



Salisbury Military History Society

February 2021 eNewsletter

If you've missed any previous editions, you can find them on our website – [click here](#).

Parish Notices

Spring talks

As detailed in our January eNewsletter, our February and March talks are postponed and we continue discussions with the respective speakers to reschedule their topics for 12 months' time.

Annual General Meeting

Our Co-Chairs/Secretary will contact full members in the coming weeks regarding our AGM.

Members' content

A new feature focusing on the new books, articles, documentaries, podcasts and more.

'Courage Above All Things - Behind Enemy Lines' by Romy Wyeth

Reviews: [Salisbury Journal](#), [New Valley News](#), [The West Wilts Magazine](#)

Available from a range of local bookshops, online marketplaces, or contact the Society and we'll put you in touch with Romy (£15 and free p&p).

Military History News

The Peloponnesian War: Athens fights Sparta for dominance in ancient Greece

Not only did the 5th Century BC Peloponnesian War shape Greece it introduced the art of military history through the writings of Thucydides who believed "it would be a great war and more worthy of relation than any that had preceded it". [Read more](#)

The Shortest War of All Time

A popular pub quiz question, it's likely we all know that the 38-minute 1896 Anglo-Zanzibar War is the shortest in history. [Read/watch more](#)

10 World War I Movies for History Buffs

From *Paths of Glory* to *1917*, how many have you seen? [Click here](#)

Masters of disguise: the story of the Allies' WW2 'Ghost Army'

While most know of Hobart's Funnies in North Africa, what do we know of the US 'Ghost Army' and its operations in northern Europe in 1944/5? With its existence a secret until 1996, the Ghost Army Legacy Project aims to preserve and honour the memory of those men. [Read more](#)

Cancelled Iraq war game 'Six Days in Fallujah' has been revived

Back in 2009 computer game developer Atomic Games withdrew its controversial military roleplay 'Six Days in Fallujah'. Based on the Second Battle of Fallujah in 2004, criticism came from many quarters, with Colonel Tim Collins saying it was far too soon. Just over a decade on, Highwire Games has announced that the first-person game will be released in 2021. [Read more](#)

American Universities Declare War on Military History

Max Hastings asks: if we trust scientists for vaccines and to avoid pandemics, why do we not turn to military historians to avoid wars? In the 1970s, 5-6% of university students studied history, but today that is just 1-2%. For many, military history is dubbed "warnography". [Read more](#). Editor's note: Having decided to embark upon a military history degree in 2000, it was interesting to see how King's College London and Wolverhampton offered War Studies, whereas the subject was labelled Defence Studies at Edinburgh, Strategic Studies at Lancaster, and Peace Studies at Bradford.

Online talks and podcasts

Click on the links below for the next (and future) webinars from a range of historians and societies. Some of these talks may charge a small fee to join.

[Western Front Association](#)

Next talk: Cambrai, there was more to it than tanks (Wednesday 17th February)

[The Green Howards Museum](#)

Next talk: Treasures in Store (Thursday 18th February)

[Classic Battlefield Tours](#)

Next talks: SOE operations in West Africa during WW2 (Friday 19th February)

[Army Flying Museum: Lockdown Lectures](#)

Next talk: V for Valour (Monday 22nd February)

[Royal Engineers Historical Society](#)

Next talk: The Formation of the School of Military Engineering (Wednesday 24th February)

[The Battlefields Trust](#)

Next talk: Battlefield archaeology: Barnet 1471 (Thursday 25th February)

[British Modern Military History Society](#)

Next talk: Operation Fortitude – D-Day Deception (Tuesday 2nd March)

[Manchester Military History Society](#)

Next talk: RAF Bomb Supply in the World War Two (Tuesday 9th March)

[Old Front Line](#)

A weekly World War One podcast featuring 30-45min episodes.

[Peter Hart's Military History](#)

For more than 40 years historian Peter Hart has interviewed thousands of veterans about their experience of war.

[New Books Network](#)

A series of interviews with authors of military history books

We'll keep you all up-to-date regarding our future plans and welcome your continued correspondence.

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