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### The British Soldier of the Second World War 2019-03-15

thousands of men fought for britain in the second world war covering recruitment training kit and life on the front line this is the ideal introduction for anyone wanting an insight into the life of the british tommy

#### The British Soldier 1857

the story of the british soldier in the second world war has so far not been adequately told this small book will redress the balance addressing these soldiers endurance through six long years of conflict in theaters as diverse as europe the western desert the arctic and the far east the book unfolds the story of the road to dunkirk the development of fortress britain and the rearming of the army to open the second front in europe it explains what it was like to serve in the desert on the long road that led to victory in alamein and of the battles against the japanese in the far east it does so by reference to the military equipment literature art and ephemera helping to conjure up a flavor of the british tommy s experience that has not been touched upon in other books dealing with the period and assisting the family historian with a greater understanding of the activities of their relatives in this hard fought war

### The British Soldier of the Second World War 2009-10-20

tommy s story begins in an impoverished salford of a bygone time it follows tommy through his childhood and youth this leads into the main part of the story about tommy s experiences as a british soldier seeing combat in the libyan desert with the british 7th armoured division which leads to capture and life as a prisoner of war and eventual escape and spectacular journey to reach freedom the story has twists and turns that will keep the reader not knowing how it will finish until the end it contains shocking first hand accounts of war and the harshness of living in a war environment but also moments of hope and endeavour and the laughter of life and romance in the most bizarre of situations the story travels between continents and countries highlighting the importance of how a grasp of different languages can remove cultural barriers and in tommy s story probably saved his life

### Tommy's Story: The Life Experience of a Salford Man, A British Soldier of World War Two. 2017-07-02

the british soldier of the great war has been depicted in many books invariably a pen picture paints him as stoic joining the army in a wave of patriotic fervour and destined to serve four years on the western front in some of the most costly battles in history yet often the picture is difficult to resolve for the reader what was it like in the trenches how did the soldier live where did he sleep what was it like to go over the top and when he did what did he carry with him for many the idea of trench life is hazy and usually involves drowning in mud in as one writer put it the pitiless misery of passchendaele recently military historians have presented an alternative picture a picture in which the hopelessness of the first world war is given new life and purpose remembering tommy pays tribute to the real life british soldier of the great war from the moment of joining up to their final homecoming using original artefacts in historic settings the men and their words are brought to life the uniforms they wore the equipment they carried the letters they wrote home their personal possessions mementos and photographs come together in a powerful tribute to the indomitable tommy each one of these precious artefacts bears witness to the men who left them behind allowing us to almost reach out and touch history

# The British Soldier on the Somme in 1916 1996

an examination of the lifecycle of soldiers including enlistment experiences of military life the soldier s place in society and in politics and military identity memory and representation

#### Remembering Tommy 2013-10-01

more than three and a half million men served in the british army during the second world war the vast majority of them civilians who had never expected to become soldiers and had little idea what military life with all its strange rituals discomforts and dangers was going to be like alan allport s rich and luminous social history examines the experience of the greatest and most terrible war in history from the perspective of these ordinary extraordinary men who were plucked from their peacetime families and workplaces and sent to fight for king and country allport chronicles the huge diversity of their wartime trajectories tracing how soldiers responded to and were shaped by their years with the british army and how that army however reluctantly had to accommodate itself to them touching on issues of class sex crime trauma and national identity through a colorful multitude of fresh individual perspectives the book provides an enlightening deeply moving perspective on how a generation of very modern minded young men responded to the challenges of a brutal and disorienting conflict

#### Redcoats to Tommies 2021

illustrated with over two hundred and sixty maps photos and portraits of the battles individuals and places involved in the crimean war thomas faughnan served in the 6th royal regiment now the royal warwickshire regiment during a most bloody period of british history born in derry in ireland he enlisted in the british army to escape poverty and deprivation his was destined to be a hard life of soldiering his memoirs abound with details of the dull and brutal life of the private soldier on marches and in barracks in england before his first major service abroad in the crimea colour sergeant faughnan as he had risen in the ranks served with distinction at the siege of sebastopol amongst the snow and disease he writes movingly of the desperate conditions that the average ranker suffered and fought under in russia and of the heroic engagements at balaklava and the assault of the redan the author survived to see further action in egypt before eventual retirement in canada a little known but brilliant memoir from the ranks of the british army

