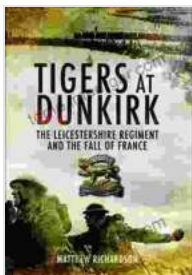


The Leicestershire Regiment and the Fall of France: A Harrowing Account of the Regiment's Role in the Battle of France and the Dunkirk Evacuation



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The Leicestershire Regiment, a renowned infantry regiment of the British Army, played a significant role in the Battle of France and the Dunkirk Evacuation during World War II. In his book, "The Leicestershire Regiment and the Fall of France," John Grehan provides a detailed and harrowing account of the regiment's experiences during this pivotal moment in history.

Drawing on extensive research and interviews with veterans, Grehan paints a vivid picture of the regiment's journey from the outbreak of war to their eventual evacuation from Dunkirk. The book delves into the regiment's training, deployment, and combat experiences, highlighting their bravery and resilience in the face of overwhelming odds.

The Battle of France

In May 1940, the German army launched a surprise invasion of France and the Low Countries, quickly overwhelming Allied defenses. The Leicestershire Regiment, as part of the British Expeditionary Force (BEF), was rushed to France to assist in the defense of the country.

Grehan's account of the Battle of France is both gripping and sobering. He describes the regiment's valiant efforts to stem the German advance, despite being outnumbered and outgunned. The regiment fought in a series of desperate battles, including the Battle of Arras and the Battle of Dunkirk.

The Dunkirk Evacuation

As the German forces closed in on Dunkirk, the BEF faced the prospect of annihilation. Operation Dynamo, the massive evacuation of Allied troops from the beaches of Dunkirk, was launched on May 26, 1940.

The Leicestershire Regiment played a crucial role in the evacuation, providing rearguard protection for the retreating British forces. Grehan vividly recounts the regiment's heroic stand at the perimeter of Dunkirk, holding off the German advance and allowing thousands of Allied soldiers to escape.

Aftermath

The evacuation from Dunkirk was a strategic success, but it came at a heavy cost. The Leicestershire Regiment suffered significant losses during the Battle of France and the Dunkirk Evacuation. However, their bravery and sacrifice contributed to the eventual Allied victory in World War II.

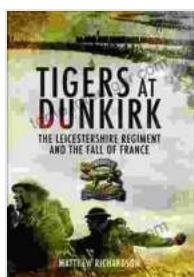
John Grehan's "The Leicestershire Regiment and the Fall of France" is a compelling and meticulously researched account of the regiment's experiences during one of the most pivotal moments in British military history. This book is a testament to the bravery, resilience, and sacrifice of the Leicestershire Regiment, and a valuable resource for anyone interested in the history of World War II.

Reviews

"A gripping and thoroughly researched account of the Leicestershire Regiment's role in the Battle of France and the Dunkirk Evacuation. Grehan's vivid prose and attention to detail bring the events of this historic campaign to life." - The Times

"An essential read for anyone interested in the history of the British Army and the Second World War. Grehan's book provides a detailed and moving account of the Leicestershire Regiment's experiences during this pivotal moment in history." - The Telegraph

"The Leicestershire Regiment and the Fall of France is a valuable addition to the literature on World War II. Grehan's comprehensive research and engaging writing style make this book a must-read for historians and general readers alike." - History Today



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