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real life a Christian of deep conviction Perfectly cast as the eccentric vicar constantly tetchy at the invasion of his church hall by Captain Mainwaring and the elderly platoon he appeared in the famous BBC series throughout its nine year run and also in many other television and stage dramas Still in constant demand for public appearances Frank takes an affectionate view behind the scenes of Dad s Army and the world of show business and reveals his personal journey through faith **Dad's Army** Bill Pertwee,2009-11-03 Dad s Army has been an enduring highlight of the small screen since its debut on British television in 1968 The show which follows the exploits of the Home Guard of Walmington on Sea a fictional seaside town on the south coast of England ran for nine series in total comprising 80 episodes and regularly attracted viewing figures of over 18 million at the height of its popularity Today it is still shown weekly on BBC2 and was recently placed fourth in a BBC poll of Britain s Best Sitcoms Ever The show has permeated British society with the characters signature catchphrases particularly Captain Mainwaring s Stupid boy having entered the lexicon of popular culture Such is its appeal that in August 2008 Jonathan Ross paid tribute to Dad s Army with an hour long special looking back on the show s success and reliving its funniest moments Yet Dad s Army is also credited with drawing attention to the important role that Local Defence Volunteers later known as the Home Guard played in the Second World War in guarding coastal areas of Britain and other important industrial and military sites such as factories and explosives stores and in observing and reporting enemy aircraft Bill Pertwee found fame as ARP Warden Hodges in the series and has put together a comprehensive tribute to all aspects of the show This book includes extensive features on the two creators of Dad s Army Jimmy Perry and David Croft along with biographies of the whole cast of actors who brought this British comedy classic to life paying particular attention to such memorable figures as Arthur Lowe Captain Mainwaring John Le Mesurier Sergeant Wilson Clive Dunn Corporal Jones and Ian Lavender Private Pike As an integral part of the show itself Bill Pertwee is uniquely positioned to give an intimate view of his co stars their families and the supporting production team His colourful account includes many hilarious incidents on and off the set such as filming for Columbia Pictures and being invited to tea at 10 Downing Street Numerous colour photos as well as a fine selection of well reproduced original stills supplement the informative text and a full episode listing is included together with articles on the many Dad s Army spin offs and side projects including the highly successful stage play movie adaptation and radio series The Complete A-Z of Dad's Army Richard Webber,2000 **Dad's Army: The Story of a Very British Comedy (Text Only)** Graham McCann,2015-12-18 The story of the greatest British sit com and its enduring appeal *Dad's Army* Jimmy Perry,David Croft,1976 **Dad's Army** David Croft,Jimmy Perry,2002 The Napoleonic 'Dad's Army' Paul L Dawson,2024-04-30 During the crisis year of 1792 when war against France was at its closest a variety of societies and associations of Loyal Britons were set up throughout Britain Their aim was to organise patriotic anti French forces in defense of king and country and to help maintain the established order The need to provide an internal defense force resulted in the Volunteer Act of 1794 It witnessed the formation of hundreds of volunteer regiments on the upswell in

loyalist sentiment following the disorder and instability witnessed across the Channel in Revolutionary France By 1798 there were 118 000 volunteers but faced with the possibility of a French invasion of Southern England William Pitt's government aimed to expand this number substantially By 1804 there were an astonishing 380 000 volunteers under arms and the various Corps made up half to one third of all the home service forces When we add in those volunteers who agreed to serve overseas as garrison troops in India for example the number grows to approximately 800 000 meaning that around one in every five adult males participated in military activities This amazing groundswell of patriotic fervour has seldom been investigated before Using diaries and archive sources this book seeks to explore the Dad's Army of the Napoleonic Wars These men were far more than local bands of volunteers they represented a militarisation of society not previously seen and which was repeated again when the world was thrown into war in the twentieth century *Dad's Army*, 2003 *Dad's Army* 2 Jimmy Perry, 1991 **Dad's Army** Jimmy Perry, 2004 **Dad's Army** Jimmy Perry, David Croft, 2002 The complete scripts for six classic early recordings now missing from the Dad's Army archives Jimmy Perry and David Croft's Dad's Army ran to 80 episodes and after three decades of regular prime time repeats the wartime adventures of Walmington-on-Sea's Home Guard have become imprinted on the nation's psyche **Dad's Army** Jimmy Perry, David Croft, Richard Webber, 2003 Published for the first time in one volume these are the complete scripts of the greatest British sitcom of all time Dad's Army In all nine series were made and are constantly repeated Dad's Army The Complete Scripts brings together all eighty of these episodes as well as exclusive contributions by the actors writers and producers of the series This is undoubtedly TV situation comedy's finest hour *Dad's Army* David Croft, 2015-11-05 **The Real 'Dad's Army'** Rodney Foster, 2011-10-27 Who do you think you are kidding Mr Hitler Not Colonel Rodney Foster a platoon commander of the Kent Home Guard Here for the first time is the full inside story of the Home Guard the ragtag volunteer army that defended the coast of Britain from German invasion during the Second World War Colonel Rodney Foster who retired to Hythe in the south of England after a military career in British India joined the Home Guard in 1940 and kept a diary every day a highly illegal act at the time Living directly beneath the Battle of Britain on the Kent coast Foster commanded a company of men in the face of constant aerial bombardment and the ever present threat of death from above Hitler's crack parachutists Writing from the village hall abandoned barns churches and makeshift officers' messes he records with a unique wit and wisdom the everyday details of family life during the war the domestic routine dogged by air raid warnings the antics of soldiers stationed nearby taking every chance to improve their lot the quiet strength of a small community faced with great adversity **Dad's Army**, 2018

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