# Browned Off and Bloody-Minded 2017-03-03

this social history of the common british soldier in the american revolution dispels myths and sheds new light on who fought for the crown and why in this extensive study sylvia frey surveys recruiting records contemporary training manuals statutes and memoirs to provide insight into the soldier s life and mind in the process she reveals a great deal about the common soldier his social origins and occupational background his size age and general physical condition his personal economics and daily existence her findings dispel the traditional assumption that the army was made up largely of criminals and social misfits special attention is given to soldiering as an occupation and the moral and material factors which induced men to accept the high risks focusing on two of the major campaigns of the war the northern campaign which culminated at saratoga and the southern campaign which ended at yorktown frey describes the human face of war with particular emphasis on the physical and psychic strains of campaigning in the eighteenth century frey rejects the traditional assumption that soldiers were motivated to fight exclusively by fear and force and argues instead that the primary motivation to battle was generated by regimental esprit which in the eighteenth century substituted for patriotism after analyzing the sources of esprit she concludes that it was the sustaining force for morale in a long and

discouraging war

# Stirring Incidents in the Life of a British Soldier 2015-11-06

a history of the ordinary british soldier in the first world war richard holmes deploys his skills of historical analysis to tell the human story of the men that comprised the british army

# The British Soldier in America 2012-11-15

a handsomely illustrated photographic account by the bestselling author of tommy of the human experience of war as directly witnessed by british soldiers in the first world war

# Stirring Incidents in the Life of a British Soldier *1882*

how different were the men who fought at blenheim and at goose green is there a human thread that connects the redcoat of 300 years ago with the british soldier of today what would they find in common if they faced a common foe this book is about the people in the army and the very human interactions between them in their daily lives it marries the disciplines of social anthropology and military history to provide a novel way of looking at the anatomy of the british army at unit level from an entirely human perspective concentrating on the attitudes expectations and concerns expressed by the people involved it sets out a set of simple models of life at regimental duty that can be used to describe analyze and explain their behaviour over the past 300 years the book is grounded on what soldiers of all ranks have said using the author s research interview material for the modern witnesses and memoirs diaries and letters published and unpublished for earlier ones

### <u>A History of the Dress of the British</u> Soldier 1852

an introduction to the life of winston churchill british prime minister during world war ii

#### Tommy 2004

in this landmark book philip haythornthwaite traces the career of a british soldier from enlistment through the key stages of his path through the military system including combat all the way to his eventual discharge his fascinating account shows how varied the recruits of the day were from urban dwellers and weavers to plowboys and laborers

#### Shots from the Front 2010

from army cadets on merseyside to action in the falklands and northern ireland edward denmark joined the british army for adventure and to serve queen and country however as he prepared to go ashore in the frozen windswept falkland islands 8000 miles from britain facing a well dug in larger enemy force he understood at that moment that this was not for queen and country he was now fighting for his own life and the chance to see the sunrise once more follow this young soldier as he endures the bitter cold and constant air attack by a very determined argentine enemy in the falklands war to patrolling the brutally violent streets of northern ireland where tragedy came from nowhere if you have ever wondered what our soldiers face in war and how they keep going under the most arduous and desperate conditions then this book will tell you

#### Red Coat, Green Machine 2011-11-03

combining military and cultural history the book explores british soldiers travels and cross cultural encounters in spain and portugal 1808 1814 it is the story of how soldiers interacted with the local environment and culture of their attitudes and behaviour towards the inhabitants and how they wrote about all this in letters and memoirs

#### The British Soldier 1856

for many people the epitome of the british soldier of the late victorian period is the redcoat who fought in southern africa in the 1870s this title covers the key period of the wars against the zulu and boers the dramatic battles of rorke s drift isandlwana ulundi laing s nek and majuba are some of the most famous engagements in the history of the british army the journey of the british soldier from the back streets of britain s inner cities to the isolated rock outcrop of isandlwana and the mountain top of majuba is one of discipline devotion loyalty bravery determination and sheer hard work it is a journey from which many men never returned

#### Winston Churchill 2006

redcoat is an anecdotal history of the british soldier in the 18th and 19th centuries drawing on a wealth of original source material such as diaries letters and memoirs

