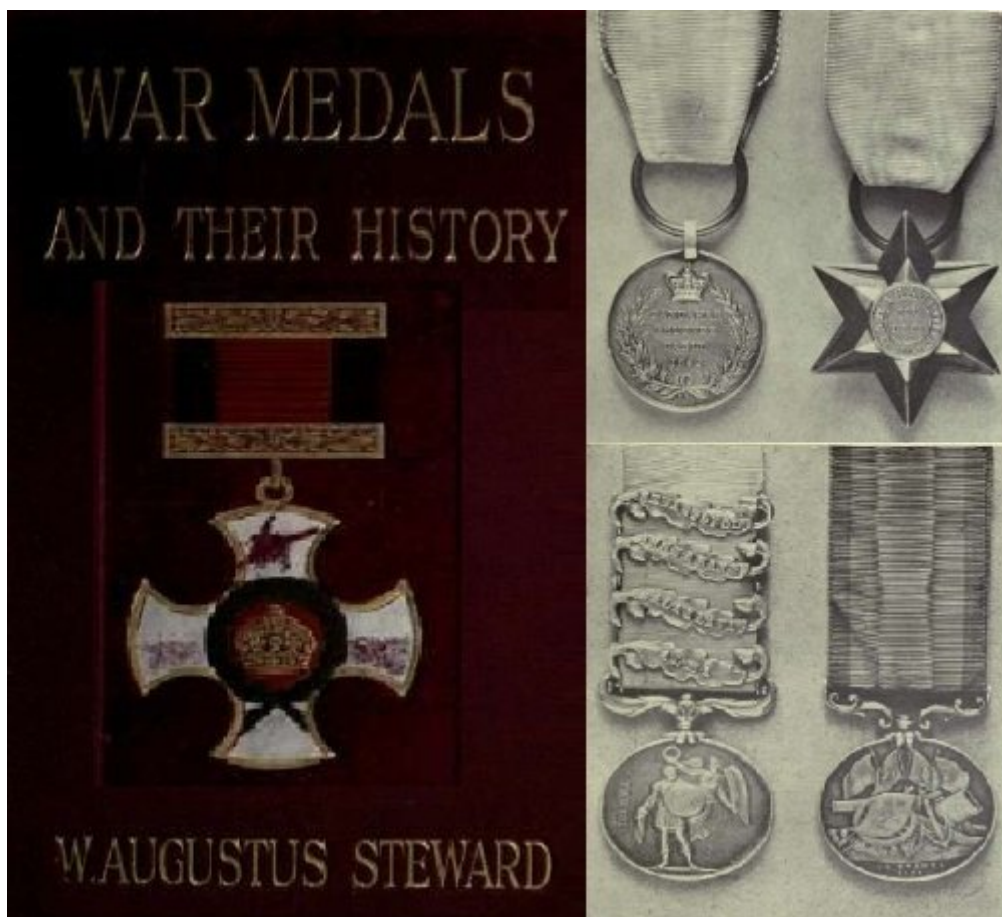


The book was found

# War Medals And Their History



## Synopsis

FOREWORDS  
If any excuse were needed for penning this, it is to be found in the exceeding interest which was taken in my monograph "Badges of the Brave." Indeed, many readers have requested me to deal, at greater length, with a subject which not only opens up a great historical vista and awakens national sentiment, but, incidentally, serves an educational mission to those who collect and those who sell the metallic records of many a hard-fought field, which, when collated, form an imperishable record of our island story. The War Medal is a comparatively modern institution, otherwise we might have learned the names of the common folk who fought so tenaciously in the old wars, as, for instance, the Welsh infantry and Irish soldiers who, with the English bowmen, comprised the army of 30,000 which at Crecy routed an army of 120,000; the followers of the Black Prince who captured the impetuous King John at Poitiers, or the English archers whose deadly volleys made such havoc at Agincourt, on that fateful day in October nearly five hundred years ago; the brave seamen who, under Lord Howard, Drake, Hawkins, and Frobisher, fought the "Invincible Armada"; and those who, under Raleigh, vigorously pursued the Spaniards on the high seas. We might have learned something of the men who composed the Royal Scots and the 18th Royal Irish, and helped to vindicate the reputation of the British soldier at Namur, and covered themselves with glory at Blenheim; the gallant Coldstream Guards who did such excellent service under Marlborough at Oudenarde and Malplaquet, as well as the Gloucesters and Worcesters who fought so well at Ramillies, or the Royal Welsh Fusiliers who served under George II at Dettingen. When, however, war medals were designed for distribution among successful combatants, a means of decorating surviving soldiers and sailors was established, and at the same time a sentimental and substantial record of a man's labours for his country upon the field of battle. So that, if the veterans of Drake's historic fleet, or Marlborough's dauntless soldiers, were not possessed of badges to distinguish them from the soldiers of industry, we, at any rate, may hold in our hands the medals which were awarded to those who served the immortal Nelson, and be proud to possess the medals which shone upon the breasts of our great grandparents who defied the Conqueror of Europe on that memorable Sunday, and made his sun to set upon the battlefield of Waterloo. Have you listened to the smart British veteran as he explains the disposition of the troops on that historic occasion—how the French cavalry "foamed itself away" in the face of those steady British squares? How he makes the Welsh blood tingle as he records the glorious deeds and death of Sir Thomas Picton, and the Scotsman's dance through his veins as he explains how, with the cold steel of their terrible bayonets, the Black Watch at Quatre Bras, and its second battalion, the Perthshires, at Waterloo, waited for the charge of the cuirassiers; and how Sergeant

