



Dr Ghee Bowman

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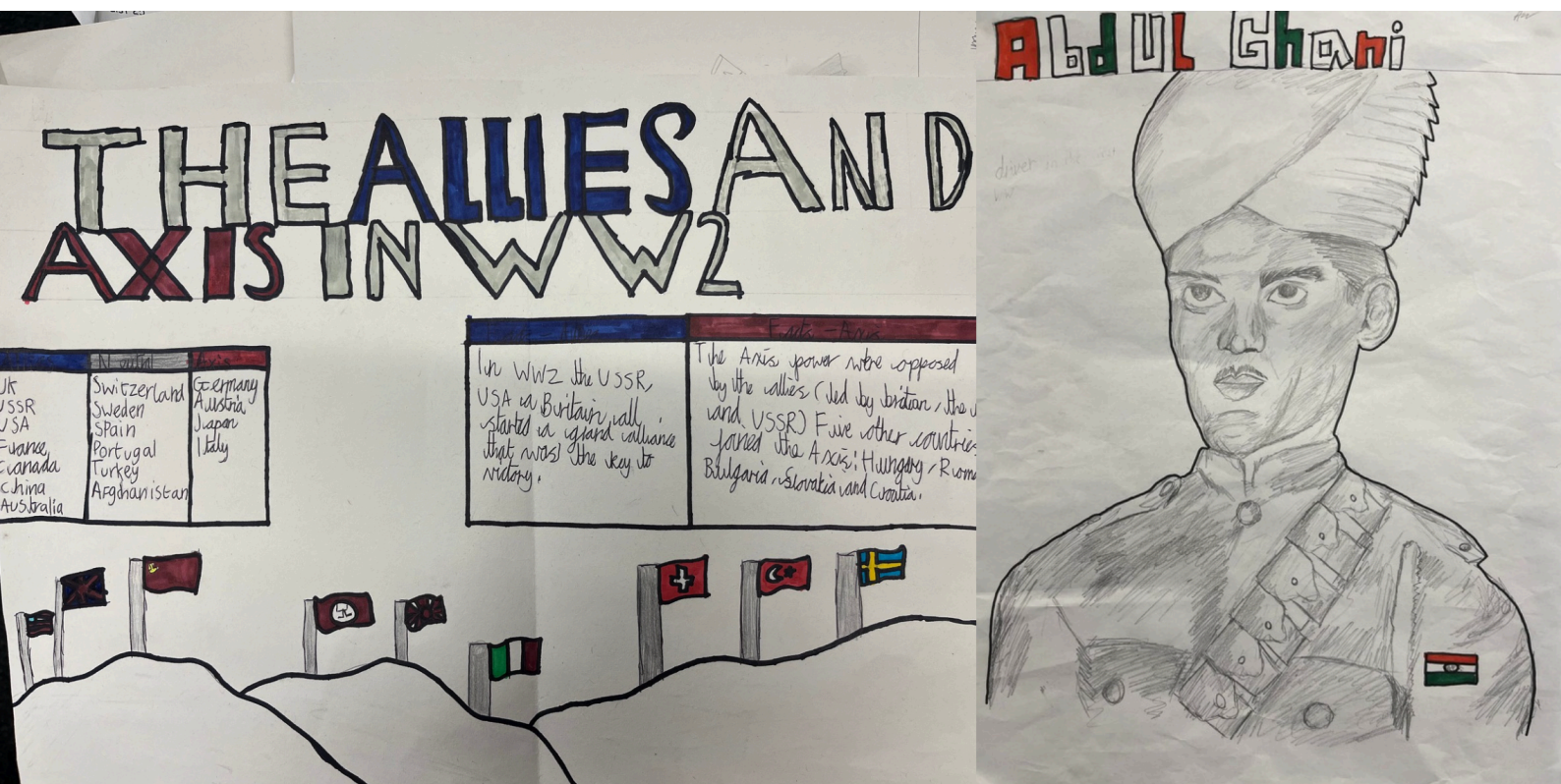
A Beautiful Testimonial by Colourful Heritage

Colourful Heritage founder Dr Omar Shaikh first met Ghee in Sept 2016 at a talk in Glasgow Central Mosque about 'Force K6' in the early days of his PhD research. The rest of the CH team met him in 2018 when we invited him to attend the 1st Islamic Remembrance service for Force K6 soldiers buried in Kingussie where he met Mrs Isobel Harling BEM who tended the graves of these nine soldiers. Ghee had a huge sense of responsibility to unearth their near forgotten story and highlight it to the wider public.



