

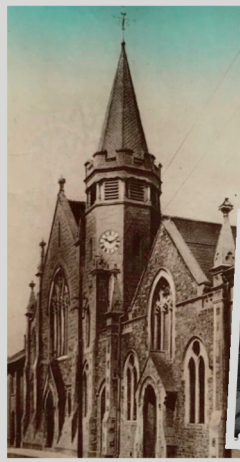
(9) THE FOOD SERVICE

The corner building, as you exit the Square was formerly The Stanhope Hotel which played host to **THE FOOD SERVICE** during the war.



Left:
Ration and
clothing
books

(10) BRITISH CANTEEN



Turn right (at the end of The Square, by the postbox) and walk along Bodmin Street until you come to the Methodist Chapel. This housed the **BRITISH CANTEEN**.



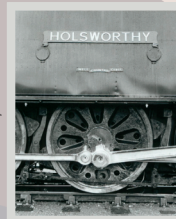
(11) CANN, MEDLAND & CO

Two houses down from the Chapel you'll see Holsworthy's infamous 'Washing Machine Corner'. This was the site of **CANN, MEDLAND & Co**, the garage (below, left) which housed the American fuel pumps used by the American soldiers in the area.



(12) RAILWAY STATION

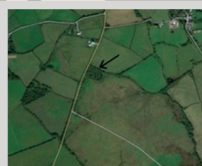
To locate the old **RAILWAY STATION** move back to the start of Bodmin Street and turn right onto Chapel Street. Follow the road down the hill and, before the bridge, turn right towards Waitrose supermarket along Station Road. If you make your way across the car park, you will find the Blue Plaque exactly where the original railway platform was (adjacent the trolley park). The Railway station transported the POW's as well as the arriving evacuees. Their adventures in Holsworthy began here!



Enjoy the local facilities before setting off for the last leg of this Trail, as you will need to drive!

(13) RED BALL EXPRESS

Use your navigation to take you to **AFFALAND WOODS** - EX22 6SJ will get you there. The blue plaque is sited at the entrance to the Black American camp which housed the 3544th Quartermaster Service Unit – who later became part of **THE 'RED BALL EXPRESS'**.



L-R: Affaland woods location; Red Ball Express; Affaland woods



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WW2 HERITAGE TRAIL

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We hope you enjoy the trail and
learn more about Holsworthy's
involvement in the second world war!

THANK YOU!

For further historic information, visit the
Holsworthy Museum in the Manor Car Park,
contact history@holsworthymuseum.co.uk
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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Holsworthy WW2 Heritage Trail!

Starting at the Museum in the Manor Carpark follow the locations to discover many WW2 related locations within Holsworthy and the stories behind them. Stories that involve determination, courage and adaptability of a community at War. Enjoy the trail and please visit the Holsworthy Museum (EX22 6DJ) for further information.

SCAN THE
QR CODES
IN THE BLUE
PLAQUES

Each location/blue plaque displays a QR Code - scan these for further historical information and pictures

(1) RICHARD TODD & DR CHARLES EVANS

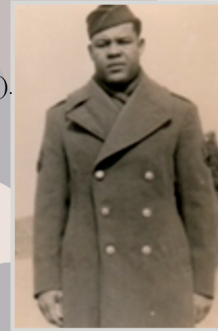


Above: Richard Todd and Dr Charles Evans' gravestone

Opposite the Manor Car Park you will find The Elms', the former home of Hollywood actor **RICHARD TODD**. The Elms' was also the home, during the war, of **Dr CHARLES EVANS**, who along with Fred Bate, were the first people on the scene of the Halifax Bomber crash, killing everyone on board.

(2) JOE LOUIS

From The Elms' head towards the T-junction and follow North Road on your left until you get to the roundabout and Sanders Lane - walk left and you'll see the stone fence and entrance gates to Stanhope Park (on your right). The park was the location for the visit of World Heavyweight Boxing Champion **JOE LOUIS**. The 'Brown Bomber' visited the park in July 1944 for an exhibition match to aid morale amongst the Black Americans in the area.



(3) POW CAMP

Walk through the main gates, keeping right (past the play area), head towards the Pavillion and follow the path. As you leave the park, look behind you, and the plaque is on the granite wall (at hip height). **POW CAMP No. 42** (below) is the former prisoner of War Camp, known simply as Camp 42. Housing Italian, German and later Russian prisoners.



(4) DRILL HALL

Walk back through the park (the way you entered), head left along North Road. After about 100m Anunay Close appears on your left. This is the former site of the **DRILL HALL**, where the local Home Guard was based. The plaque is located on the wall of Tamar Vets.



(5) WHITE HART HOTEL

Now head back towards the town centre and enter Fore Street.

On your left stands the **WHITE HART HOTEL** - with a history dating back to 1591.

During the war the pub had a reinforced cellar for storing valuable wines.



(6) ALBION HOUSE

Look across the road and you will see what is now Bond Oxborough Phillips Estate Agent. During the war, this building **ALBION HOUSE** was the base for the Womens Voluntary Service (WVS) and the base for the Home Guard.

Walk through, past this building, into the square...

(7) THE DUG OUT

The yellow fronted 'Natures Way' was the location of the First Aid Station known as **THE DUG OUT**.



(8) WHITLOCK'S GARAGE



Walk through the Square towards Bodmin Street and on your right was the **WHITLOCK'S GARAGE** (18/19 The Square). This is where the Auxiliary Fire Service were based in WW2.