

# Prince Philip to feature in poignant VJ Day commemorations

by Tony Jones

The Duke of Edinburgh is to feature in commemorations marking the 75th anniversary of VJ Day when the royal family leads the nation in honouring those who served in the Far East. The Prince of Wales and Duchess of Cornwall will take part in a televised service of remembrance and thanksgiving and the Duke of Cambridge will appear separately in a programme paying tribute to the sacrifices of Second World War Allied Forces. Prime Minister Boris Johnson said: "When the Second World War ended 75 years ago with the surrender of Japan, British soldiers, sailors and airmen were serving in the Far East, fighting hard to achieve victory – and were among the last to come home. "On this anniversary I want to remember what we owe the veterans of the Far East campaign. They brought an end to the Second World War, they changed the course of history for the better, liberated South East Asia, and many paid the ultimate sacrifice. "That's why on this remarkable anniversary – and every day hereafter – we will remember them." Philip, 99, was on board the destroyer HMS Whelp moored in Tokyo Bay, a warship he served



Pic: Steve Parsons/PA Wire

on as second-in-command and which was present when Japanese officials signed the surrender on the USS Missouri. During the commemorations on VJ Day, August 15, he will feature on large screens in locations across the country in a poignant photo montage alongside other Second World War veterans, with each pictured with an image of themselves from their time in service. It will be a rare appearance for the duke who retired from royal

duties in 2017 and has only been seen in public a handful of times, most recently for a military event at Windsor Castle where he has been isolating from Covid-19 with the Queen. Fundraising hero Captain Sir Tom Moore has called on the nation to "stop, think and be thankful" about the "ultimate sacrifices" made by Allied Forces on VJ Day. The 100-year-old, who was recently knighted by the Queen for raising almost £33 million for the NHS, said: "It was VJ Day when the pain of war could finally start to fall away as peace was declared on all fronts." The veteran of the Burma campaign added: "I respectfully ask Britain to stop whatever it is doing and take some time to remember. "We must all take the time to stop, think and be thankful that were it not for the ultimate sacrifices made all those years ago by such a brave band of men and women we would not be enjoying the freedoms we have today, even in these current difficult times." Charles and Camilla will lead a two minute silence at 11am on VJ Day during the televised event, screened by the BBC, at the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire. In tribute the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight will take part in a flypast after the silence has been observed. A number of veterans, including

93-year-old Albert Willis who served in the Royal Navy aboard HMS Indefatigable, will represent surviving veterans and will pay their respects to their fallen comrades. The event is being hosted by the Royal British Legion, and to inspire people to participate in VJ Day 75, the charity has launched an interactive map on its website. It will show the range of nations that participated in the war effort and share the stories of those who lived through the conflict. William will take part in VJ Day 75: The Nation's Tribute, a pre-recorded BBC programme filmed at Horse Guards Parade where, alongside veteran testimony, the duke will honour and give thanks to all those who sacrificed so much during the Second World War. Another aerial tribute will also be staged, with the Red Arrows roaring over the cities of

Edinburgh, Belfast, Cardiff and London with the flight path to include the home of the Chelsea Pensioners, where three Burma Star recipients live in retirement. Bob Gamble, the Royal British Legion's assistant director of commemorative events, said: "Those serving with the British Forces in the Far East came from diverse backgrounds and cultures and much of the UK's modern-day multiculturalism can be traced back to this period of history. "Whilst the contribution of Commonwealth forces is talked about more than it used to be, on this significant anniversary, we want to take this opportunity to go further in ensuring that all who served are fully recognised and to inspire the general public to find out more about this vital part of our shared heritage and the impact it had on our lives today."

