

NOOR-UN- NISSA INAYAT KHAN



Noor-un-Nissa Inayat Khan was born in Moscow in 1914. She was educated in France, then later moved to England where she joined the Women's Auxiliary Air Force in 1940. She was eventually recruited by Special Operations Executive (SOE) forces as a radio operator towards the end of 1942, during World War Two. She was relocated to France in 1943 where she became a radio operator for 'Prosper', part of the Resistance network in Paris. Many other members of the network were arrested shortly after her move, however she chose to remain dedicated to the cause.

She operated in hiding, covertly delivering messages back to London while avoiding capture. Eventually she was betrayed and exposed to the Gestapo who arrested her. She was transported to Germany where she was tortured but steadfastly refused to expose any information. In 1944 she was taken to Dachau concentration camp along with three other female SOE agents. There she was shot for her unwavering commitment to freedom and unwillingness to compromise her morals.

dedicated

betrayed

French Resistance

brave

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"Noor-un-Nissa Inayat Khan GC was betrayed, arrested and eventually sent to Dachau Concentration Camp where she was shot. Her last word was '*Liberté*'. I admire her sense of duty, her bravery and her willingness to lay down her life for our freedom."