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record of events, Grounded in Eire offers insight into this little-known

aspect of the war and provides a testament to courage, friendship, and perseverance in the face of unusual obstacles.