Conference

Culture and Combat Motivation

Saltmarsh Rooms, King’s College, Cambridge
Saturday 4 September – 5 September 2004

Schedule

Friday 3 September
18.30 Drinks – The Eagle; 19.30 Dinner – Loch Fyne

Saturday 4 September

9.15 Welcome
*Catherine Merridale, Queen Mary College
William O’Reilly, Centre for History and Economics

9.30-11.00 Session I: Basic themes
Chair: William O’Reilly

Catherine Merridale: ‘Ivan and the Red Army’

11.00 – Coffee

11.30 – 13.00 Session II: Ideology and Religion
Chair: John Morrill

Josie McLellan: “I wanted to be a little Lenin”: ideology and the German International Brigade volunteers’

13.00 – Lunch

14.00-15.30 Session III: Why do people fight for other people?
Chair: William O’Reilly

Tarak Barkawi: ‘People, Homelands and Wars? Ethnicity, the Military and Battle among British Imperial Forces in the War against Japan’

15.30 – Tea
15.45-17.00  Session IV: Soldiers’ Letters: Eye Witness Accounts  
Chair: Drew Faust  
Dan Todman: ‘First World War veterans' remembrance of combat motivation in the 1960s’  
Mike Finn: ‘Telling the truth about war: Soldiers' letters and consensus in First World War Britain’

19.30  Dinner – India House, Newnham Road

Sunday 5 September

9.30-10.45  Session V: Military Police and Peacekeepers  
Chair: Bernhard Fulda  
William O’Reilly: ‘Fighting to Retire: Soldiers and Peacekeepers along the Hapsburg-Ottoman Military Frontier’

10.45  – Coffee

11.00-12.15  Session VI: Memory and Trauma  
Chair: Charles E Rosenberg  
Commentary: Edgar Jones  
Simon Wessley: ‘Why Men cease to fight’

12.15-13.00  Session VII: Discussion about publication and follow-up meeting  
Chair: Catherine Merridale

End of meeting