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the war on the Western
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with specially created
chronological index.

What is a War Diary? The
headquarters of each
unit and formation of
the British Army in the
field was ordered to

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maintain a record of its location, movements and activities. For the most part, these details were recorded on a standard army form headed 'War diary or intelligence

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summary'. What details are given? Details given vary greatly, depending on the nature of the unit, what it was doing and, to some extent, the style of the man writing

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it. The entries vary from very simple and repetitive statements like 'Training' up to many pages of description when a unit was in battle.

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Production of the diary was the responsibility of the Adjutant of the headquarters concerned. Is there any other information or documents with the diaries? Some

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diaries have other
documentation attached,
such as maps,
operational orders and
after-action reports.
The history of the
British Army is commonly

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supposed to begin with
the year 1661, and from
the day, the 14th of
February, whereon King
Charles the Second took
over Monk's Regiment of
Foot from the

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Commonwealth's service to his own, and named it the Coldstream Guards. The assumption is unfortunately more convenient than accurate. The British

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standing army dates not
from 1661 but from 1645,
not from Monk's regiment
but from the famous New
Model, which was
established by Act of
the Long Parliament and

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maintained, in
substance, until the
Restoration. The
continuity of the
Coldstream regiment's
existence was
practically unbroken by

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the ceremony of Saint
Valentine's day, and
this famous corps
therefore forms the link
that binds the New Model
to the Army of Queen
Victoria. But we are not

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therefore justified in opening the history of the army with the birth of the New Model. The very name indicates the existence of an earlier model, and throws us

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back to the outbreak of the Civil War. There then confronts us the difficulty of conceiving how an organised body of trained fighting men could have been formed

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without the
superintendence of
experienced officers. We
are forced to ask whence
came those officers, and
where did they learn
their profession. The

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answer leads us to the
Thirty Years' War and
the long struggle for
Dutch Independence, to
the English and Scots,
numbered by tens, nay,
hundreds of thousands,

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who fought under
Gustavus Adolphus and
Maurice of Nassau. Two
noble regiments still
abide with us as
representatives of these
two schools, a standing

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record of our army's
'prentice years. But
though we go back two
generations before the
Civil War to find the
foundation of the New
Model Army, it is

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impossible to pause
there. In the early
years of Queen
Elizabeth's reign we are
brought face to face
with an important period
in our military history,

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with a break in old traditions, an unwilling conformity with foreign standards, in a word, with the renascence in England of the art of war. For there were

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memories to which the
English clung with
pathetic tenacity, not
in Elizabeth's day only
but even to the midst of
the Civil War, the
memories of King Harry

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the Fifth, of the Black
Prince, of Edward the
Third, and of the
unconquerable infantry
that had won the day at
Agincourt, Poitiers, and
Creçy. The passion of

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English sentiment over
the change is mirrored
to us for all time in
the pages of
Shakespeare; for no
nation loves military
reform so little as our

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own, and we shrink from
the thought that if
military glory is not to
pass from a possession
into a legend, it must
be eternally renewed
with strange weapons and

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by unfamiliar methods.

This was the trouble
which afflicted England
under the Tudors, and
she comforted herself
with the immortal
prejudice that is still

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her mainstay in all
times of doubt, "I tell
thee herald, I thought
upon one pair of English
legs Did march three
Frenchmen." The origin
of the new departures in

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warfare must therefore
be briefly traced
through the Spaniards,
the Landsknechts, and
the Swiss, and the old
English practice must be
followed to its source.

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Creçy gives us no
resting-place, for
Edward the Third's also
was a time of military
reform; the next steps
are to the Battle of
Falkirk, the Statute of

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Winchester, and the
Assize of Arms; and
still the English
traditions recede before
us, till at last at the
Conquest we can seize a
great English principle

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which forced itself upon
the conquering Normans,
and ultimately upon all
Europe. To be continue
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Irish fighting man with

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wit, clarity, and scholarship." -Andrew Roberts, author of The Storm of War For hundreds of years, Irish soldiers have sought their destiny abroad.

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Wherever they've
traveled, whichever side
of the battlefield
they've stood, the tales
of their exploits have
never been forgotten.
Leaving his birthplace,

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the Irish soldier has
traveled with hope,
often seeking to bring a
liberating revolution to
his fellow countrymen.
In search of adventure
the Fighting Irish have

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been found in all
corners of the world.
Some sailed to America
and joined in frontier
fighting, others
demonstrated their
loyalty to their adopted

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homeland in the bloody combats of the American Civil War, as well as campaigns against the British Empire in Canada and South Africa. The Irish soldier can also

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be found in the thick of war during the twentieth century—facing slaughter at the Somme, desperate last-stands in the Congo—and, more recently, in Iraq and

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in Ireland and across
the world.

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of The Seven Years' War
The Coldstream Guards
Up the Micks!

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Casualties of the Great
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**'Quis Separabit'
The Military Writings of
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The Clare War Dead is a

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Cavan, and his second-in-command, George 'Ma' Jeffreys. Smith's account offers a poignant insight into the way in which the privileged world of a Guards officer responded, with the highest sense of duty and

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courage, to the unprecedented demands of industrial warfare. From Eton to Ypres is edited by his great-grandson, Charles Abel Smith.

This little book was a response to the Army

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and so to give this short history a wider scope two chapters were included, one on the history of the Irish regiments and the other on the Brigade of Guards.