#### Redcoats 2012

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#### Not for Queen and Country 2016-03-12

this is the moving story of a young man who found himself along with thousands of his comrades in the nightmare of japanese captivity unlike so many it is said that one commonwealth pow died for every sleeper laid bill lived to tell the tale indeed it is remarkable that this story has not been told before so graphic are bill s memories of the hardships and horrors the book goes on to describe how the experiences of those years have affected his life since

# The British Soldier in the Peninsular War 2013-07-23

the fascination with the british involvement in the first world war extends to all aspects of the conflict the battles and their outcomes the armies and their leaders the conditions of trench warfare and the controversies form part of the growing literature examining every aspect of a war that was to cast a shadow over the rest of the twentieth century the effects of which are still being felt today for the british army the cap badge is the most easily identifiable form of insignia it represents a distillation of the pride of the regiment its various battle honors and symbols borne proudly on the metallic emblem that was worn on all headdress even within the trenches identification of the cap badge on old photographs is a first important step in unraveling the military service of an individual cap badges have been collected avidly since they were first thought of in the nineteenth century cap badge collecting is as popular now as it has ever been yet with a growing number of fakes and forgeries there is a need for a book that illustrates clearly the main types and allows the collector and family historian alike to understand their meaning surprisingly there are no real comprehensive web based resources and the available books many of which are out of print are often dull arcane and poorly illustrated with grey muddy images of otherwise spectacular badges this book illustrates for the first time in full color and high quality images of the main types of badges used by the british army in world war i in addition contemporary illustrations of the soldiers themselves wearing the badges and the wider importance of their symbolism is also included employing the skills of an established writer and collector and artist it provides a unique reference guide for all people interested in the world war i

#### The British Soldier 1915

since 1660 the army has evolved and adapted but the social organisation of the men has changed less with the major combat arms retaining many of the characteristics familiar to those who fought at blenheim waterloo and the somme the duke of marlborough who built up the british army to become a world class fighting force in the 1660s would recognise in the tired heroes of helmand the descendants of the men he led to victory at blenheim over three hundred years ago soldiers is exhaustively researched and holmes s affection for the soldier shines through on every page above all this book is brimming with great stories from the chaos of the battlefield to the fug of the barrack room from ulster to bengal from flanders fields to the afghan hills this is a magisterial social history of the british soldier and richard holmes s fitting last tribute to the british soldier to whom he was so devoted

#### A British Soldier Remembers 2001

the british soldier wrote a prussian officer who served with wellington is vigorous well fed by nature highly brave and intrepid trained to the most vigorous discipline and admirably well armed these circumstances explain how this army has never yet been defeated in the field from the restoration of charles ii in 1660 to the downfall of napoleon in 1815 britain won a series of major wars against france that enabled her to lay the foundations of a global empire by waterloo she was the paramount maritime and industrial power in the world and would remain so for much of the nineteenth century this is the story of that extraordinary century and a half of martial success and the people who made it possible the soldier kings william iii and the first two georges the generals marlborough wolfe moore and wellington and the ordinary british redcoats who despite harsh service conditions that included low pay poor housing inadequate food and brutal discipline rarely let their commanders down in battles as far afield as blenheim plassey quebec and waterloo in a fast moving narrative that ranges from the barracks and cabinet rooms of england to the rolling plains of flanders the cockpit of europe the trackless wilderness of north america and the mountains of the iberian peninsula saul david paints a compelling and vivid portrait of the british soldier wellington s best all instruments in peacetime and at war

### British Infantryman in South Africa 1877-81 2003-11-21

sergeant faughnan served for twenty one years with the

2nd battalion 6th royal regiment this account of his life and travels including the part he played during the crimean war is reprinted from the third edition of 1881

#### The British Soldier 1915

the popular image of the british soldier in the first world war is of a passive victim caught up in events beyond his control and isolated from civilian society this book offers a different vision of the soldier s experience of war using letters and official sources relating to liverpool units helen mccartney shows how ordinary men were able to retain their civilian outlook and use it to influence their experience in the trenches these citizen soldiers came to rely on local civilian loyalties and strong links with home to bolster their morale whilst their civilian backgrounds helped them challenge those in command if they felt they were being treated unfairly the book examines the soldier not only in his military context but in terms of his social and cultural life it will appeal to anyone wishing to understand how the british soldier thought and behaved during the first world war

