

Darrel Roche - Ten Battles of History from 202BC to AD 1943

Soldiers and battles have been part of humankind's history since creation, or evolution, depending upon your thinking. The great empires of the world have each had their turn at glory, yet each one of us plays our momentary part in the stage production of 'World History' as it rolls, inexorably, onward.

So too the soldiers of every nation, of every country, who have played their parts faithfully, honourably and loyally. Millions of men, and thousands of women, who found themselves at a moment in history, bravely, courageously and valiantly performing deeds of sacrifice for monarch, regiment and country.

I have selected ten battles from the thousands in recorded history, and I shall briefly look at the types of soldiers who fought these engagements, their dress, weapons and attitudes during the battle, the reasons for the conflict, acts of valour, and pride of regiment.