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failure that indicts some of
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This scarce classic book details the author's journey to become a Canadian infantryman in the Great War, initially describing his training, and then concentrating on his experiences in the trenches as a machine gunner. Although sometimes humorous and light, this engaging and accessible text describes with the unmistakable grit of authenticity the horrors and vagaries of trench life in vivid detail. A must-have for anyone interested in factual accounts of war, The Emma Gees promises to

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inform and engage readers with an authentic war-time tale of desperation and fear. Herbert W. McBride was a Captain in the Indiana National Guard whose work is often hailed as the best first-person accounts of World War I. This book was first published in 1918 and is republished now with a new biography of the author.

Book Excerpt: his, to my horror, I recognized as my unhappy camera. Here, I suppose, my mind must have slightly wandered, for I found myself repeating

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***some Latin lines, once my favorite imposition, but forgotten since my school-days-- "Timeo Danaos et dona ferentes----" when suddenly the voice of the field cornet broke into my musing with "Your breeches, too, captain." * * * *
* * Trekking all that day on foot, sockless, and in the boots of another, I had much to think of besides my throbbing head. The sight of the long Boer convoy with guns, which had succeeded so easily in crossing the drift I was to have held, was a continual reminder of my failure, and***

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***of my responsibility for the
dreadful losses to my poor
detachment. I gradually
gathered from the Boers
what I had already partially
guessed, namely, that they
had been fetched and
guided all round our camp
by friend Brink, had
surrounded it in the dark,
crawling about in the bush
on the river bank, and had
carefully marked down our
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A journey through the mind of a commander as he learns and adapts in a complex, deadly environment.

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Following the invasion of Iraq in 2003 the U.S. military found itself in a battle with a lethal and adaptive insurgency, where the divisions between enemy and ally were ambiguous at best, and working with the local population was essential for day-to-day survival.

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From the lessons they learned during multiple tours of duty in Iraq, two American veterans have penned The Defense of Jisr al-Doreaa, an instructional parable of counterinsurgency that addresses the myriad of difficulties associated with war in the postmodern era. In this tactical primer based on the military classic The Defence of Duffer 's Drift, a young officer deployed for the first time in Iraq receives ground-level lessons about urban combat, communications technology, and high-powered weaponry in an environment where policy meets reality. Over the course of six dreams, the inexperienced soldier fights the same battle again and

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again, learning each time—the hard way—which false assumptions and misconceptions he needs to discard in order to help his men avoid being killed or captured. As the protagonist struggles with his missions and grapples with the consequences of his mistakes, he develops a keen understanding of counterinsurgency fundamentals and the potential pitfalls of working with the native population. Accompanied here by the original novella that inspired it, *The Defense of Jisr al-Doreaa* offers an invaluable resource for cadets and junior military leaders seeking to master counterinsurgency warfare—as well as general readers seeking a deeper

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understanding of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Just as its predecessor has been a hallmark of military instruction, The Defense of Jisr al-Doreaa will draw the road map for counterinsurgency in the postmodern world. Visit a website for the book here:

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***A favorite of the United States
Army Infantry School, "The
Defence of Duffer's Drift" is a***

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**valuable instruction in the art of
close quarters combat. One
veteran recently observed that**

**the war in Afghanistan might
have fared better if commanders
had not ignored the basic lessons
taught in "Duffer's Drift."**

**Originally published in 1904 by
Major General Sir Ernest Dunlop
Swinton, when he was still a
captain, it remains relevant even
in today's battlefields. The
fictional main character is
Lieutenant N. Backsight
Forethought, commander of a
50-man reinforced platoon during
a fictional encounter in the Boer
War. BF, as he is known to his
friends, is ordered to hold at all
costs a key piece of ground
known as Duffer's Drift. This is
BFs big chance to prove himself**

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on the battlefield and he is ready
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In a series of six scenarios he calls
dreams, BF tries to solve tactical
issues facing a young
commander and his men
assigned to a remote location
with minimum supplies and
maximum exposure to the
enemy. In the first dream BF
makes basic tactical errors that
he summarizes in lessons learned
at the end of the dream. In the
second dream, he incorporates
the lessons learned from the first
dream and builds on them to
improve his tactical
effectiveness. Still, he makes
new errors based on new
challenges and at the end of the
second dream, converts them as
well into lessons learned. This

