

Sir Winston Churchill

CHAMPION of freedom, he fought in India, the Sudan and South Africa, and stood alone against the Nazi threat of fascism.

His refusal to make peace with Adolf Hitler made him the popular choice to lead Britain through World War II against Germany and Italy, promising the people nothing but **"blood, toil, tears and sweat."**

His speech in 1940, **"We shall fight on the beaches... We shall never surrender,"** inspired Europe's resistance to Hitler's brutal Nazism.

Throughout his life he suffered from long and recurrent fits of depression – the 'Black Dog' as he called it – and like many depressives, he denied himself rest or relaxation.

Statesman, orator and writer of numerous histories, biographies and memoirs, he is best remembered as the greatest of all Britain's wartime leaders, restoring the West's faith in the inevitable triumph of democracy.

Yet he later played down his role, saying **"It was the nation... that had the lion's heart. I had the luck to be called upon to give the roar."**

Life and times...

