

Welcome to this week's newsletter. This is the final newsletter of the year and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your patronage over the last 12 months, and to wish you all the best over the holiday season. Quite a nice selection of books in this issue, particularly for those with an interest in the Napoleonic Era, which has been going through a little bit of a dry spell recently.

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Ancients and Dark Ages

Alexander the Great: Journey to End of the Earth

By Norman Cantor & Dee Ranieri

\$27.95

Publisher – Harper Perennial, 180 pages, ISBN 9780060570132, paperback

In this succinct portrait of Alexander the Great, distinguished scholar and historian Norman Cantor illuminates the personal life and military conquests of this most legendary of men. Cantor draws from the major writings of Alexander's contemporaries combined with the most recent psychological and cultural studies to show Alexander as he was -- a great figure in the ancient world whose puzzling personality greatly fuelled his military accomplishments.

The Rise and Fall of Ancient Greece

By Nigel Rodgers

\$69.95

Publisher – Lorenz, 256 pages, ISBN 9780754817338, hardback

The military and political history of the ancient Greeks from the fall of Troy, the Persian Wars and the Battle of Marathon to the campaigns of Alexander the Great and his conquest of Asia. An authoritative and dramatic account of the birth of the city-states and civil war, the Golden Age of Athens under Solon and Pericles, the harsh regime of Sparta, and the rule of the Tyrants, Oligarchs and Democrats. Illustrated with over 500 colour paintings, photographs, maps and battleplans.

Becoming Charlemagne: Europe, Baghdad, and the Empires of AD 800

By Jeff Sypeck

\$27.95

Publisher – Harper Perennial, 304 pages, ISBN 9780060797072, paperback

On Christmas morning in the year 800, Pope Leo III placed the crown of imperial Rome on the brow of a Germanic king named Karl--a gesture that enabled the man later hailed as Charlemagne to claim his empire and forever shape the destiny of Europe. "Becoming Charlemagne" tells the story of the international power struggle that led to this world-changing event, illuminating an era that has long been overshadowed by myth.

The Forgotten Battle of 1066: Fulford

By Charles Jones

\$32.95

Publisher – Tempus, 288 pages, ISBN 9780752443263, paperback

This is a history of the forgotten third battle of 1066, the battlefield which until now remained undiscovered. Three weeks and three days before the epic clash at Hastings in 1066 between Harold II and William of Normandy, a battle of the same size and scale took place just south of York at Fulford. Harald Hardrada, king of Norway, in alliance with Tostig, Harold II's brother, invaded with 300 ships, sailing up the Ouse just south of York. Edwin and Morcar, Harold's brothers-in-law and earls of Mercia and Northumbria, gave battle at Fulford. This site has been forgotten, and largely undisturbed, for almost a thousand years.

Medieval and Renaissance

Constantinople: Capital of Byzantium

By Jonathan Harris

\$56.95

Publisher – Hambledon, 304 pages, ISBN 9781847251794, hardback

In the early Middle Ages the greatest city in Europe was not Paris, London or Berlin but Constantinople, capital of Byzantium. It was an article of faith that a saintly emperor, divinely appointed, had founded Constantinople and that the city was as holy as Rome or Jerusalem. *Constantinople: Capital of Byzantium* is the first history of this great empire to properly examine the intriguing interaction between the spiritual and the political, the mythical and the actual. The result is an accessible and engaging account of a colourful time in human history, and a long overdue look at an awe-inspiring city in its heyday.

17th-19th Century

Gloucester and Newbury 1643: The Turning Point of the Civil War

By Jon Day

\$59.95

Publisher – Pen & Sword, 256 pages, ISBN 9781844155910, hardback

The campaign that led to the first Battle of Newbury in 1643 represents a vital phase in the English Civil War, yet rarely has it received the attention it deserves. In this compelling and meticulously researched new study, Jon Day shows how the campaign was critical to the outcome of the war and the defeat of Charles I. The late summer 1643 was the military high tide for the king and his armies, yet within two months the opportunity had been squandered. The Royalists failed first to take the Parliamentarian stronghold of Gloucester and then to defeat the Earl of Essex's army at Newbury.

