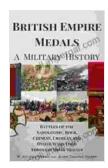
# **British Empire Medals Military History: The Ultimate Guide**

The British Empire Medal (BEM) is a military decoration awarded to members of the British Armed Forces for meritorious service. It was instituted in 1917, and is the only military medal awarded to all ranks.



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The BEM is awarded for a wide range of meritorious service, including:

- Gallantry in action
- Distinguished conduct in the field
- Long and faithful service
- Meritorious service in a non-combat role

The BEM is a highly respected award, and is worn with pride by its recipients. It is a testament to the dedication and service of the men and women of the British Armed Forces.

#### The History of the British Empire Medal

The BEM was instituted in 1917, during the First World War. It was originally intended to be awarded to soldiers who had served in the trenches for at least six months. However, the award was soon extended to other members of the Armed Forces, and to those who had served in noncombat roles.

The BEM has been awarded to over 1 million people since its inception. It is the most widely awarded military medal in the world.

#### The Design of the British Empire Medal

The BEM is a circular medal, made of silver. It has a raised rim, and is suspended from a ribbon of blue and white. The obverse of the medal features the effigy of the reigning monarch, while the reverse features the inscription "For Meritorious Service."

The ribbon of the BEM is blue and white, the colors of the British flag. The blue represents the sea, and the white represents the land.

### The Award of the British Empire Medal

The BEM is awarded by the Sovereign, on the recommendation of the Ministry of Defence. The medal is usually awarded at a ceremony, where the recipient is presented with the medal by a senior officer.

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#### The British Empire Medals Military History Book

The British Empire Medals Military History book is a comprehensive look at the history of the British Empire Medal. The book covers the origins of the medal, its design, and the criteria for its award.

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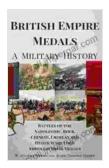
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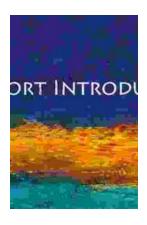
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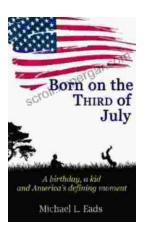
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