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continues until the sixth dream when he finally succeeds, drawing on all the lessons learned in the previous five dreams. General Swinton's contribution to the revolution in military affairs of the 20th century is illustrated in this book and its tutelage in the art of tactical warfare. It presages Swinton's ultimate contribution to tank warfare, which would come to dominate the battlefields of World War II. These lessons remain as relevant today as they were one hundred years ago and as long as our military keeps deploying to remote and austere regions in defense of our country. A classic in small unit tactics in the British and U.S. Army, this

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Infantry School "for the modern
professional soldier." It is a
thoroughly enjoyable read--witty,
suspenseful AND instructive. The
"hero" is Lieutenant Backsight
Forethought (BF to his friends),
who has been left in command of
a 50-man reinforced platoon to
hold Duffer's Drift, the only ford
on the Silliaasvogel River
available to wheeled traffic. Here
is his chance for fame and glory.
He has passed his officer courses
and special qualifications. "Now
if they had given me a job," says
BF, "like fighting the Battle of
Waterloo, or Gettysburg or Bull
Run, I knew all about that, as I
had crammed it up..." While BF's
task appears simple enough, the

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**Boer enemy causes a multitude
of problems, which he (and you
as you follow his predicaments)
needs to solve. BF eventually
gets there, but not before he
makes a series of tactical errors
along the way. He learns, as does
the reader, what errors to avoid
in the future.**

**Presents over two hundred
battles that changed the course
of history, including the date,
place, participants, and the
historical significance of each
conflict.**

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**A Memoir of Command in Combat
Sixteen Ways to Defend a Walled**

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The Counterinsurgency Challenge
The Defence of Duffer's Drift

Presented as a series of dreams, this volume explains various battlefield defence strategies devised by veteran army officer of the First World War. Within these dreams, the author explores different scenarios, able to see the results of different actions due to the nature of this 'nightmare'. Sir Ernest Dunlop Swinton (1868 – 1951) was a British Army officer who contributed significantly to the development of the tank in WWI. He was also a correspondent and writer of

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numerous allegorical works of fiction related to the military and war. Contents include: "First Dream", "Second Dream", "Third Dream", "Fourth Dream", "Fifth Dream", "Sixth Dream", etc. Many vintage books such as this are increasingly scarce and expensive. It is with this in mind that we are republishing this volume now in an affordable, modern, high-quality edition complete with a specially-commissioned new biography of the author.

Maneuver warfare, often controversial and requiring operational and tactical innovation, poses perhaps

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the most important doctrinal questions currently facing the conventional military forces of the U.S. Its purpose is to defeat the enemy by disrupting the opponent's ability to react, rather than by physical destruction of forces. This book develops and explains the theory of maneuver warfare and offers specific tactical, operational, and organizational recommendations for improving ground combat forces. The authors translate concepts too often vaguely stated by maneuver warfare advocates into concrete doctrine. Although the book uses the Marine

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Corps as a model, the
concepts, tactics, and
doctrine discussed apply to
any ground combat force.

A remarkable memoir of small-unit leadership and the coming of age of a young soldier in combat in Vietnam.' "Using a lean style and a sense of pacing drawn from the tautest of novels, McDonough has produced a gripping account of his first command, a U.S. platoon taking part in the 'strategic hamlet' program. . . . Rather than present a potpourri of combat yarns. . . . McDonough has focused a seasoned storyteller's eye on the details, people, and incidents that best

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communicate a visceral feel
of command under fire. . . .
For the author's honesty and
literary craftsmanship,
Platoon Leader seems
destined to be read for a
long time by second
lieutenants trying to
prepare for the future,
veterans trying to remember
the past, and civilians
trying to understand what
the profession of arms is
all about."—Army Times
The American Military
Adventure in Iraq, 2003 to
2005
A Few Practical Suggestions
Illustrated by Diagrams
An Allegory of Modern
Mechanized Combat
The Green Curve and Other

