

## History Worksheet 12b: Witnessing History

### *DVD Questions based upon Alex's Experience*

1. As a young man Alex joined the Territorials with many of his friends. They thought that going to war would be a great adventure that wouldn't last for long. Why was their opinion wrong?
2. Alex was called up at the start of WWII when he was 23 years old. What did 'being called up' mean Alex had to do, and how might his family have felt about it?
3. Alex joined the Royal Engineers. What kind of tasks would he have performed to hold the enemy back?
4. How do you think Alex felt when he was captured?
5. What were the conditions in the POW camp like that made Alex and his friends feel that they must keep trying to escape?
6. When Alex's first attempt at escape failed, what happened to him when he was recaptured?
7. What kind of things did Alex do as a partisan and why was this so dangerous?
8. Alex spoke of the massacre of 1,830 village people by the Germans because they wouldn't say where he and his friends were hiding. How would you think this made him feel?
9. Describe what happened when the Americans arrived to liberate Italy. What were Alex's emotions at this time?
10. How did Alex feel when finally he was freed and able to come home?