

THE PRIDE OF NORFOLK

An Illustrated History of the Territorials

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When the Territorial Force was created in 1908 The Norfolk Regiment was allocated two infantry battalions of Territorial soldiers and was granted the privilege of raising one of the eleven TF Cyclist Battalions. The Territorial Force was a volunteer part-time army raised specifically to defend Britain.

When war broke out in August 1914 Territorials were not obliged to serve overseas but when the call came they answered it and fought in Gallipoli and Palestine in battles that have not only gone down in history but have entered into legend. In the Second World War the Norfolk Territorials answered the call again. After weathering one of the coldest winters standing ready to repel Hitler's threatened invasion they were plummeted into fighting in the sweltering heat of Johore and Singapore. Ultimately their greatest fight was to survive captivity in the hands of the Japanese.

This book traces the history of the Norfolk Territorial Battalions in two World Wars. It captures the sense of pride of the men who served and includes many first-hand accounts of bravery and sacrifice and is profusely illustrated with many previously unpublished photographs. Lists of Honours and Awards are also included with complete lists of casualties from both wars previously unavailable in this form providing an indispensable reference work for both military and family historians.

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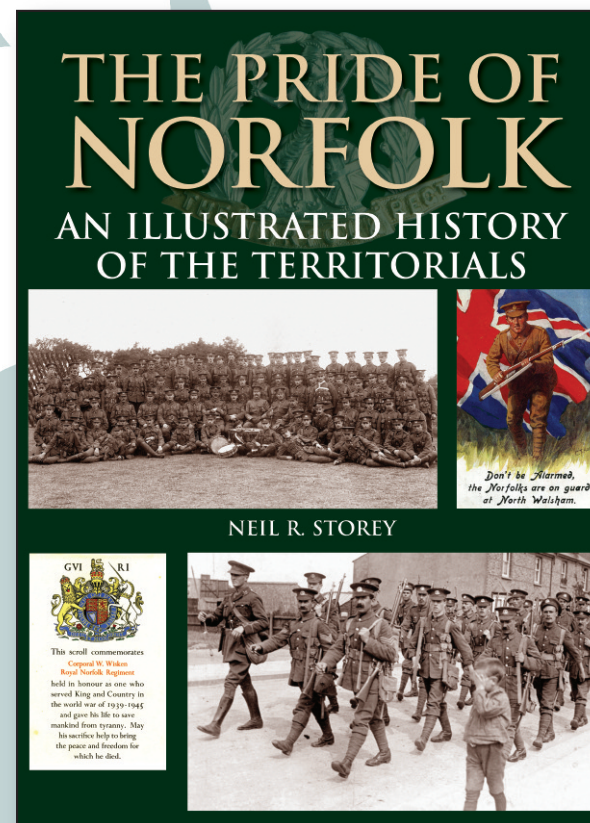
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2/6th Battalion Motor Section with their armoured car passed to them for use on home service after it was condemned by the Admiralty for its thin armour.



Officer's Mess in the field.



HM King George VI inspects the Guard of Honour provided by men of 4th Battalion on the occasion of the opening of the new Norwich City Hall 29 October 1938.



Mobilized men of the 4th Battalion leaving Diss to report to their headquarters at Norwich, 5 August 1914



After collecting them from Britannia Barracks, where they had been lodged 'for the duration' the 4th Battalion parades its colours for the first time after the war in a grand march past, Norwich City Hall, 30 June 1947

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