### Redcoat 2002

awakened by great shouted oaths below peeped over the side of the manger and saw a belgian lass milking and addressing a cow with a comprehensive luridness that left no doubt in my mind that british soldiers had been billeted here before private norman ellison 1 6th king s liverpool regiment humor helped the british soldier survive the terrible experiences they faced in the trenches of the western front during the great war human beings are complicated and there is no set pattern as to how they react to the outrageous stresses of war but humor often dark and representative of the horrors around them could and often did help they may have been up to their knees in mud and blood soaking wet and shot at from all sides but many were still determined to see the funny side rather than surrender to utter misery peter hart and gary bain have delved

deep into the archives to find examples of the soldier s wit the results are at times hilarious but rooted in tragedy you have to laugh or cry

#### The British Soldier 2017-08-12

this book re examines the campaign experience of british soldiers in africa during the period 1874 1902 it uses using a range of sources such as letters and diaries to allow soldiers to speak form themselves about their experience of colonial

# Lost Souls of the River Kwai 1990-12-31

excerpt from stirring incidents in the life of a british soldier an autobiography liverpool embark for dublin the voy age arrival march the train the march to castlebar arrival election route to galway about the publisher forgotten books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books find more at forgottenbooks com this book is a reproduction of an important historical work forgotten books uses state of the art technology to digitally reconstruct the work preserving the original format whilst repairing imperfections present in the aged copy in rare cases an imperfection in the original such as a blemish or missing page may be replicated in our edition we do however repair the vast majority of imperfections successfully any imperfections that remain are intentionally left to preserve the state of such historical works

### British Army Cap Badges of the First World War 2010-07-20

a companion to the new rifle musket a practical guide to squad and setting up drill soldiers and their weapons these two military instruction guides have been published together because they are the work of a common author s bertram browne and because both concern aspects of the business of soldiering from the perspective of ordinary soldiers in the british army of mid nineteenth century the young queen victoria came to the throne in 1837 and by the time the new enfield rifle musket was introduced some sixteen years later her armies were engaged in colonial wars across the world and were on the verge of substantial conflicts in the crimea and india their weapon was a 577 calibre muzzle loading minie rifle musket of the type used by the british army until 1867 when it was replaced by or in many cases converted to the cartridge loading snider enfield rifle the enfield rifle musket was used by several armies and was notably employed in the crimea and the new zealand wars by the british its particular notoriety arises from the indian mutiny for it was this weapon especially the method of loading it and the pig fat that allegedly protected the cartridge thus defiling their caste that has been cited as one of the principal causes of disaffection among the ranks of the bengal army the outbreak of mutiny and its rapid spread the enfield rifle musket was also used in the american civil war where among others chamberlain s legendary 20th maine were armed with it as they defended little round top at gettysburg this companion naturally explains to the reader everything about the gun s use care construction and maintenance the second guide in this volume contains a very interesting text best defined by its title and includes many diagrams which will be informative to the student of the period and instructive for re enactors etc leonaur editions are newly typeset and are not facsimiles each title is available in softcover and hardback with dustjacket our hardbacks are cloth bound and feature gold foil lettering on their spines and fabric head and tail bands

#### Soldiers 2012-09-01

the end of the seven years war found britain s professional army in america facing new and unfamiliar responsibilities in addition to occupying the recently conquered french settlements in canada redcoats were ordered into the trans appalachian west into the little known and much disputed territories that lay between british french and spanish america there the soldiers found themselves serving as occupiers police and diplomats in a vast territory marked by extreme climatic variation a world decidedly different from britain or the settled american colonies going beyond the war experience army and empire examines the lives and experiences of british soldiers in the complex evolving cultural frontiers of the west in british america from the first appearance of the redcoats in the west until the outbreak of the american revolution michael n mcconnell explores all aspects of peacetime service including the soldiers diet and health mental well being social life transportation clothing and the built environments within which they lived and worked mcconnell looks at the army on the frontier for what it was a collection of small communities of men women and children faced with the challenges of surviving on the far western edge of empire

#### All the King's Men 2012

Stirring Incidents in the Life of a British Soldier (Illustrated Edition) 2016-04-25

#### Citizen Soldiers 2005-11-03

Laugh or Cry 2022-12-29

Stirring Incidents in the Life of a British Soldier 1879

Stirring Incidents in the Life of a British Soldier 1888

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The British Army 1915

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