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Ernest Dunlop Swinton is a

*military professional with
experience in the Boer War
who wrote this famous short
book based on a series of
thoughts he had on how an
infantry unit with only 50
men could defend a river
crossing. Through the
perspective of a young
Lieutenant, you are given
the terrain features, the
political situation,
conflict with civilians and
limits on your own military
support. There is a brief
history of the war with the
"Dutch" and then your
Lieutenant receives his
assignment. With the use of*

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maps, there are six
scenarios of the Lieutenants
approach to defending the
crossing (drift). Each
scenario is acted out and
with each of the first five
scenarios there are several
lessons learned such as the
effect of enfilading fire,
the limitations of a simple
trench, the use of the
military crest versus being
located on top of the hill,
the effect the local
sympathetic population may
have on aiding guerrilla
fighters, the effect of
surprise, disguising your
defense from view, proper
posting of sentries and
responsibilities, how to
combat artillery, dealing

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with multiple directions of attack, using the terrain to advantage and on. As the Lieutenant in each scenario learns from his mistakes, he alters the outcome to his advantage but only incrementally. Only at the end and sixth scenario does he get it right but with realistic loss. The same map is introduced in each scenario with defense features matching the new defensive tactics. "The Defence of Duffer's Drift" is a fascinating book for all interested in basic infantry tactics, which has been used as a training manual for militaries worldwide. This is a very

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readable book that can be
read in less than 2 hours
time. Applicable to any war
but this book would be
interesting to read with an
account of Rappahannock
Station, which was a
spearhead position held by
Confederates in advance of
Lee's line on November 7,
1863 where Meade's forces
overwhelmed the defenders
and took almost 3,000
prisoners. Duffer's Drift
would be very applicable in
that situation.

What does it take to get the
job done? How do you get the
men in your unit to do what
you say? To follow you into
battle and shoot to kill?
How you build the confidence

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*Praise for Small Unit
Leadership "Identifies in
very specific terms what
company grade officers and
non-commissioned officers
(NCOs) must do to ensure
winning in land
battle."—Marine Corps
Gazette "Colonel Malone
tackles the elusive topic of
leadership with a real-
world, pragmatic approach.
This is not a book of
intellectual theorization,
but of specific techniques
for leading soldiers on and
off the
battlefield."—U.S.N.I.
Proceedings "The author*

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condenses volumes of
psychological studies which may
readable and exciting book

on practical military
leadership."—ARMOR "Colonel
Malone not only provides
handy guides on what should
be done and how it should be
done . . . he also aids the
reader in how to know that
desired results are being
achieved."—Leatherneck

This book presents a
fictional account of a
young, inexperienced British
officer who is ordered to
hold a river crossing
(Duffer's Drift) with 50 men
against a larger Boer force.
His failures and eventual
success provide lessons
learned for contemporary

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*soldiers regarding the
concepts of small group
tactics. Originally
published in Infantry
Journal in April 1905.*

*Small Unit Leadership
The Beating of His Wings
Being Historical and
Critical Comments on the
Military Policy and Power of
Russia and on the Campaign
in the Far East*

Blue Helmets

Quick Training for War

K. J. Parker's new novel is the remarkable tale of the siege of a walled city, and the even more remarkable man who had to defend it. A siege is approaching, and the city has little time to prepare. The people have no food and no weapons, and the enemy has sworn to slaughter

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them all. To save the city will take a miracle, but what it has is Orhan. A colonel of engineers, Orhan has far more experience with bridge-building than battles, is a cheat and a liar, and has a serious problem with authority. He is, in other words, perfect for the job. Sixteen Ways To Defend a Walled City is the story of Orhan, son of Siyyah Doctus Felix Praeclarissimus, and his history of the Great Siege, written down so that the deeds and sufferings of great men may never be forgotten.

