'Holland tells the story brilliantly. He has delved into archives for letters and diaries and diligently tracked down survivors ... Vividly, intelligently, movingly, Holland's monumental chronicle tells it like it was.' PATRICK BISHOP, Mail on Sunday

'Holland has produced a wonderful book whose pace ... never seems to flag ... he is a master at evoking time and place, with haunting descriptions of the desert landscape ... If there is a better book on the North African campaign, I haven't read it.' SAUL DAVID, Daily Telegraph

'... James Holland uproots many of the still-flourishing myths about the campaigns and goes in search of the real experiences of the men who fought them. Using personal testimony and private memoirs as effectively as official archives, he recreates the hardships and challenges faced by ordinary soldiers and reassesses the tactical and strategic innovations that finally gave the allies the upper hand.' The Sunday Times

'... a ripping yarn ... Anyone who wants to know how it felt to fight in the desert war should read Holland's book. It represents a remarkable collation of personal experience and sensible historical judgments.'

MAX HASTINGS, Sunday Telegraph

'Stands out from the crowd.' NIGEL JONES, Literary Review

'As Holland shows, this period saw the realisation of how the war might eventually be won.' BBC History Magazine

'The book gives the individuals, be they commander-in-chiefs or infantry, space that attests to their bravery and sacrifices ... a comprehensive appraisal of the war in North Africa.' Good Book Guide

'Together We Stand is not merely another war book written by yet another author with a skill for historical military research and battle narrative. Written by the very talented James Holland, this book is as informative and surprising as it is vast in its scope and content ... Holland spares very little when it comes to bringing the reader up close and personal with the bloody business of armoured warfare ... a thoroughly enjoyable read by any standards ... a remarkable story in itself.'

Evening Echo



sciuding foreground image

CONTENTS

	VII
List of Illustrations	ix
List of Maps	xliii
Principle Personalities	xlix
Principle Commanders	lvii
Introduction Prologue: Sidi Rezegh, Libya: November 1941	xli
PART I: NADIR	3
PART I: NADIK 1 Calm Before the Storm: Monday, 4 May 1942 1 Calm Before the Storm: Monday, 4 May 1942	27
2 A Brief Discourse on Tactics and Equipment	56
A married	75
4 Missed Opportunities: 26 May-5 June 1942	107
5 Into the Cauldron: 4–10 June 1942	132
6 Knightsbridge: 11–18 June 1942 7 Surrender and Retreat: 19 June–1 July 1942	152
PART II: COMING TOGETHER	185
8 Parry: July 1942 Part 1	212
o And Thrust: July 1942 Part 2	231
1 12 August 1942	256
A Mictory at Last: 13 August-4 September 25-1	286
12 Getting Ready Part 1: September 1942 13 Getting Ready Part 2: October 1942	313
PART III: ADVANCE AND RETREAT	349
23-6 October 1944	374
26 October 3 November 1942	398
16 Lighting the Torch: 5-11 November 1942	429
17 The Race for Tunis: November 1742	455
18 Harsh Realities: December 1942 19 Pause for Thought: January 1943	484

JAMES HOLLAND

20	Conflicting Personalities: 18 January-13 February 1943	516
21	Rommel Strikes Back: 14-22 February 1943	547
ART	IV: SHOULDER TO SHOULDER	
22	Alex and Mary Take Control: 22 February-20 March	577
23	Left Hook: 17-31 March 1943	607
24	Joining Hands: 1-18 April 1943	642
25	Endgame: 19 April-13 May 1943	674
	Postscript	705
	Glossary	723
	Codenames	725
	Notes	727
	Bibliography and Sources	745
	Acknowledgements	767
	Index	769