

Royal Marines Corps Memorial Dates

1 November 1944 - The Assault of Walcheren

The leading troops in the successful seaborne attack on Walcheren in November 1944, were the 4th Special Service Brigade (Brigadier B W Leicester DSO) consisting of Nos 41, 47 and 48 Commandos and No 4 Army Commandos. The three RM Commandos attacked Westkapelle with little support, owing to the weather, other than that provided by the Naval Support Craft, the guns of which were manned by RM crews.

The success of the landing was in no small measure due to the self sacrifice and gallantry of the Naval Support Craft, and after some days' heavy fighting ashore, the batteries covering the mouth of the Scheldt were captured. The clearing of the entrance to the river, in which the Royal Marines thus performed a gallant and leading part, was of the greatest of the operations of the Allied Armies in Flanders
