Guard Rocket A.A. Battery and a Home Guard Motor Transport Company. On what date were they formally stood down?
18. Between 1940 and 1945, which two Wiltshire towns were major centres for the production of the iconic Spitfire aeroplane?
19. In 2003, the Headquarters of the Royal Artillery, and more recently the Royal Artillery Museum have both relocated from Woolwich (in London) to Wiltshire. The relationship between Wiltshire and the Royal Artillery goes back 150 years. Which town in Wiltshire did they relocate to?
20. What was the name given to the German defences which had been built along the 1,700 miles of coast all the way from Norway to Spain, designed to counter an Allied invasion?