



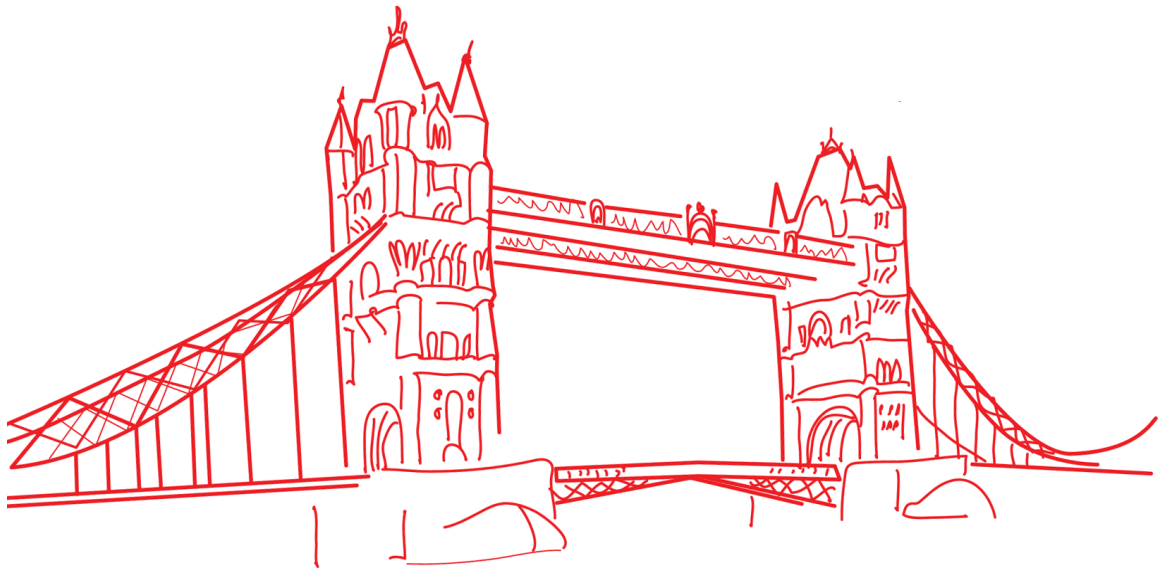
We Shall Fight on the Beaches
Winston Churchill

Excerpt of a speech delivered to the House of Commons on
June 4, 1940, after the successful evacuation of Allied troops from Dunkirk



I have, myself, full confidence that if all do their duty, if nothing is neglected, and if the best arrangements are made, as they are being made, we shall prove ourselves once again able to defend our Island home, to ride out the storm of war, and to outlive the menace of tyranny, if necessary for years, if necessary alone. At any rate, that is what we are going to try to do. That is the resolve of His Majesty's Government—every man of them. That is the will of Parliament and the nation. The British Empire and

forth to the rescue and the
liberation of the old.





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The British Empire and French
Republic, linked together in
their cause and in their need,
will defend to the death their
native soil, aiding each other
like good comrades to the
utmost of their strength. Even
though large tracts of Europe
and many old and famous
States have fallen or may fall
into the grip of the Gestapo
and all the odious apparatus of
Nazi rule, we shall not flag or
fail. We shall go on to the end,
we shall fight in
France, we shall fight

