



Mother Country

Britain's Black Community on the Home Front, 1939–45

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to the Home Front in Britain during the Second World War**

Very little attention has been given to black British and West African and Caribbean citizens who lived and worked on the 'front line' during the Second World War. Yet black people were under fire in cities like Bristol, Cardiff, Liverpool, London and Manchester, and many volunteered as civilian defence workers, such as air-raid wardens, firefighters, stretcher-bearers, first-aid workers and mobile canteen personnel. Many helped unite people when their communities faced devastation. *Mother Country* tells the story of some of the forgotten Britons whose contribution to the war effort has been overlooked until now.