

EUROPE 2023

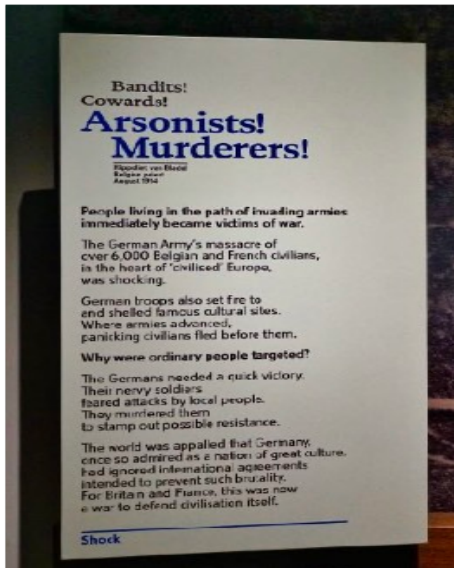
4 months | 6 countries | 8 house swaps | 10 journey legs | 2 grand-boys



Imperial War Museum

Thanks to Blayze we spent most of the day in this place. He has a special interest in World War I and II history. The museum is free to the public and probably one of the best interactive museums we have been too. I think what made it so good for me was that it took the personal, individual person approach - stories and perspectives from all sides of the fights. A very moving part in the WWII gallery was scenes from all over the world at the declaration of wars end. It showed the huge contrast between those countries who were on the “winning” side and those on the “losing” side. I put those words in parenthesis for obvious reasons. The best explanation of what we saw is via the photographs of some exhibits.





Hope and glory

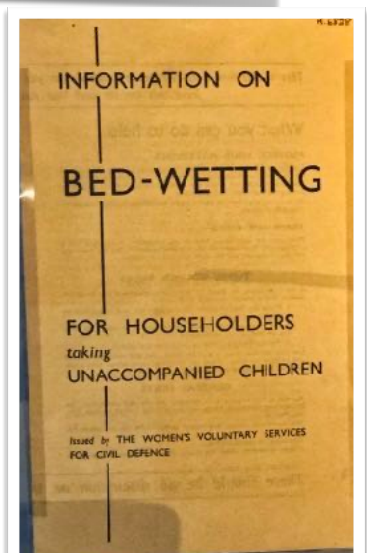
As the twentieth century dawned, Britain was one of the greatest powers on Earth. This small island nation ruled over a vast global empire. Its shipping dominated world trade. Its navy guarded the seas.

Yet Britain's society was deeply divided. Many of its men, women and children were not able to enjoy the benefits of living in a rich, industrial nation.

Despite its wealth, power and global influence, the British Empire was less secure than it appeared. Other countries were now challenging Britain.

On mainland Europe, old rivalries and new ambitions created tensions. But few people expected these would lead to a world war.







Your forefathers
worked hard,
fought hard,
and
died hard
to make this Empire for you.

Robert Baden Powell
founder of the Scouting Movement