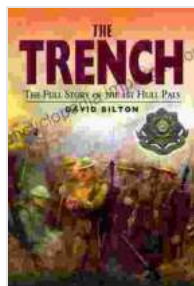


# The True Story of the Hull Pals: A Tale of Courage, Sacrifice, and Loss



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The city of Hull, England is a proud city with a rich history. It is a city that has produced many famous people, including the poet Philip Larkin, the novelist J.B. Priestley, and the actor Tom Courtenay. But Hull is also a city that has experienced great tragedy. One of the darkest chapters in Hull's history is the story of the Hull Pals.

The Hull Pals were a group of young men from Hull who volunteered to fight in the First World War. They were part of the 13th Battalion of the East Yorkshire Regiment. The battalion was formed in 1914 and saw action in some of the most brutal battles of the war, including the Battle of the Somme and the Battle of Passchendaele.

By the end of the war, the Hull Pals had lost over 700 men, a casualty rate of over 50%. The battalion's story is a testament to the courage, sacrifice,

and loss that was experienced by so many during the First World War. It is a story that deserves to be remembered and told.

## **The Formation of the Hull Pals**

The Hull Pals were formed in response to Kitchener's call for volunteers to join the British Army in 1914. The battalion was made up of men from all walks of life, including factory workers, shopkeepers, and clerks. Many of the men were friends and neighbors who had grown up together in Hull. They were all eager to serve their country and do their part to win the war.

The Hull Pals were sent to France in 1915. They saw their first action at the Battle of the Somme in July 1916. The Somme was one of the bloodiest battles of the war, and the Hull Pals suffered heavy losses. Over 300 men were killed or wounded on the first day of the battle.

The Hull Pals continued to fight in the war until the end. They fought at the Battle of Passchendaele in 1917 and the Battle of Amiens in 1918. By the end of the war, the battalion had lost over 700 men.

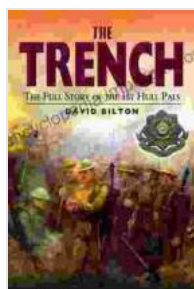
## **The Legacy of the Hull Pals**

The Hull Pals were a brave and dedicated group of men who fought for their country with honor. Their story is a testament to the courage, sacrifice, and loss that was experienced by so many during the First World War. The Hull Pals are remembered today in Hull and across the UK. There is a memorial to the battalion in Hull city center, and their story is told in schools and museums.

The Hull Pals are an inspiration to us all. They remind us of the sacrifices that people have made for our freedom. We should never forget their story.

## Further Reading

- The Hull Pals website
- The Imperial War Museum's website
- The BBC website



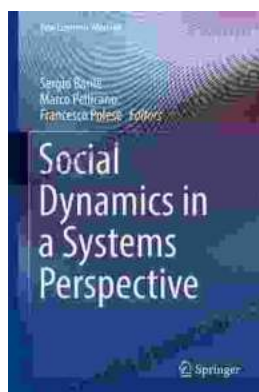
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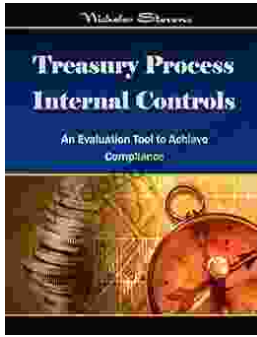
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