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The campaign, which launched in February, is raising money for a range of

military and mental health charities. To date, it has raised over £4 million.

Foreign Secretary, Jeremy Hunt said:

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General the Lord Dannatt, Patron of There But Not There and former Chief of the General Staff said:

The First World War had such an impact on towns and villages across the United Kingdom that the contribution of servicemen and women from across the Commonwealth is too often overlooked. Their sacrifice was immeasurable, as was the effect that it had on their own communities.

The Tommies in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office stand in recognition of this service as we approach one hundred years since the guns fell silent.

We are humbled to see the figures appear all over the country as well as outside the FCO and would implore members of the public around the world to get even further behind the campaign by ordering their own 10" perspex Tommy to have at home, as the profits from these will support veterans that continue to suffer from the hidden wounds of war.

[There But Not There FCO installation](#)

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Millions of Commonwealth soldiers helped secure the Allied victory, including that of Ghanaian soldier Alhaji Grunshi, the first soldier in British service to fire a shot in the First World War.

One third of all indigenous peoples of Canada served in the Canadian forces during the war. Many distinguished themselves, including Francis Pegahmagabow an expert marksman and scout who was awarded the Military Medal three times.

Almost two million Indian servicemen served in the First World War, including Hardutt Singh Malik, the first Indian to fly with the British Royal Flying Corps. Malik initially failed to qualify for the Corps but went on to be the

sole Indian aviator to emerge alive from the war.

These are just a few examples of the millions of Commonwealth soldiers who fought for the freedoms we enjoy today, and who were fundamental to sustaining the war effort.

The Foreign Secretary's support for There But Not There, comes as the Ministry of Defence announced that Britain's military will increase the number of Commonwealth recruits to 1,350 per year, introduced over several years. The importance of the Commonwealth to the military is underlined by the fact that Britain already employs some 4,500 Commonwealth citizens in the Armed Forces.

Further information

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[News story: Award for Sellafield's mental health campaign](#)

The company's 'It's okay to talk about mental health' campaign has been named Best Internal Communications Campaign by the Chartered Institute of Public Relations, at their North West Pride Awards in Manchester.

The campaign is part of a wider approach to promote equality, diversity and inclusion in the workplace, using the mantra 'Respected. Included. Performing at our best'.

It featured a range of videos and events in which employees shared their own stories about mental health issues, and supported the national conversation around 'Mental Health Awareness Week' in May 2018.

Alan Rankin from Sellafield Ltd, said:

This award is recognition of all the hard work people across the organisation have put in to ensuring mental health is taken seriously.

As we know, 1 in 4 people will experience mental health problems in

their lifetime, so our campaign is very much focused on ensuring we have a supportive working environment for people who have or might suffer such problems.

This is just the start of our journey, but we are extremely proud of the way our employees are continuing to develop a culture that promotes understanding, respect and support for all our colleagues.

I'd like to thank everyone who is helping us to remove the stigma associated with mental health issues.

The Chartered Institute of Public Relations Pride Awards are selected by a team of leading industry experts.