Marlborough's Sieges 1702-1711

By James Falkner

\$64.95

Publisher – Spellmount, 268 pages, ISBN 9781862273405, hardback

This detailed and highly entertaining book tells of the extraordinary military achievement of John Churchill, 1st Duke of Marlborough who successfully conducted 26 formal sieges during the height of the War of the Spanish Succession. Rivalled by none, this astonishing record has, until now, been eclipsed by the Duke's great victories in open battle. For the first time a thoroughly researched account of these extensive and bitterly fought campaigns is provided, putting the sieges in the context of the Duke's wider campaigns and war aims, and giving the reader a thought-provoking analysis of his achievements in siege warfare, which parallel his victories in open battle.

The French Navy and the Seven Years' War

By Jonathan R. Dull

\$39.95

Publisher – Bison Books, 445 pages, ISBN 9780803260245, paperback

The Seven Years' War was the world's first global conflict, spanning five continents and the critical sea lanes that connected them. This book is the fullest account ever written of the French navy's role in the hostilities. It is also the most complete survey of both phases of the war: the French and Indian War in North America (1754-60) and the Seven Years' War in Europe (1756-63), which are almost always treated independently. By considering both phases of the war from every angle, award-winning historian Jonathan R. Dull shows not only that the two conflicts are so interconnected that neither can be fully understood in isolation but also that traditional interpretations of the war are largely inaccurate.

Despatches from the Crimea 1854-56

By William Howard Russell, edited by Nicholas Bentley

\$79.95

Publisher – Naval Institute Press, 288 pages, ISBN 9781591142003, hardback

William Howard Russell's uncompromising dispatches from the Crimea to the London Times, collected in this book, revolutionised war reporting and the public's perception of war. Never before had Britons on the home front been exposed to the grim realities of remote battlefields, and they were shocked and outraged by what they read. Russell's images of the plight of the soldiers and his criticism of medical facilities led the government to vastly improve soldiers' living standards and Florence Nightingale to improve sanitation for the wounded. Even now, more than 150 years after his reporting from the Crimea, readers will find Russell's graphic descriptions to be extraordinarily modern.

Kingdom in Crisis: The Zulu Response to the British Invasion of 1879

By John Laband

\$39.95

Publisher – Pen & Sword, 288 pages, ISBN 9781844155842, paperback

John Laband's classic work is the first history of the Anglo-Zulu War of 1879 to examine in full the complexities of the Zulu response to the British invasion of their kingdom. He does more than substitute a Zulu perspective of the campaign for the British one. He gives a fascinating insight into the social, political and military traditions of the Zulus which made it so difficult for them to withstand the invaders.

Napoleonic

Napoleon at Work

By Colonel Vachee

\$37.95

Publisher – Nonsuch, 192 pages, ISBN 9781845883744, paperback

First translated into English in 1914, *Napoleon at Work* is a detailed, step-by-step analysis of the military tactics and methods adopted by Napoleon Bonaparte in the time leading up to, and during, the Jena Campaign of 1806. Written by the distinguished French tactician and strategist, Colonel Vachee, this book aimed to examine and illustrate the military genius of Napoleon as it was at the very height of his career, as well as the lessons in warfare which could be learnt from him for the 'battles of the future'.

Napoleon's Cavalry and Its Leaders

By David Johnson

\$39.95

Publisher – Spellmount, 192 pages, ISBN 9781862273788, paperback

Dressed in outrageously romantic uniforms, led by a flamboyant clique of aristocrats and extroopers, Napoleons cavalry had a picturesque quality that belied its ruthless methods and tremendous service record. Drawing heavily on material largely unknown to English speaking readers, the campaigns in Austria, Germany, Egypt, Italy, Poland, Belgium, Spain and Portugal are all brought alive and put into their historical context.

