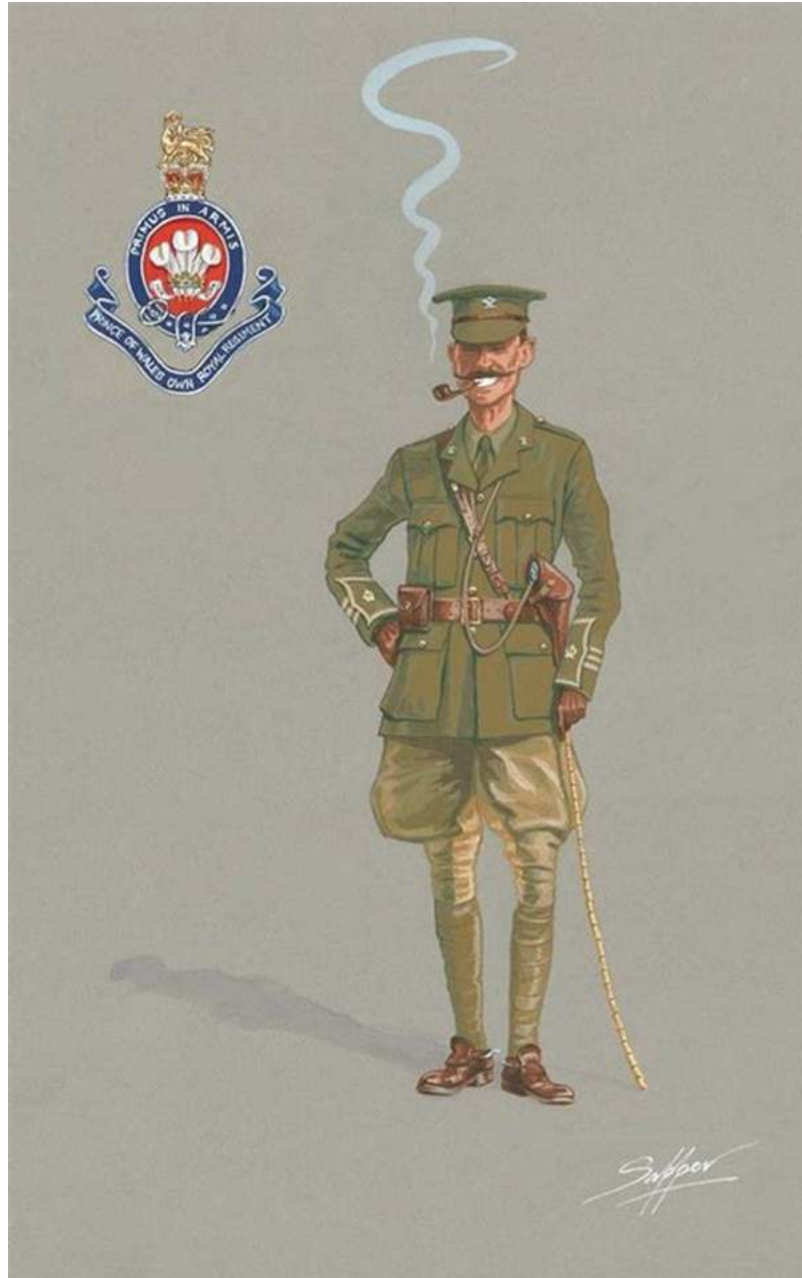


The Fascinating Evolution of the Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry Through the Ages



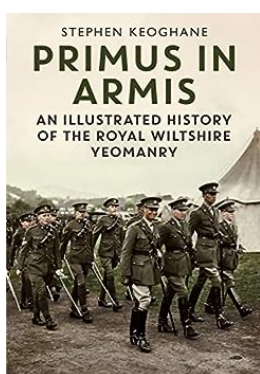
The Early Beginnings

The Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry is a British Army Reserve unit with a rich and remarkable history dating back to the late 18th century. Established on 4th July

1794, the regiment proudly recruits from the county of Wiltshire in South West England.

Role in the Napoleonic Wars

During the Napoleonic Wars, the Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry played an essential role in numerous battles and campaigns. Their participation in conflicts such as the Battle of Waterloo and the Peninsula War solidified their reputation as a courageous and highly skilled cavalry unit.



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Transition to Artillery

In 1920, the Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry underwent a significant transformation, shifting their focus from cavalry to artillery. This transition came as a response to the changing nature of warfare and the increased use of tanks on the battlefield. The regiment became a medium and heavy artillery unit, serving with distinction throughout World War II.



The Cold War Era

Following World War II, the Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry continued to adapt to the changing military landscape. The regiment converted into an Anti-Aircraft unit and played a crucial role in the defense of the United Kingdom during the Cold War, providing protection against potential airborne threats.

