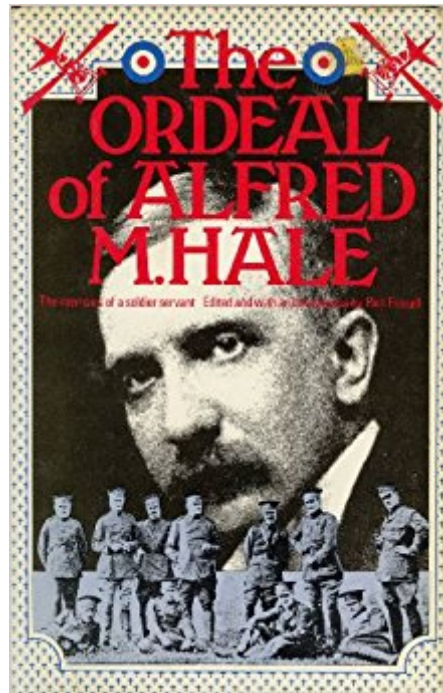




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# The Ordeal Of Alfred M. Hale: The Memoirs Of A Soldier Servant



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