## **Resource sheet 2.1A (page 1)**

**Why did the Korean War become a forgotten war   
in Britain?   
  
Veterans’ testimony**

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| **A**  I arrived in the middle of the night with no one to greet me and went to the local police station and said: ‘I live about five miles away, can you help me get home?’ They said: ‘No, you’re a soldier. Walk.’  **Alan Guy, Royal Army Medical Corps**  *(Speaking in 2016 on a Korean news programme)* | **B**  The first night I got home I went out with my father to a pub… and a fella said to me, ‘I've not seen you for a while, where’ve you been?’  I said: ‘I've been to Korea.’ And he said, ‘Oh really, did you have a nice time?’  **Mike Mogridge, Royal Fusiliers, 1988**  *(Quoted on National Army Museum website)* |
| **C**  Everything and everybody connected with Korea just simply sank out of sight. Years went by during which time I never met anyone who had served in Korea. There were no books in the library and no films about Korea. There was nothing. It was as though it – the Korean War – had never happened. A truly forgotten war.  **Ron Larby, National Serviceman veteran**  ***(****Quoted in Grace Huxford, ‘The Korean War Never Happened’)* | **D**  I would never speak about the Korean War simply because it was so soon after the Second World War that if you said anything: ‘Oh that was nothing… what we suffered in the Second World War…’  **Alexander Easton, Black Watch veteran** *(Talking on BBC Scotland’s* Forgotten War in Korea *to Jackie Bird in 2012)* |
| **E**  I often sit and think should we have sat and talked about it but we waited too long to talk about it and by that time the Korean war was forgotten about.  **Bill Hall, Black Watch veteran** *(Talking on BBC Scotland’s* Forgotten War in Korea *to Jackie Bird in 2012)* | **F**  You said to people: ‘I was in Korea…’  They said: ‘Where’s Korea?’  And you showed them.  ‘Oh that bit of land there? I didn’t even know that existed.’  **Michael Outridge, Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers** *(Speaking in 2010 for a film made by Leicestershire County Council)* |

## **Resource sheet 2.1A (page 2)**

**Why did the Korean War become a forgotten war   
in Britain?**

**Recording sheet**

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| **Inference about the Korean War** | **Agree or disagree?** | **Extract(s) from the source(s) you would use as evidence to support your view** |
| The soldiers were treated as heroes when they returned |  |  |
| The soldiers happily talked about their experiences in Korea when they returned |  |  |
| People in 1950s Britain knew nothing about Korea |  |  |
| People in 1950s Britain thought World War II was more important than Korea |  |  |
| There were lots of films and books made about the Korean War in the decades following the war |  |  |