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Sir James Bottomley
Civil servant and diplomat to whom ministers turned whenever a crisis loomed in the Commonwealth

Jim Bottomley was lucky to survive shots through chin and lungs in Normandy. He helped the British and United States governments rescue General Charles de Gaulle in France and briefed Winston Churchill on the bombing of Berlin.

In 1946 he was released by the hospital, he was still suffering from a broken back and was placed on a course of physical therapy. He was drafted into the field hospital, but his injuries were so severe that he was sent back to the United States for further treatment.

He returned to London and went into remission, but the pain in his back remained. He was eventually diagnosed with a form of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. In 1971 he was told that he had a terminal illness and that his treatment options were limited.

He died of cancer on June 11, 2013, at the age of 93, leaving a legacy of service to his country and to the Commonwealth. He was a true wartime hero and a true gentleman.