

# WW2 Script



## Script to accompany WW2 film Making a Cup of Tea (words spoken by Andy Robertshaw)

It is late June 1944 a few weeks after D-Day. Private Lovell of the Northumberland Fusiliers is in dense woodland in Normandy. All morning, he has been duelling with the enemy (Germany) and is now going to settle down and enjoy a cup of tea.

First he will light his fire, take water from his canteen and pour it into his mess tin. It may not seem important, but for a soldier in action tea is reviving and a real reminder of home. In his rations he has tea, sweets, chocolate and oatmeal bars ready to eat.

The water is now boiling. He can now get the brew he has been craving. With his jackknife he opens the tin of condensed milk (sadly, he knows this will get covered in flies very quickly, so he will share it with his mates).

He normally carries his water on his back so doesn't waste a drop. As he gets ready he watches out for debris which falls into the water as it boils. He will fish the bits out of it, or it might be disgusting.

He opens the tea. In 1944, there were no plastic bags and all these provisions were supplied in tiny sealed tins to keep things dry. Carefully he gets some dry tea leaves out (if these had got wet or damp the tea would be useless). From a few pieces of leaf tea he can make a brew and he's been looking forward to this. He watches it brew or 'mash' (if he is a Northerner). He adds sugar and condensed milk, gives it all a stir.

He sits back, and for few minutes he can forget about the War and enjoy his first brew of the day.