Ewart of the Scots Greys captured the Eagle of the 45th, and then, with the rest of the Union Brigade (the English Royals and the Irish Inniskillings), crashed through the ranks of the faltering French, and scattered the veterans of Napoleon's army! Have you seen how the mention of the Guards holding the Chateau of Hougomont brightens the eye of the Englishman? Yes! Then just think what it is to touch and possess the solid proofs of the deeds that those men did, and to feel that you have in your possession the only recompense those brave and daring men received from a grateful country. Historical Value. • My collection of medals enables me to cover over a hundred years of history; takes me back to the stirring times when men yet met face to face in the Peninsula and at Waterloo; to the men who founded our Indian Empire. It enables me to keep in touch with sailors who fought in the battle of the Nile, at Trafalgar, and at

## Book Information

File Size: 3547 KB

Print Length: 578 pages

Simultaneous Device Usage: Unlimited

Publication Date: April 15, 2012

Language: English

ASIN: B007UPRMZ4

Text-to-Speech: Enabled

X-Ray: Not Enabled

Word Wise: Enabled

Lending: Not Enabled

Screen Reader: Supported

Enhanced Typesetting: Enabled

Best Sellers Rank: #3,111,011 Paid in Kindle Store (See Top 100 Paid in Kindle Store) #91

in [Books > Crafts, Hobbies & Home > Antiques & Collectibles > Coins & Medals > Medals](#)

#427 in [Kindle Store > Kindle eBooks > Crafts, Hobbies & Home > Antiques & Collectibles >](#)

[Coins & Medals](#) #44545 in [Kindle Store > Kindle eBooks > History > Military](#)

## Customer Reviews

Truly only 4 pages long as all this "book" contains is the header page, copyright protection page, table of contents with nothing beneath and one more page with title/author name listed and not a thing more. Paphos Publishing needs a wake up call and make good to actually put the content back in this book as I was really interested at first. Book (if you can call it that) really blows

as it is. Don't bother!

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Coins, medals, and seals, ancient and modern: Illustrated and described : with a sketch of the history of coins and coinage, instructions for young ... and American coins, medals and tokens, & World War 2 History  
10 Most Incredible Women: World War II True Accounts Of Remarkable Women Heroes (WWII history, WW2, War books, world war 2 books, war history, World war 2 women) Medals of America Presents the Decorations and Medals of the Republic of Vietnam and Her Allies 1950-1975 British & Irish Campaign Medals - Volume 2: 1899 to 2009 (British & Irish/Empire Campaign Medals) British & Empire Campaign Medals - Volume 1: 1793 to 1902 (British & Irish/Empire Campaign Medals) War Medals and Their History Civil War: American Civil War in 50 Events: From the Very Beginning to the Fall of the Confederate States (War Books, Civil War History, Civil War Books) (History in 50 Events Series Book 13) World War 1: World War I in 50 Events: From the Very Beginning to the Fall of the Central Powers (War Books, World War 1 Books, War History) (History in 50 Events Series) World History, Ancient History, Asian History, United States History, European History, Russian History, Indian History, African History. ( world history) World History: Ancient History, American History, and the History of Europe, Russia, China, India, World War 1 and 2, Vietnam War, Cold War, Medicine, Science and Technology British Commemorative Medals and Their Values World War 1: Soldier Stories: The Untold Soldier Stories on the Battlefields of WWI (World War I, WWI, World War One, Great War, First World War, Soldier Stories) World War I - 9 Book Collection: Nelson's History of the War, The Battle of Jutland & The Battle of the Somme: Selected Works from the Acclaimed War Correspondent ... Perspective and Experience During the War (Army Air Force and U.S. Air Force Decorations) Decorations, Medals, Ribbons, Badges and Insignia of the United States Air Force: World War II to Present, 2nd Edition Korean Vignettes: Faces of War : 201 Veterans of the Korean War Recall That Forgotten War Their Experiences and Thoughts and Wartime Photographs of That Era German World War 2 Medals and Political Awards, the Satellite States Allied Combat Medals of World War 2: Britain, the Commonwealth and Western European Nations (Modern weapons of the world) Building the Nation: Americans Write About Their Architecture, Their Cities, and Their Landscape American Bloomsbury: Louisa May Alcott, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Margaret Fuller, Nathaniel Hawthorne, and Henry David Thoreau: Their Lives, Their Loves, Their Work British Campaign Medals of the First World War (Shire Library)

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)