Modern-Day Duties

Today, the Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry remains an important part of the British Army Reserve. While no longer an active combat unit, their responsibilities include supporting domestic operations, assisting in peacekeeping missions abroad, and providing vital expertise in various military disciplines.

Notable Honors and Awards

Throughout its illustrious history, the Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry has received numerous honors and awards for its exceptional service and bravery. These include battle honors such as "Waterloo," "South Africa 1900-02," "Balaclava," and "El Alamein."

Individual members of the regiment have also been recognized for their outstanding contributions, receiving medals such as the Victoria Cross, Distinguished Service Order, and Military Cross.

Reflections and Heritage

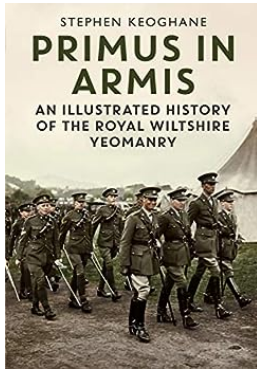
The Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry takes great pride in its storied past and fosters a strong sense of heritage. The regiment maintains close ties with the local community and actively participates in historical reenactments, ensuring their legacy lives on and is appreciated by future generations.

Visiting the Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry Museum in Swindon offers a unique opportunity to delve deeper into the regiment's history. The museum displays artifacts ranging from weapons and uniforms to personal items, providing a tangible connection to the past.

In Summary

The Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry has evolved and adapted over the years, showcasing their resilience and commitment to serving their country. From their origins as a cavalry unit to their role in World War II and their modern-day responsibilities, their history is one of bravery, honor, and unwavering dedication.

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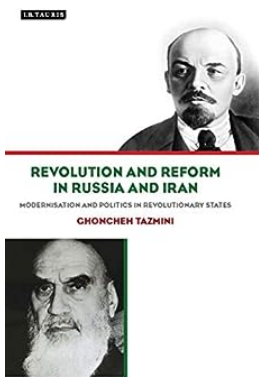
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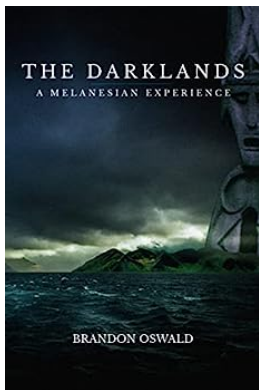


Primus in armis, 'first in arms', is the motto of the Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry, Britain's senior Regiment of volunteer cavalry raised in 1794 against the threat of French invasion. The Wiltshire Yeomanry has served for over 200 years and fought in South Africa, the First and Second World Wars and more recently as individuals in the Balkans, Iraq and Afghanistan. Many of the places where the Regiment fought in the Second War will be familiar to modern readers including Aleppo, Palmyra, Baghdad, and more bizarrely, meeting the Russian army on friendly terms in Tehran. The battle of El Alamein in the western desert was possibly their finest hour. The author has accessed the extensive Regimental archives and interviewed many families of veterans to obtain a glimpse into the personalities of these soldiers. A wealth of unseen material from around the world has surfaced including stories concerning the aristocracy of the inter-war years and the previously forgotten service of the Regiment's most famous officer. This first, illustrated history of 'The Royal Wilts' will appeal to anyone with an interest in the British Army. **Includes 368 black-and white and 70 colour photographs.**



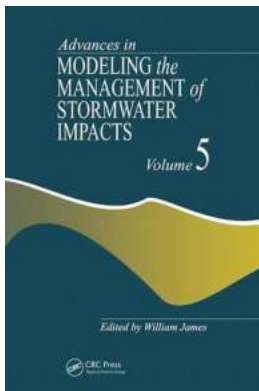
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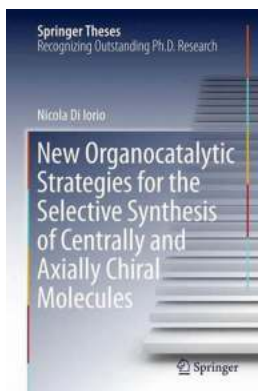
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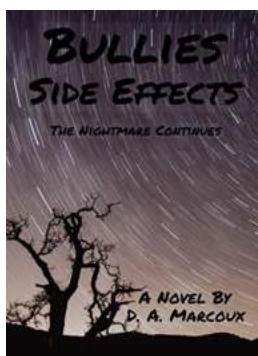
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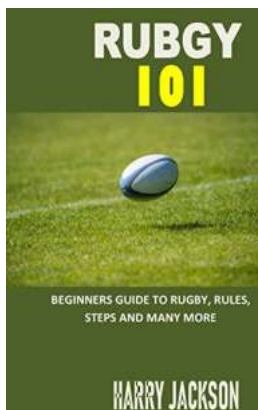
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