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## COMMANDOS IN LOCHABER



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### MUSEUM AND SHOP OPENING TIMES

Apr - Oct	10:00 - 5:00	Mon - Sat
Mar, Nov, Dec	10:00 - 4:00	Mon - Sat

In association with the  
Commando Veterans Association



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"No fair play,  
no rules – except one:  
Kill or be killed"

William Fairbairn 1944

Following defeat at Dunkirk,  
Churchill ordered the creation of  
an elite military fighting force.

Nothing of its kind had before  
existed and the legendary image of  
Commandos as bold, daring raiders  
was soon established.

In response to the Commando threat  
Hitler issued his infamous 'Commando  
Order' demanding that: "all Commandos  
be annihilated to the last man."



A West Highland Estate was  
the location for the toughest  
military training in the  
Second World War including  
exercises with live ammunition.

The exhibition tells the story of  
the Commandos in Lochaber during  
the Second World War –

"This country was their  
training ground"



The training regime was legendary  
and those who completed the course  
were awarded with the prestigious  
green beret.

The exhibition shows the training,  
weapons and equipment used by the  
men who trained at Achnacarry.  
The displays show the heroism of  
individuals and examines some of the  
campaigns the commandos fought in.