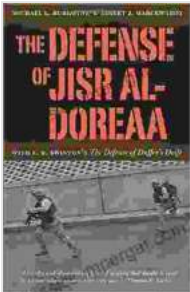


With Swinton: The Defence Of Duffer Drift

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The battle took place on 9 April 1918, during the German Spring Offensive. The Germans had managed to break through the British lines at several points and forced them back in disarray. One of the most critical points in the German advance was the village of Estaires, which lay on the road to Hazebrouck, a key supply hub for the British.

The defence of Estaires was entrusted to the 2nd Battalion of the Royal Scots Fusiliers, commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Ernest Swinton. Swinton was a brilliant tactician and a veteran of the Boer War. He had also been one of the first advocates for the use of tanks in warfare.

Swinton knew that he would be outnumbered and outgunned by the Germans. However, he was determined to hold Estaires at all costs. He ordered his men to dig in and prepare for a long siege.

The Germans attacked Estaires in force on the morning of 9 April. They were met with a withering fire from the British defenders. The Germans tried to flank the British positions, but Swinton had anticipated this and had placed his reserves in key positions to counterattack.

The fighting was intense and bloody. The Germans threw everything they had at the British, but Swinton's men refused to give ground. They repulsed wave after wave of enemy attacks, inflicting heavy casualties on the Germans.

By the end of the day, the Germans had failed to take Estaires. Swinton and his men had triumphed against insurmountable odds. The defence of Duffer Drift was a major victory for the British Army and a turning point in the Battle of Estaires.

Swinton's tactics and leadership were widely praised. He was awarded the Victoria Cross, the highest military honour in the British Army, for his gallantry and leadership.

The defence of Duffer Drift is a stirring tale of courage, tenacity, and tactical brilliance. It is a story that will inspire and motivate readers of all ages.

About the Author

Ernest Swinton was born in India in 1868. He joined the British Army in 1889 and served in the Boer War. After the war, he became a military

correspondent and wrote extensively about the use of tanks in warfare.

In 1914, Swinton was recalled to active service and commanded the 2nd Battalion of the Royal Scots Fusiliers. He led his battalion with distinction at the Battle of Estaires and was awarded the Victoria Cross for his gallantry and leadership.

After the war, Swinton continued to write about military affairs. He also became a strong advocate for the use of air power. He died in 1951.

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With Swinton: The Defence Of Duffer Drift is a gripping military history account of the defence of Duffer Drift against overwhelming odds. The book is based on Swinton's own account of the battle, as well as on interviews with other participants and archival research.

The book provides a detailed and fascinating account of the battle, from the German preparations to the final British victory. Swinton's writing is clear and concise, and he provides a vivid portrait of the men who fought and died at Duffer Drift.

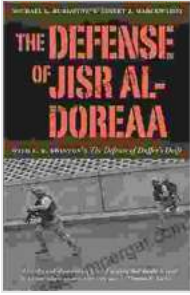
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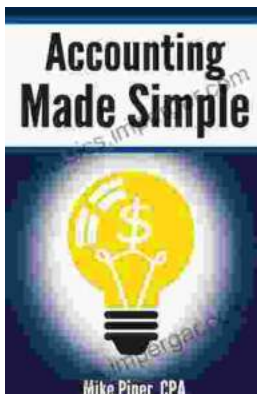
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