Over the years Ghee gave many in person talks at our CH events and throughout schools in Glasgow. He continued to deliver many online talks arranged by CH for a number of schools in Glasgow & Scotland throughout lockdown until 2024.

He cared hugely about the young people he spoke to and they produced incredible outputs after his talks such as pictures, posters and letters about Force K6.



In 2019 he gifted a khaadi poppy to Colourful Heritage which was later donated to Glasgow Museums collection. He highlighted an important picture at Kelvingrove Art Galleries of a Force K6 soldier which we have brought down to eye level and included in the new 'GlaswegAsians in WW2' exhibition which is permanent.

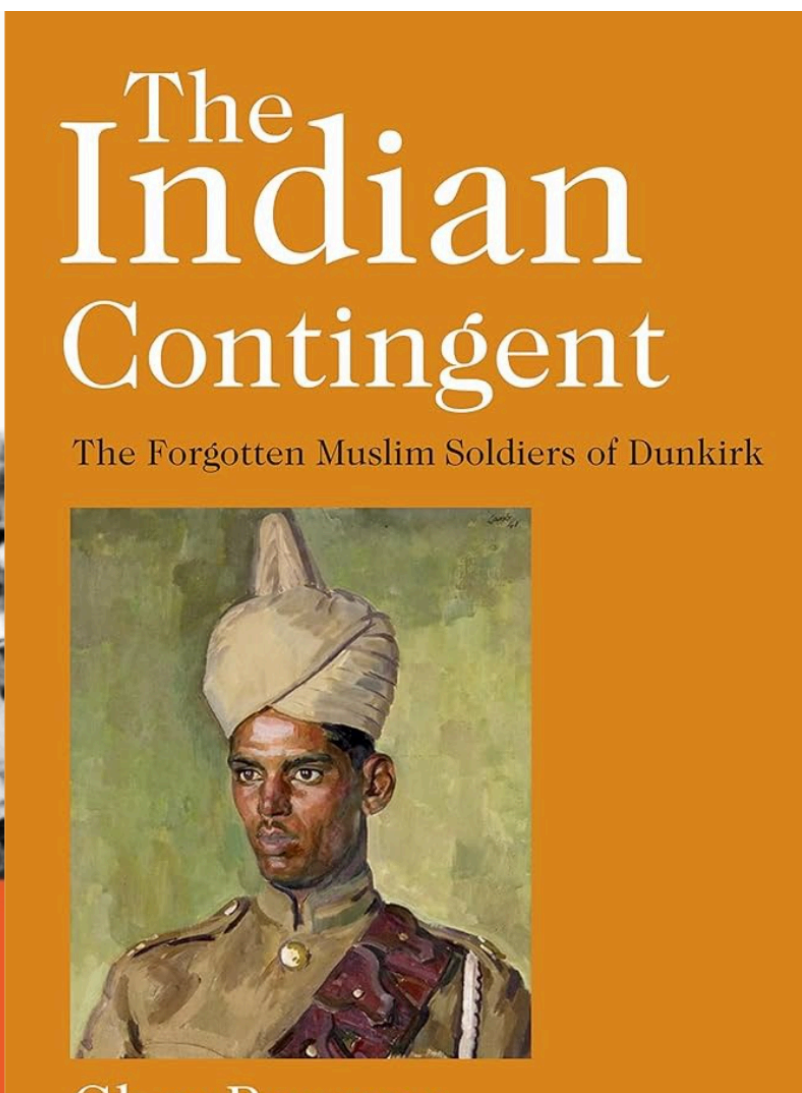
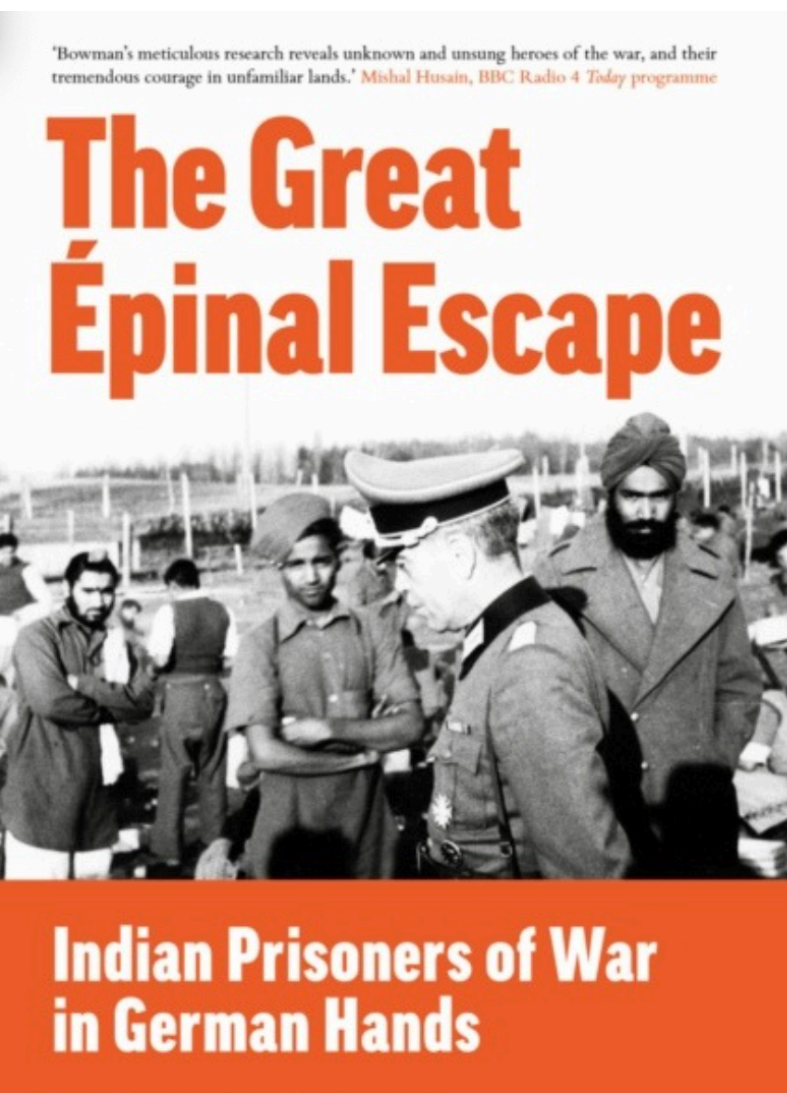


His work was hugely important to Muslims, Pakistani's and Indians to highlight our shared history with British people. It provided an important narrative to help the South Asian community feel a self of belonging and in shaping our hybrid Muslim/Indian and British identity in UK.



His work also led to the Kingussie Community creating a memorial for the K6 soldiers buried in Scotland's Highlands & has contributed in Colourful Heritages own British Indian Army memorial in Scotland for which building work will commence in late 2025 outside Kelvingrove Art Gallery, Glasgow.

We are grateful for his website/blogs/books and of course his wonderful email updates about his research he use to share regularly. He has left a huge legacy by way of his website and his two published books.



On behalf of the Muslim community especially the Pakistanis and the South Asians in UK, we owe him a huge debt of gratitude for unearthing such an important & forgotten shared history that serves to unite the Pakistani, Indian and British communities in UK and beyond on how multi-faith communities united together to protect Britain during both World Wars, especially World War II.

Ghee's thoughtful guidance, kind encouragement, and steady presence — always just an email or question away — will be profoundly missed by his Colourful Heritage family. He was

an inspiration to many in Scotland, UK and beyond.

- Dr Saqib Razzaq, Project Officer / Head of Research, Colourful Heritage.