Napoleon and the Invasion of England

By A.M. Broadley and H.F.B. Wheeler

\$44.95

Publisher – Nonsuch, 508 pages, ISBN 9781845883805, paperback

First published in 1908, this is an in-depth study of the period 1797-1805, when the threat of a French invasion of England reached its height. It was a danger which dominated the thoughts and conversations of the English population to such an extent that the period was to become known as the 'Great Terror'. This comprehensive account traces the progress of Napoleon's plans of conquest from their earliest stages in 1793 through to his defeat at the Battle of Trafalgar, and the final collapse of the invasion plans in 1805.

The Battle of Borodino: Napoleon Against Kutuzov

By Alexander Mikaberidze

\$74.95

Publisher – Pen & Sword, 288 pages, ISBN 9781844156030, hardback

On 7 September 1812, at Borodino, 75 miles west of Moscow, the armies of the Russian and French empires clashed in one of the climactic battles of the Napoleonic Wars. This horrific - and controversial - contest has fascinated historians ever since. The survival of the Russian army after Borodino was a key factor in Napoleon's eventual defeat and the utter destruction of the French army of 1812. In this thought-provoking new study, Napoleonic historian Alexander Mikaberidze reconsiders the 1812 campaign and retells the terrible story of the Borodino battle as it was seen from the Russian point of view.

The Escape from Elba: The Fall and Flight of Napoleon 1814-15

By Norman MacKenzie

\$39.95

Publisher – Pen & Sword, 320 pages, ISBN 9781844156047, paperback

The year is 1814. The Allies have driven Napoleon's once-mighty armies back to Paris. Trapped, forced to abdicate after two decades of triumphant rule, the Emperor takes leave of his comrades-in-arms and sets sail for his new domain - the tiny, poverty-stricken, pestilential island of Elba. Yet, within ten months Napoleon will enter Paris once again, at the heels of the fleeing Bourbon king, flushed with victory and cheered by the masses. "The Escape From Elba" tells the heroic story of Napoleon's exile and phoenix-like return. In this classic account, now republished in paperback, Norman MacKenzie chronicles this extraordinary year: the tense last hours of Napoleon's empire, his humiliating exile, his midnight escape and his whirlwind march over snowbound mountains to Grenoble where, in a dramatic confrontation with the French army, he became a reigning prince again.

American Civil War

Winter Lightning: A Guide to the Battle of Stone's River

By Matt Spruill III & Lee Spruill

\$49.95

Publisher – University of Tennessee, 268 pages, ISBN 9781572335981, hardback

From December 31, 1862, to January 2, 1863, one of the Civil War's bloodiest battles raged as more than 42,000 Union troops led by General William S. Rosecrans met 37,000 Confederates under General Braxton Bragg near the small town of Murfreesboro, Tennessee. The Battle of Stones River, which the Union declared a victory, significantly boosted Union morale in the Western Theatre.

Lee and Grant

By William M.S. Rasmussen and Robert S. Tilton
Publisher – Giles, 360 pages, ISBN 9781904832362, hardback

\$164.95

Published to coincide with the 200th anniversary of Lee's birth, this book covers the entirety of both these major figures' lives, from their early education and military training at West Point, through the Civil War and its immediate aftermath, to their retirement, examining how their lives interconnected and how they diverged. It features over 270 fascinating illustrations, including the generals' uniforms and accoutrements, letters, rare photographs and newly-discovered paintings, prints, engravings and images from popular culture.

World War I

Uniforms & Equipment of the Central Powers in World War I Volume 1: Austria-Hungary and Bulgaria

By Dr Spencer Anthony Coil
Publisher – Schiffer, 336 pages, ISBN 9780764327810, hardback

\$159.95

Examined in this book in the author's continuing series are the Austro-Hungarian Empire's machinegun, medical, artillery, infantry, cavalry and communication units. Other chapters cover distinguished branches, such as k.u.k. Kriegsmarine (Navy), Seeflieger (Naval Aviation), Generalstab (General Staff) and Beamten (Civil Servants). Also covered are the Bulgarian machinegun, medical, artillery, searchlight, communication and cavalry units. Further chapters cover Bulgarian and other countries medals, orders, and decorations worn by royalty and high ranking command as well by the frontline soldier.

