

The Normans' cry at the Battle of Hastings was "Dex Aie!" which is old Norman for "God aid us!" This battle cry was last used by the Royal Guernsey Light Infantry during World War I.

In the Middle Ages the Almogavars used to cry "Desperta ferro", which translates from Catalan as "Awake the iron". They used this cry the dawn before battle, while they beat their swords on the nearby rocks to keep them clean from rust. In the dim light many sparks were lighted, which scared the enemy watching them.

**dex aie!**  
**desperta**  
**ferro!**

The Gaelic “*Tiocfaidh ár lá!*”, which means “Our day will come!” is a cry primarily used by the Irish Republican Army in their battle for Northern Ireland to be joined with the Irish Republic. It has become the unofficial slogan of the Irish Republican movement and is often shouted as “*Beidh ár lá linn!*”, or “We shall have our day!”

A modern Israeli battle cry, the Hebrew “*Kadima!*” translates literally as “Forward!”. It has become the name of the Israel political party founded by Ariel Sharon. Another Israeli cry “*Iti!*” which means “With me!” is associated with the Givati Brigade.

***Beidh ár***

***lá linn!***

***Kadima!  
Iti!***

One of many Finnish battle cries  
used during World War II was  
"Tulta munille!" which roughly  
translates to "Fire at their balls!".

**tulta  
munille!  
nooouu!**

A possible origin of the cries “Hooah!” “Hoo-yay!” and “Oorah!” is that the term is derived from the Turkish language phrase ‘öldürmek’ that translates as ‘kill them all’, that was adopted as the Russian battlecry “Urrah!” that is still used today. A common war cry during World War II was “Oorrah pobeda!, meaning “Oo-rah Victory!”.

The U.S. Army and the Canadian Forces shout “Hooah!”, the U.S. Navy Seal Teams use “Hoo-yay!”, the Argentine Navy “Ua! Ua! Ua!”, while the Greek Army battle cry is “Aera!” that means “(Sweep them away like the) Wind”

**HOO-YAY!**  
**Urrah!**  
**Oorah!**

One of the most famous battle cries of the Middle Ages is “Dieu et mon droit!” meaning “God and my right!”. This war cry was used at the Battle of Crécy in 1346 and soon after got adopted by English royalty as a motto. ‘Dieu et mon droit’ now appears on a scroll beneath the shield of the Royal coat of arms of the United Kingdom.

“Hrr na nê!”, Czech for “At them!” was used by Hussite warriors during the Hussite Wars. Modern Czech infantry often uses “Hurá!” similar to the Russian “Urrah!”.

**dieu et  
mon droit!  
hrr na nê!**

The religious military orders of The Crusaders who fought to restore Christian control of The Holy Land around the 11th century used "Deus Vult!", Latin for "God wills it!".

Various Gaelic speaking peoples have a long tradition of employing battle cries. One of many is "Faugh a Ballaugh!" (correctly "Fág an Bealach"), Irish for "Clear the way!".

**deus vult!**  
**faugh a**  
**ballaugh!**