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is possible, the experiences of both battalions of the Irish Guards from 1914 to 1918. The point of view is the battalions ' , and the facts mainly follow the Regimental Diaries, supplemented by the few private letters and documents which such a

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The Irish Guards were raised in
April 1900 under the authority

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of Army Order 77 of that month, which stated: 'Her Majesty the Queen, having deemed it desirable to commemorate the bravery shown by the Irish regiments in the recent operations in South Africa, has

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been graciously pleased to command that an Irish regiment of Foot Guards be formed. This regiment will be designated - "The Irish Guards." As the Fourth Regiment of Foot Guards, the regiment has the buttons on

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the tunic in two groups of four, and the plume on the bearskin cap is blue, worn on the right. The regimental march is 'St Patrick's Day' and the slow march 'Let Erin Remember.' When war broke out in August

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1914 the 1st Battalion (there was only one battalion, then) was in Wellington Barracks (London), one of the four guards battalions that made up the 4th (Guards) Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division. The battalion landed in

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France on 13 August 1914. In July 1915 Kitchener obtained the permission of the King to form a Guards Division, an idea he had not shared with the War Cabinet nor with the C in C in France. As there were only ten

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battalions of Guards at the time, including the recently (February 1915) formed Welsh Guards, he gave orders for another Grenadier and Irish Guards battalion to be raised to make up the required twelve battalions; a

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fourth Coldstream battalion was also formed as the divisional Pioneer battalion. Thus, on 18 July 1915 the 2nd Battalion Irish Guards came into existence, formed from the 2nd Reserve Battalion which itself had been

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created in August 1914. The author has followed the same pattern with both 1st & 2nd Battalions, concentrating on the events that affected the battalions and making use of official and private records,

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The Grenadier Guards began the war with three battalions of which only one, the 2nd, was committed to the BEF; it was in the 4th Guards Brigade, 2nd Division.

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As soon as war was declared the 4th (Reserve) Battalion was formed and within five days 1,700 reservists had reported. In September 1914 the 7th

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Division was formed and the 1st Battalion was allocated to 20th Brigade of the new division. On 14th July 1915 another Grenadier battalion was formed and

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numbered the 4th, the Reserve battalion then became the 5th. A month later the 4th battalion went to France to join the newly created Guards Division, and it was at

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this stage, also, that the 3rd Battalion, which hitherto had been retained in London by Kitchener for some undefined reason, was sent out to join the new

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division. Thus, by August 1915 there were four battalions of Grenadiers on the Western front where they remained for the rest of the war. By the end the

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Regiment had suffered
11,915 casualties of
which 203 Officers and
4,508 Other Ranks were
dead, seven VCs had been
won and 34 Battle
Honours awarded. This,

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as might be expected, is a very good history with detailed descriptions of the fighting and of the conditions the men endured. One sentence in particular paints a

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graphic picture of the
state of the trenches in
January 1915: The
gruesome task of
removing the dead was
effected by floating the
bodies down the

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communication trenches.
The author tells the
story in chronological
order; vol I takes the
record of the four
battalions to the end of
1915, vol II to the

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German offensive of
March 1918 and vol III
to the armistice and
beyond to the division's
march into Germany. Each
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contents list though the chapters run consecutively through all three. Each chapter covers a specific period and the chapter heading indicates which

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battalions are involved. There are plenty of maps to support the narrative, showing tactical details. Among the appendices are the Roll of Honour, a list

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of officers wounded with
dates, lists of Awards,
Mentions in Despatches
and of Divisional
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Gallantry and an account
of the 7th (Guards)

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Entrenching Battalion.
There is a table naming
all other ranks who were
commissioned during the
war showing the regiment
or corps to which they
went. Finally there is

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The Second Battalion
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*Although the youngest of the
Regiments in the Household Division,
the Welsh Guards have established a*

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reputation on both the battlefield, and on the parade ground, that is fully equal to the proud standards for which Guardsmen have long been famous. The Welsh Guards were formed in 1915, and they saw much hard fighting in both World Wars. Of the first thirty years of their existence, almost a third

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were spent at war and as a result tradition and regimental spirit were quickly forged. Such is the variety of a modern soldier's life that in the years since the Second World War, the Welsh Guards have been employed in sixteen different countrys, (in some of them two or three times) as diverse as

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*texas and the snows of arctic Norway.
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from the regiment's foundation in
1915, from their baptism of fire at loos,
through another World War, and on to
the tragic business of trying to
preserve lives, and some sort of life, in
the internecine bitterness of Northern*

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Brigade The Guards have always
been known as ‘The Gentlemen’s
Sons’ and it seems that the author of*

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this book was no exception. At work in 'the City' when war broke out and he managed initially to be elected to that other gentleman's club of the time—The Honourable Artillery Company. It was with the HAC that he went to the continent and saw action in the early engagements of the war

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before selection for cadet school and a commission. Upon returning to the Front, Fryer embarked on a wartime career that would keep him in action almost constantly throughout the hostilities and which he would report with nothing less than the casual savoir faire one would expect of him.

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Despite his style Fryer clearly saw hard campaigning at Givenchy, Loos, the Hohenzollern Redoubt, Ypres, the Somme and many other brutal and significant actions until the final offensives of 1918.”-Print Ed.

In 1881 the 83rd (County of Dublin) Regiment of Foot was linked to the

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86th (Royal County Down) Regiment of Foot thus forming the 1st and 2nd Battalions of a new regiment - the Royal Irish Rifles. In 1921 the designation was changed to the Royal Ulster Rifles. This regimental history extends over a period of 120 years, beginning with the raising of the 83rd

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Rifles) with details of their military careers. This is a very good history which begins with the raising of the regiments and continues with each chapter devoted to one or the other regiments for a specific period. Thus, for example, Chapter III is headed 'Eighty-sixth Regiment (1793-1799)'

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