Brilliant, hardhitting description of modern war on the U.S. Army's premier training ground. A must-read tactical primer for today's warrior. —John C. "Doc" Bahnsen, Brigadier General, USA (Ret.) At the turn of the century a small, humorous book on tactics was published. The

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Defense of Duffer's Drift quickly became a bestseller and today is still widely read. The Defense of Hill 781 is a modern version of this classic—a tactical primer with ample funpoking, but with serious lessons to be learned. Lt. Col. A. Tack Always Finds himself in the California high desert, alone, disheveled, confused. A guide soon appears to inform him of his situation: He has died and is now in Purgatory (his humility in the Army was somewhat lacking) where he must atone for past sins. Purgatory is, aptly, the U.S. Army's National Training Center (NTC), and Lt. Col. Always may earn his way out by completing a successful mission. Through a series of six missions, the reader plans and fights with Lt. Col. Always, making the split-second decisions that determine victory or defeat, life or death. Through

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successive difficulties, some important lessons are burned into the commander's brain—lessons about tactics, about people, about what it takes to fight a winning battle. Like *Duffer's Drift* this book is a valuable resource for all military tacticians. For the armchair general, it is a fascinating look at how the members of a military unit work together in combat.

This critically acclaimed book has been updated to include recent and possible future peacekeeping missions in East Timor, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Sierra Leone, Kosovo, and elsewhere. In an increasingly volatile world, *Blue Helmets* should be required reading for all students of international relations."--BOOK JACKET.

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Battles That Changed History

Infantry in India

"The Defence of Duffer's Drift" was first published in 1907, as an essay in small unit tactics for junior leaders in the British Army. Its author, Ernest Dunlop Swinton, based the essay on his experiences in the Boer war in South Africa. The book has become a classic, familiar to generations of British and American soldiers from their professional military education. The premise for Swinton's essay is "The Defence of Duffer's Drift" by Lieutenant Backsight Forethought and his fifty-man platoon. The Drift is a difficult piece of ground and Forethought expects an attack in the near future. In a series of dreams, Forethought tries repeatedly to defend the Drift, only to make fatal mistakes.

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However, with each new dream, Forethought has the opportunity to learn from his errors in the previous dream. The result is an insightful exploration of small unit tactics and leadership that is as useful today as it was when first written.

Swinton's prose is simple and accessible. The lessons of each defense are summed up at the conclusion of each chapter. "The Defence of Duffer's Drift" is very highly recommended to the junior leader, whether officer or NCO, as an amusing but realistic lesson in tactics.

*Following the bestselling novels *The Left Hand of God* and *The Last Four Things* comes the final installment of Paul Hoffman's stark, epic trilogy. *Thomas Cale* has been running from the truth.... Since discovering that his brutal military training has been for one purpose—to destroy God's greatest mistake, mankind itself—Cale has been hunted by the very*

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man who made him into the Angel of Death: Pope Redeemer Bosco. Cale is a paradox: arrogant and innocent, generous and pitiless. Feared and revered by those who created him, he has already used his breathtaking talent for violence and destruction to bring down the most powerful civilization in the world. But Thomas Cale's soul is dying. As his body is racked with convulsions, he knows that the final judgment will not wait. As the day of reckoning draws close, Cale's sense of vengeance leads him back to the heart of darkness—the Sanctuary—and to confront the person he hates most in the world....

Jim Corbett is famous for his exploits as a hunter, but there was so much more to the man than tracking down man-eating tigers and leopards. In fact, 'Carpet Sahib' (as many Indians called him) was a conservationist at heart, with a deep love for jungles – its flora and fauna; and its

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inhabitants – the birds and the animals, and the people – who lived in the lush Kumaon hills. It is this side of Corbett that comes to the fore in Jungle Lore. Almost autobiographical in nature, Jungle Lore sees Corbett talk of his boyhood, the people he met, lessons he learnt in absorbing the jungle, his concern for the jungles and environment, and of course, there are doses of hunting expeditions too. There is even the odd story of detection and of supernatural sightings. Jungle Lore is the first book anyone should read on Jim Corbett. Simply because it is about Jim Corbett the man who went on to become a famous hunter.

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A Parable of Leadership and Decision

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