



# WOODEN SPOON QUIZZES

## History War, Battles and Conflicts 8



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### ANSWERS

- 11 November 1918
- The Netherlands
- Australian and New Zealand Army Corps
- Molotov cocktail
- Afghanistan
- The Crimean War
- Empress Matilda
- The Battle of Copenhagen
- Approximately 2 million
- D-Day
- Clan MacDonald
- Paper (often cellulose-based "ersatz" fabric)



### FUN FACTS

- The timing was so symbolic that the silence at 11am on 11/11 became a tradition of remembrance still observed across Britain today.
- Market Garden aimed to seize a series of bridges — but it was described afterwards as "a bridge too far," a phrase that stuck in history.
- ANZAC troops became legendary at Gallipoli, and 25 April is still marked as ANZAC Day in both Australia and New Zealand.
- The Molotov cocktail got its name when Finns sarcastically said the Soviets were sending them "food parcels" — so they'd send back a "drink to go with it."
- The invasion on Christmas Eve 1979 marked the start of what many called the Soviet Union's "Vietnam."
- The Charge was a blunder caused by miscommunication — brave soldiers, disastrous orders.
- Empress Matilda never actually became queen, but she did manage to capture King Stephen for a time — awkward Christmas dinners all round.
- Nelson really did have poor eyesight in one eye — making his act of "not seeing" the signal both theatrical and convenient.
- Around a quarter of London's housing stock was damaged or destroyed — imagine trying to find a tradesperson for that lot.
- Over 156,000 Allied troops landed on D-Day — the largest seaborne invasion in history.
- The massacre took place after the MacDonalds had offered hospitality to government troops — a betrayal that still echoes in Scottish history.
- Germany called many wartime substitutes "ersatz," meaning replacement — wartime fashion was definitely not Milan standard.



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