

The Five Wars of Sydney Herbert Bywater Harris: A Journey of Courage and Resilience

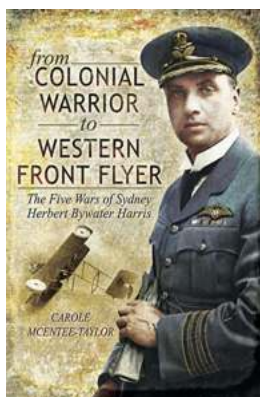
The story of Sydney Herbert Bywater Harris is one that is often overlooked in the pages of history books. Yet, his contributions and remarkable acts of bravery during five major conflicts have left an indelible mark on the annals of war. From his humble beginnings as a young recruit to his rise as a decorated war hero, Harris exemplifies the spirit of determination and resilience in the face of adversity.



The Great War: A Young Soldier's Baptism of Fire

As the world plunged into chaos during the First World War, Harris, then just a teenager, answered the call to serve his country. Enlisting in the British Army, he found himself embroiled in the horrors of trench warfare on the Western Front. Enduring unimaginable hardships and witnessing unimaginable horrors, Harris's

unwavering resolve and leadership qualities emerged as he fought valiantly alongside his comrades.



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The Second World War: A Veteran's Call to Arms

Following a brief hiatus after the Great War, Harris returned to the battlefield during the Second World War. This time, his experience and battle-tested skills made him a valuable asset to military strategists. Leading a group of courageous soldiers, he played a pivotal role in key operations, including the Normandy landings and the liberation of concentration camps, solidifying his reputation as an exceptional soldier, respected by his peers.

The Korean War: A Forgotten Conflict

While the Korean War may often be overshadowed by its predecessors, Harris's involvement in the conflict should not be overlooked. With the rise of communism in the East, he felt compelled to answer the call once again. Harris fought alongside United Nations forces, displaying the same dedication and bravery that

had defined his earlier endeavors. His actions in the Korean War were crucial in shaping the subsequent geopolitical landscape.

The Vietnam War: A Controversial Engagement

The Vietnam War presented Harris with a new and different kind of conflict. As the war became increasingly controversial, he found himself torn between his duty to his country and his growing disillusionment with the war effort. Despite the moral dilemmas he faced, Harris remained steadfast and fought with integrity, aiming to protect and support his fellow soldiers amidst the chaos.

The Gulf War: A Test of Modern Warfare

In his final battle, Harris faced the realities of modern warfare during the Gulf War. The rapid advancement of technology created new challenges, yet also presented new opportunities for victory. Harris's adaptability and strategic thinking proved vital on the battlefield, ultimately contributing to the success of the coalition forces.

The Legacy of a True Hero

Sydney Herbert Bywater Harris's story is one of incredible fortitude and unwavering dedication. As he faced the hardships of each conflict, Harris demonstrated exceptional leadership and resilience. His selflessness and bravery continue to inspire future generations, reminding us of the sacrifices made by countless individuals in defense of freedom and justice.

As we commemorate the heroes of war, let us not forget the name of Sydney Herbert Bywater Harris, who fought valiantly on five different fronts, leaving an indelible imprint on the history of warfare.



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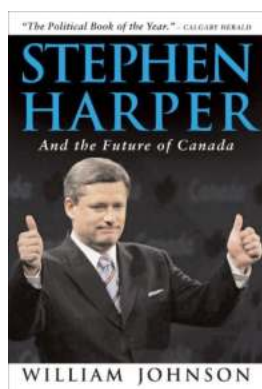
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Sydney Herbert Bywater Harris was an adventurer, a man possessed of great courage and charm, who fulfilled every schoolboy fantasy and really did 'live the dream'. The second youngest of seven children, the ordinary life held little appeal for Sydney so, in 1898, at the age of 17, he left home in Ilford for the Klondike gold rush. Arriving too late to make his fortune he decided to join the US Army. Two and a half years later, after seeing action in the Boxer Rebellion and the Philippines Insurrection, Sydney returned to England where he met and married Elsa de Verde Verder, a lady from an affluent Vermont family. A year later Sydney joined the Kings Colonials Imperial Yeomanry, later renamed the King Edward's Horse. Still seeking excitement, in August 1914 he transferred to the Royal Flying Corps and in 1916 went to France with 23 Squadron to fly the FE2b. Life expectancy for pilots on the front lines was very short and he was badly wounded while gun-spotting over enemy lines. After several months recovering he was posted to Turnberry as Chief Instructor and on the 13th August 1917, he was posted to Marske (by-the-Sea), with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, to form and command No.2 Fighting School. In 1919 he was awarded the Air Force

Cross. But war was not quite finished with Sydney. In 1936, fleeing imminent bankruptcy, he became involved with the International Brigades in the Spanish Civil War. Returning back to England he joined the RAFVR (Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve) and when the Second World War broke out he was posted to Turnhouse as Section Controller. This really didn't suit him and, determined to see more action, at the age of 58, he arranged a transfer to France as Adjutant with No 1 Squadron where his duties included liaising with the French Air Force. He later transferred to 1 ATS near Perpignan and was one of the last to leave France with the German Blitzkrieg only a few hours away. Despite his ill health he continued to serve throughout the war and in 1947 became Commander at Marchwood Park where the members of the 'Guinea Pig' club went to recover. A remarkable life led in an era of endless possibilities. Royalties from this book will go to Help 4 Homeless Veterans who support Servicemen and women into suitable accommodation, and empower them to develop a civilian career through their links with employers and other organisations.



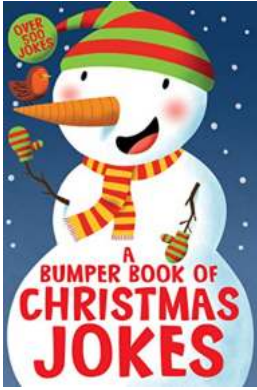
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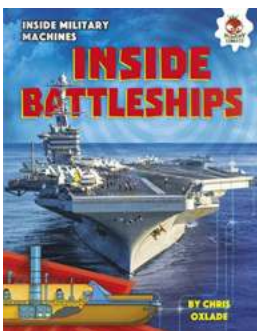
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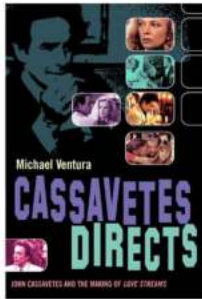
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