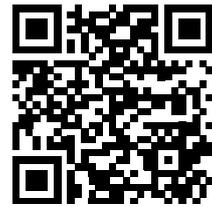


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# Crusading Orders and Medieval Warfare



During the Middle Ages, the \_\_\_\_\_ were a series of religious wars sanctioned by the Papacy, aiming to reclaim the Holy \_\_\_\_\_ from Muslim rule. Among the participants were the military orders, including the Knights \_\_\_\_\_ and the Hospitallers, who played significant roles. These orders were established to provide care for sick and injured \_\_\_\_\_, as well as to protect Christian territories and pilgrim routes. The \_\_\_\_\_ Templar, founded around 1119, quickly became famous for their military \_\_\_\_\_ and financial acumen. They established a network of \_\_\_\_\_ across the Holy Land and developed innovative financial techniques that can be seen as a precursor to modern banking. The \_\_\_\_\_, also known as the Knights of Saint John, were founded earlier but shifted their focus towards military \_\_\_\_\_ after the First Crusade. They too managed hospitals but also participated actively in battles, notably defending \_\_\_\_\_ and other key locations. English involvement in the Crusades was significant, with figures such as Richard the \_\_\_\_\_ leading campaigns. The English crown provided substantial support to the military \_\_\_\_\_, granting them lands and revenues. This support was not just financial; English knights joined the \_\_\_\_\_ of these orders, fighting alongside their brethren from across Europe. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Crusader states by the late 13th century marked the decline of the military orders' \_\_\_\_\_ in the Holy Land, though they continued to hold power in \_\_\_\_\_. The Templars, in particular, faced a dramatic downfall when they were dissolved by Pope \_\_\_\_\_ V in 1312 under pressure from the French king, who coveted their \_\_\_\_\_. The Hospitallers, however, managed to retain some of their influence by relocating to \_\_\_\_\_ and later to Malta, where they continued their humanitarian and military \_\_\_\_\_ until the late 18th century.

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