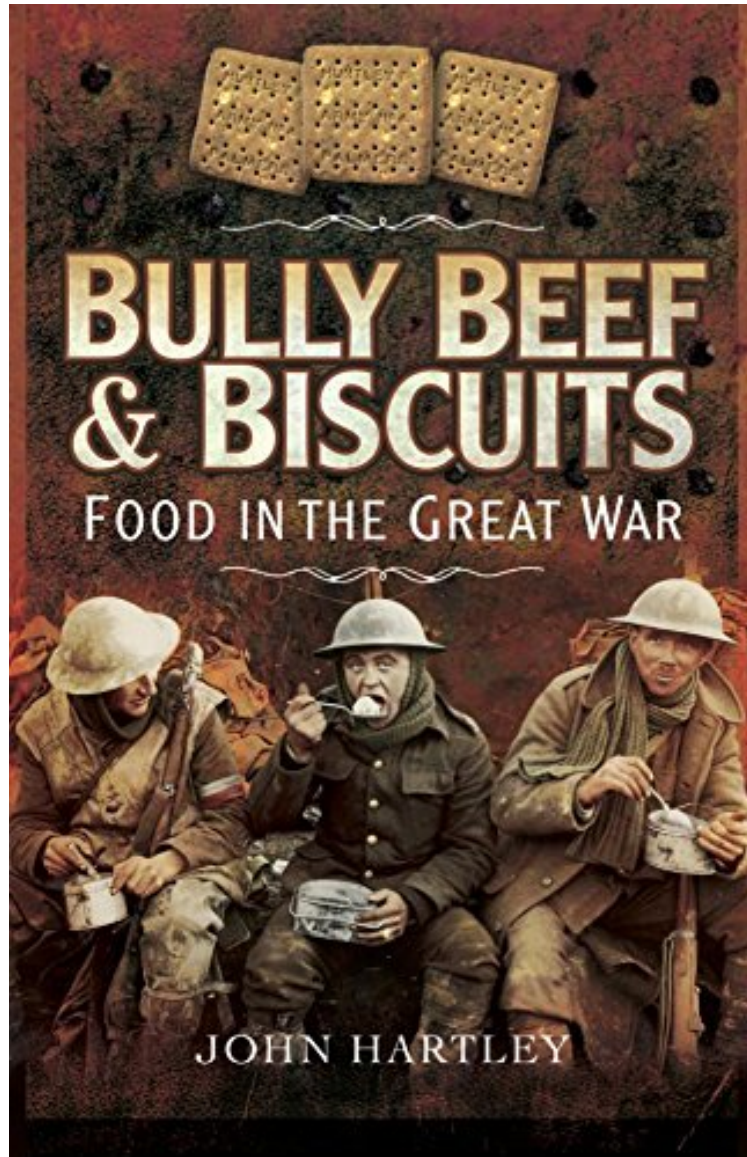


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dimension by quoting from letters and diaries, and telling the service records of soldiers who are quoted. He also gives an overview of what's going on in the war at the time of particular issues of foodstuff, and with the comments of the men who were there and eating the rations. It's a good read as well as a great reference for Great War researchers. I'm not done with it yet, but already know that I'll be referring to it often - lots of bookmarks already in place. I'm very, very pleased with it. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great War Food History is Shiny! By Readalot One minor annoyance about the packing-- vendor tossed into a poly bag, the kind checks come in. only protects against water so it came with bumped corners. If I were a collector I'd be more than annoyed. This is an excellent book. I rarely give out the 5 stars but this deserves it. It is a history filled with facts figures yes; and recipes and anecdotes taken from the letters of soldiers civilians both on the front-lines and at the home-front. Those excerpts from their correspondence are what make the book. It's all presented in a very readable style. I'm amazed at the amount of research Mr. Hartley has put into it. I've been fascinated with military food history for over 20 years and this book satisfies. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A fascinating book! By Michael D. Markovitch A must-read for anyone interested in WWI. Full of personal accounts, facts, and pictures dealing with feeding the British Army during the war.

Napoleon Bonaparte is often credited with saying that 'an army marches on its stomach'. A hundred years after his time, the soldiers of the Great War would do little marching. Instead, they would fight their battles from cold, muddy trenches, looking out across No Man's Land towards another set of trenches that housed the enemy. It is one of the remarkable successes of the war that they rarely went hungry.??During the war, the army grew from its peace-time numbers of 250,000 to well over 3 million. They needed three meals a day and, using the men's own letters and diaries, John Hartley tells the story of the food they ate, how it got to them in those trenches and what they thought of it. It's the story of eating bully beef and army 'dog biscuits' under fire and it's the story of the enjoyment of food parcels from home or eating egg and chips in a cafeacute; on a rare off-duty evening. It's also the story of the lives of loved ones at home ndash; how they coped with rationing and how women changed their place in society, taking on jobs previously held by men, many working as farm labourers in the Women's Land Army. This is a book which will appeal to food lovers as well as those with an interest in military and social history.

John Hartley's book is well-researched, well-written, humorous and engaging...The book is beautifully presented and bound, with some very witty captions for the photographs...A book that deserves a wide audience. (DESTRUCTIVE MUSIC) About the Author John Hartley is a Cheshire man who worked in and around Manchester. Now retired he lives near Cheadle, Cheshire.