

Walking It Off: A Veteran's Chronicle of War And Wilderness

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When he wrote *The Monkey Wrench Gang* in 1975, Edward Abbey became the spokesperson for a generation of Americans angered by the unthinking destruction of our natural heritage. Without consultation, Abbey based the central character of eco-guerilla George Washington Hayduke on his friend Doug Peacock. Since then Peacock has become an articulate environmental individualist writing about the West's abundant wildscapes.

Abbey and Peacock had an at times stormy, almost father and son relationship that was peacefully resolved in Abbey's last days before his death in 1989. This rich recollection of their relationship and the dry places they explored are recalled in Peacock's honest and heartfelt style in this poignant memoir.

Doug Peacock is the author of *Grizzly Years*, *Baja!*, and articles about wilderness preservation in magazines such as *Outside*, *Men's Journal*, and *Audubon*. He lives in Livingston, Montana. "Doug Peacock is a direct literary descendant of Thoreau, with a few genes from Audubon and his mentor, Edward Abbey. . . . His meditations on war and wilderness are painfully apt today."

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Veteran Volunteer, Frank Vans Agnew left America in 1914 and claiming to be 40 (rather than 46) enlisted in 2nd King Edward's Horse. He arrived in France in 1915 at Festubert and was given a commission. After attending the Machine Gun School he was at the Somme before volunteering for the Tank Corps. In 1917 he was wounded at Messines, where he won his MC. He demonstrated his tank for King George. He fought at 3rd Ypres and was wounded and captured at Cambrai in November 1917. Over the next 12 months he was held as a POW at Hanover, Karlsruhe, Heidelberg and FÜstenberg.??His extraordinary and varied experiences are superbly recorded in this memoir.??As featured in *Isle of Wight County Press* and on *BBC Radio Bristol*.

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