Uniforms & Equipment of the Central Powers in World War I Volume 2: Germany and Ottoman Turkey

By Dr Spencer Anthony Coil
Publisher – Schiffer, 336 pages, ISBN 9780764327827, hardback

\$159.95

Volume two on the Central Powers examines Imperial German artillery, cavalry, machinegun, medical, transport, and infantry units. Other chapters explore Imperial Germany's Kriegsmarine (Navy), air service, and Kaiser and generals. Additional chapters cover Pickelhauben (spike helmets), Stahlhelms, Iron Cross recipients, and tropical uniforms. Additional chapters include rare images of Ottoman Turkish armed forces, as well as Eastern European Legions.

The German Air Raids on Great Britain 1914-18

By Joseph Morris
Publisher – Nonsuch, 188 pages, ISBN 9781845883799, paperback

\$36.95

When it was originally published in 1925 this was the first complete account of the German bombardment of Britain during the First World War, in which 280 tons of bombs were dropped. Written with access to a wealth of official records, Morris outlines how the menace posed by airship and aeroplane bombing began, grew and was countered. He describes how German air-raid tactics aimed to demoralise the British public, destroying homes, crippling means of supply and inflicting heavy casualties, and how successful air defences were mounted in response to this threat.

The Russian Civil War

By Evan Mawdsley
Publisher – Pegasus Books, 362 pages, ISBN 9781933648156, hardback

\$53.95

Petrograd, October 25, 1917: The Bolshevik Party stormed the capital city and seized the power of Russia's provisional government, which had been operating ineffectually since the abdication of Tsar Nicholas II eight months before. In that October revolution began the Russian Civil War, and the next three long, bloody years would cost the largest country in Europe more than seven million lives. It was an apocalyptic struggle, replete with war and strife, famine and pestilence, but out of it would rise a new social order.

World War II

Fortress France: The Maginot Line and the French Defences in World War II

By J.E. & H.W. Kaufmann
Publisher – Stackpole, 200 pages, ISBN 9780811733953, paperback

\$33.95

Between the world wars, France constructed a vast and complex array of defences designed to prevent German forces from penetrating the French heartland as they had during World War I. Among these was the famous Maginot Line, the last of the great gun-bearing fortifications, but France also built defences along its coasts and in its territories in North Africa. Fully illustrated with photos, maps, and drawings, Fortress France carefully describes the design and construction of these fortifications, discusses French defensive doctrine and strategy, and explains why these efforts proved unable to stop the German attack in the spring of 1940.

The German Wehrmacht on all Fronts 1939-45: Images from Private Photo Albums

By Dr Spencer Anthony Coil & Clemens Ellmauthaler
Publisher – Schiffer, 288 pages, ISBN 9780764327834, hardback

\$134.95

The majority of the images portraying the German armed forces during World War II were shot by closely censored Kriegsberichter (war correspondents), and frequently obfuscated the actual wartime experience for propaganda purposes. In this all new series, one can look back in time and see the war through the untainted lenses of the individual Frontsoldaten, who were daring enough to capture this epic period on film. In addition to fascinating candid photos, is a carefully selected array of studio portraits. The outstanding colour gallery has the exclusive privilege of featuring original period uniforms, equipment, and accessories from internationally acclaimed collectors.

Day of the Panzer: A Story of American Heroism and Sacrifice in Southern France

By Jeff Danby
Publisher – Casemate, 320 pages, ISBN 9781932033700, hardback

\$64.95

Based on six years of research-drawing from interviews, primary documents, and visits to the battlefield - *The Day of the Panzer* transports the reader into the ranks of L Company, 15th Regiment, Third Infantry Division, and its supporting M-4s of the 756th Tank Battalion as they grapple head-on with the Wehrmacht. L Company was nearly wiped out during the bloody Anzio breakout of May 1944.

