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Don't forget the Merchant Navy

Had it not been for the British Merchant Navy there would have been no victory in either the First or Second World Wars.

On Remembrance Sunday at the Cenotaph in Whitehall, the Merchant Navy wreath should be laid simultaneously with those of the Armed Forces and not placed afterwards around the corner of the Cenotaph.

The Battle of Britain victory and the Sicily, Salerno, Anzio, Normandy and South of France landings would never have been feasible if it had not been for the outright support and bravery of the men and boys of the Merchant Navy.

No other service had ships complements aged from 14 to 65 or over, 36,800 Merchant Navy personnel were lost in convoy duties and supporting invasions. They were really in the thick of action up in front with the armed forces.

Why lay their wreath around the corner away from the armed forces alongside whom they fought shoulder to shoulder?

The Merchant Navy's red ensign is never flown at the Cenotaph at Whitehall alongside the Army, Navy and the Royal Air Force ensigns.

When in London, visit the Merchant Navy War Memorial at Tower Hill and see for yourself the sacrifice the men and boys of the Merchant Navy gave for this country.

More than 4,000 British Merchant Navy ships were sunk between 1939 and 1945.

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