

The Society for Army Historical Research Essay Prize Competition

Rules and Guidance

Scope:

Submitted essays must be about the **History of the British Army or of the Land Forces of the Empire or Commonwealth**. For the purposes of this competition, this subject area includes any aspect of the Army and its activities, including reserve or auxiliary units, (Militia, Yeomanry, Fencibles, Volunteers or Home Guard) or the land forces of the Crown, or the offices and institutions which supported them. Candidates may also deal with the same material in respect of **the armies of the countries of the British Empire/ Commonwealth** including forces maintained by non-Crown bodies within the Empire, such as the Honourable East India Company, or forces allied to and forming an integral part of the land forces operating on behalf of the Crown (North America Indians, for example).

Length and Content:

The target length of the essay shall be about **3000 words**. Essays that are shorter than 2500 words and longer than 3500 words will not be considered. A Bibliography (the provision of which is mandatory) and references should not be included in the word count, nor should text associated with features such as maps, diagrams, and tables. All content contributes toward the overall evaluation of the essay.

Submission:

Each entrant is required to submit his/her respective Essay electronically by email to Dr. Ilya Berkovich at ilya.berkovich@mail.huji.ac.il by the deadline of **15 February** to be considered for the **previous year's Competition**. The essay must be in Microsoft Word or PDF format. Essays will not be accepted unless they contain, on the first page, a completed form provided in **Annex A**.

Document Formatting:

The essay should follow the following stipulations:

- (i). Pages should be numbered.
- (ii). The name of the author must be included at the header or footer on each page.
- (iii). The essay must include a bibliography at the end of the essay, as well as the final **word count**.
- (iv). Line spacing should be 1.5 lines or double spacing

Plagiarism:

All work submitted for this competition is expected to be the result of the entrant's own research and thought, expressed in his/her own words. In passing off someone else's work as their own, this cheating amounts to the theft of another's ideas or efforts. An essay that is suspected of being plagiarised will not be considered for this competition. The burden of proof shall merely be that the Sub-Committee believes it more likely than not that plagiarism has occurred. The Society has an active programme for detecting the occurrence of plagiarism.

Referencing:

When your essay uses the sources and material that you consulted during your research, this must be acknowledged by a reference. If your essay contains any phrase which is reproduced verbatim from any of the sources you consulted, this

usage must likewise be acknowledged and be identified as a quotation with speech marks.

The purpose of references is to enable the entrant author to acknowledge the original source material used in his/her essay. References should also allow the readers to consult this original source material. Referencing is best done by footnotes at the bottom of each page. The entrant must also provide a bibliography in addition to references; this should be located at the end of the essay.

When citing a book, use the following style: Author's First name/ initials, Author Surname, *Title* (Place of Publication, Publisher, Year of Publication), page being cited.

A.N. Nother, *Very Dreary Anecdotes About Tanks* (London, Bilge University Press, 2005), p. 5.

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Nother, *Dreary*, p. 47

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J.S. Bloggs, "Interesting War Stories", *Journal of Military History*, Vol.46, No.4, (Summer: 2004), pp.234–254, p.248.

Bibliography:

In compiling your list the same format is to be used as in a full 'first' referencing footnote.

To cite an internet source, give the full address and the date in which the page was last accessed by the author.

To cite an oral source, such as an interview, cite the interviewer, the interviewee, the location and the date, as in:

Author's interview with Major JJ Jones RLC, Ulan Bator, 05 May 2005.

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Entrant's Details and Declaration

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Name:

Age:

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Course of Study:

Year of Study:

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By filling my name and other personal details in the space below, I hereby declare that:

- This is new work written by myself that has not been submitted previously to other competitions.
- This essay acknowledges the source material that has been used in its production through references.
- This essay does not pass off others' work as my own.

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