

# The Guards Brigade: Fighting Defence May 1940: Battleground Europe

The Guards Brigade was a formation of the British Army that served in the Battle of France in 1940. The brigade was composed of three battalions of the Guards Division: the Grenadier Guards, the Coldstream Guards, and the Scots Guards. The brigade was commanded by Brigadier General Bernard Montgomery.



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The Guards Brigade was deployed to France in September 1939, as part of the British Expeditionary Force (BEF). The brigade initially served in a defensive role, but was soon involved in heavy fighting during the German invasion of France in May 1940. The brigade fought a series of rearguard actions, covering the withdrawal of the BEF to Dunkirk.

The Guards Brigade was evacuated from Dunkirk on 31 May 1940. The brigade had suffered heavy casualties during the campaign, but had played a vital role in the BEF's escape. The brigade was subsequently reformed and served in the North African and Italian campaigns.

## **The Battle of France**

The Battle of France was a military campaign that took place in May and June 1940, during the Second World War. The campaign began with the German invasion of France on 10 May 1940. The French Army was quickly defeated, and the BEF was forced to evacuate from Dunkirk. The German invasion of France was a major turning point in the Second World War.

## **The Guards Brigade in the Battle of France**

The Guards Brigade played a vital role in the Battle of France. The brigade fought a series of rearguard actions, covering the withdrawal of the BEF to Dunkirk. The brigade's actions helped to delay the German advance and allowed the BEF to escape.

The Guards Brigade suffered heavy casualties during the campaign, but its actions helped to save the BEF from annihilation. The brigade's performance in the Battle of France is a testament to the skill and bravery of its soldiers.

## **The Legacy of the Guards Brigade**

The Guards Brigade has a long and distinguished history. The brigade has served in many of the most important battles in British history, including the Battle of Waterloo, the Crimean War, the First World War, and the Second World War. The brigade is one of the most decorated units in the British Army.

The Guards Brigade is a symbol of British military prowess. The brigade's history is a testament to the courage and dedication of its soldiers. The brigade continues to serve with distinction today, and is a vital part of the British Army.

## **The Book**

The book "The Guards Brigade: Fighting Defence May 1940: Battleground Europe" is a comprehensive and engaging account of the Guards Brigade's role in the Battle of France in 1940. The book is based on extensive research and includes firsthand accounts from veterans, making it an invaluable resource for anyone interested in this period of history.

The book is written by historian James Holland, who is a leading expert on the Second World War. Holland's writing is clear and concise, and he does an excellent job of bringing the story of the Guards Brigade to life. The book is full of vivid descriptions and personal anecdotes, which help to bring the reader into the heart of the action.

Overall, "The Guards Brigade: Fighting Defence May 1940: Battleground Europe" is an excellent book that provides a comprehensive and engaging account of the Guards Brigade's role in the Battle of France in 1940.

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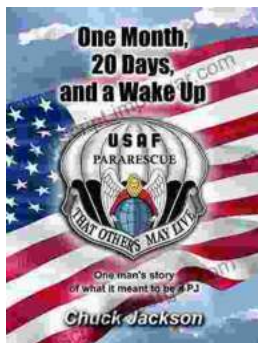
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