History Warfare

A gallery trail for KS3-5 exploring the nature of warfare and the British Army through time, from the Civil Wars to recent wars in the Middle East, in ten objects.

1645

Army

at Home Gallery

Find this **matchlock musket** from the British Civil War period.

What was the process for firing this musket?

1815 \square onflict i Find the **model of** the battlefield of Waterloo.

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screen, select 'join

the battlefield'.

explore 'key moment 8' (Ney's cavalry attack) and then read 'attacks on the squares'.

How did infantry square formations help the British resist cavalry attacks?

1855

Find this **field telegraph** wire used in the Crimean

War.

How did the electric field telegraph change communications in war?



Find the Pattern 1896 .303 inch Maxim machine gun. How did the Maxim gun aid the British in

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onflict Find this **pennant** flown on a tank at the Battle of Cambrai in the First World War.



Give a) an advantage and b) a disadvantage of tanks in battle:



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Find the **Bofors** anti-aircraft gun used in the Second World War.

П Give two facts about this gun:



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Find this **NBC** protective suit from the Cold War period.

What types of attacks was it designed to protect soldiers from?

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Find this **painting** of British soldiers during an armoured vehicle patrol in Afghanistan.

What kind of attack threatened these soldiers?



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Find this **slide rule** used by Lieutenant General Gerald Templer in the

What type of warfare were the British engaged in during this campaign?

1942

Malayan Emergency.



1986

Find the **Phoenix** unmanned air vehicle. What was its purpose

in warfare?



Now that you have completed the trail, what object would you want to include? Choose an object from any gallery that you think reveals something about the nature of British warfare (e.g. technology or tactics).

Object: _____

Conflict or time period:

What do you think this object tells us about warfare at this time?