(PA)

## Captain Sir Tom Moore encourages public to remember British soldiers on VJ Day

by Taz Ali

Captain Sir Tom Moore is encouraging the public to remember the British and Commonwealth soldiers who served in the Far East on VJ Day, which he described as "the most special of days". His tribute comes as the Royal British Legion announced on Wednesday its plans to mark the 75th anniversary of VJ Day, to highlight the "forgotten history" of those who helped bring an end to the Second World War on August 15 1945. On VJ Day, the charity is holding a commemorative service at the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire and is encouraging the public to take part in a two-minute silence at 11am. Giving his support, Captain Sir Tom, a veteran of the Burma campaign, said: "For me, VJ Day will always be the most special of days, remembering all those who served in such challenging conditions in the Far East. "It was VJ Day when the pain of war could finally start to fall away as peace was declared on all fronts. "I respectfully ask Britain to stop whatever it is doing and take some time to remember. "We must all take the time to stop, think and be thankful



that were it not for the ultimate sacrifices made all those years ago by such a brave band of men and women, we would not be enjoying the freedoms we have today, even in these current difficult times." The charity had planned to take veterans back to the Far East on tours of remembrance, including visits to sites in North East India, Burma (now known as Myanmar), Thailand and Singapore, but they were no longer possible due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The legion has partnered with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) to lay crosses on the headstones of fallen comrades in CWGC cemeteries in the Far East on behalf of those veterans who were due to attend. Joseph Hammond joined the war in the Far East when he was just 18 years old, when he was drafted from Ghana to fight with the 82nd

Division in Burma in 1943. Mr Hammond said: "On the 75th anniversary of VJ Day, I will be remembering all my comrades who fought with me in the Far East. "Many of us were away from home for several years not knowing what was happening elsewhere in the war and hearing little or nothing from our families. "I would like to pay tribute to all those who fought in the Far East in extremely tough conditions against a very formidable enemy. "On VJ Day, I will be thinking of those who made it home and those who didn't." To inspire people to participate in VJ Day, the charity has launched an interactive map on its website to show the range of nations that service personnel came from and also to share the stories of those who lived through the conflict. (PA)

### IN THE SUPREME COURT OF GIBRALTAR CHANCERY JURISDICTION

Comp No. 3 of 2020

IN THE MATTER of Red Sands Life Assurance Company (Europe) Limited

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IN THE MATTER of Generali Życie Towarzystwo Ubezpieczeń S.A

-and-

IN THE MATTER of Part I of Schedule 10 of the Financial Services (Insurance Companies) Act

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IN THE MATTER of the Financial Services Act 2019

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IN THE MATTER of the Financial Services (Insurance Business Transfers) (Saving) Regulations 2020

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 31 January 2020 presented to the Supreme Court of Gibraltar by the above-named Red Sands Life Assurance Company (Europe) Limited (hereinafter called the "Company") for:

(1) The sanction, under paragraph 1, Part I of Schedule 10 to the Financial Services (Insurance Companies) Act to a Scheme providing for the transfer to the above-named Generali Życie Towarzystwo Ubezpieczeń S.A (hereinafter called the "Transferee") of a portfolio of long term (life) insurance policies underwritten by the Company in Poland; and

(2) An Order making the ancillary provision in connection with the said transfer under paragraph 5 of Part I of Schedule 10 to the said Act. Copies of the Petition and of a report on the terms of the Scheme prepared by an independent actuary in pursuance of paragraph 2 of Part I of Schedule 10 to the said Act may be inspected at the offices of the Company as specified in the Schedule hereto during usual business hours for a period of 21 days from the publication of this notice. The Petition is directed to be heard at the Supreme Court of Gibraltar, 277 Main Street, Gibraltar, on the 23rd October 2020 at 9:30am and any person, including any employee of the above-named companies, who claims to be adversely affected by the Scheme may appear at the time of the hearing in person or by Counsel. Any person who intends so to appear, and any policyholder of the said companies who dissents from the Scheme but does not intend so to appear, shall not less than two clear days prior to the hearing, service notice in writing of such intention or dissent, and the reasons therefor, to the Solicitors named below. Copies of the documents specified above will be furnished by such Solicitors to any person requiring them prior to the making of an order sanctioning the Scheme. Copies of the documents specified above will also be available for inspection and/or download at [www.redsands.gi](http://www.redsands.gi).

Dated this 6 August 2020

HASSANS  
Solicitors to Red Sands Life Assurance Company (Europe) Limited

### SCHEDULE

Copies of the Petition and of the Independent Actuary's Report shall be open to inspection at the offices of Red Sands Life Assurance Company (Europe) Limited situate at Level 3, Ocean Village Business Centre, 23 Ocean Village, Gibraltar.