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### Introduction

Commissioned into the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, Montgomery or 'Monty' first fought at Le Cateau and won the DSO for his leadership at the First Battle of Ypres. He had a long history of action and training soldiers by 1940, including the Somme, Jerusalem and instructing many students later to become Britain's senior commanders in World War Two.

After extraordinary command of the rear guard during the retreat at Dunkirk, he was knighted and went on to launch his own successful offensive at the Battle of El Alamein. He directed most of the land battle in Normandy but his hopes for a quick end to World War Two were crushed with the failure of Operation MARKET GARDEN at Arnhem in 1944. In 1951, Montgomery became Commander of NATO forces in Europe and Deputy Supreme Commander to Eisenhower. He was considered by some to be brusque and opinionated, by others, an inspiring and thorough leader.

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