Naval Warfare in the English Channel 1939-45

By Peter C. Smith
Publisher – Pen & Sword, 256 pages, ISBN 9781844155804, hardback

\$74.95

From the year 1066, the English Channel has provided Great Britain with a natural defensive barrier, but never more than in the early days of World War Two. This book relates how the Royal Navy defended that vital seaway throughout the war. From the early days of the Dover Patrols, through the traumas of the Dunkirk evacuation, the battles of the Channel convoys; the war against the E-boats and U-boats; the tragic raids at Dieppe and St Nazaire; the escape of the German battle-fleet; coastal convoys; the Normandy landings and the final liberation of the Channel Islands.

The Military Airfields of Britain: Wales and West Midlands

By Ken Delve
Publisher – Crowood, 352 pages, ISBN 9781861269171, paperback

\$54.95

Entries cover every military airfield within the counties, from WW1 to the present day and comprise: Brief history of the airfield, construction and use including decoy sites· Comprehensive list of flying units with dates and aircraft types· List of HQ units based at the airfield· Details of memorials· Maps and plans of almost every airfield· Location details· Selection of period photographs.

Through Blue Skies to Hell: America's "Bloody 100th" in the Air War over Germany

By Edward Sion
Publisher – Casemate, 256 pages, ISBN 9781932033670, hardback

\$64.95

This book provides a comprehensive look at the air war over Europe during the climactic year of World War II, combining first-hand experience with expert analysis. The centrepiece of the work is a mission-by-mission diary of 1st Lieutenant Richard R. Ayesh, bombardier on a B-17 Flying Fortress, who flew with the 100th Bombardment Group, 13th Combat Wing of the 8th Air Force-the legendary "Bloody 100th." He was a recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross, Croix de Guerre, Air Medal with Four Oak Leaf Clusters, and numerous other medals.

Thunderbolt!: The P-47

By Robert S. Johnson with Martin Caiden
Publisher – iBooks, 320 pages, ISBN 9781596872745, paperback

\$27.95

They were outnumbered and underrated. They were fresh from the training fields in American and ordered to fight an enemy that had rewritten the book of war and brutally controlled a continent and the air above it. But the men of the 56th fighter group had courage and, more importantly, they had the P-47 Thunderbolt. This is the incredible story of the U.S. 56th Fighter Group as told by one of its best pilots, Robert S. Johnson, who would rack up a score of twenty-eight kills against the Luftwaffe and become one of America's top aces.

Zero: The Story of Japan's Air War in the Pacific

By Masatake Okumiya & Jiro Horikoshi with Martin Caiden
Publisher – iBooks, 464 pages, ISBN 9781596872899, paperback

\$14.95

This is the thrilling saga of war in the air in the Pacific Theatre of Operations during World War II told from the Japanese point of view. It is the story of the men who created, led, and fought in the deadly Zero fighter plane. In their own words, Jiro Horikoshi (who designed the Zero), Masatake Okumiya (leader of many Zero squadrons), and Saburo Sakai (Japan's leading surviving fighter ace) as well as many other men, tell the inside story of developing the Zero and Japan's air force.

Samurai!

By Saburo Sakai & Martin Caiden
Publisher – ibooks, 384 pages, ISBN 9781596870864, paperback

\$27.95

Written by Martin Caidin from Saburo Sakai's own memoirs and journalist Fred Saito's extensive interviews with the World War II fighter pilot, *Samurai!* vividly documents the chivalry and valour of the combat aviator who time after time fought American fighter pilots and, with 64 kills, would survive the war as Japan's greatest living ace. Here are the harrowing experiences of one of Japan's greatest aces.

To Fly and Fight: Memoirs of a Triple Ace

By Clarence E. "Bud" Anderson with Joseph P. Hamelin
Publisher – ibooks, 336 pages, ISBN 9781596872752, paperback

\$27.95

Touching, thoughtful, and dead honest, *To Fly and Fight* is the story of a boy who grew up living his dream. During World War II Anderson flew with Chuck Yeager in the famed 357th Squadron where he became a triple ace by shooting out of the sky fifteen enemy planes. Following World War II, Anderson became a test pilot and later commanded jet fighter squadrons in South Korea and Okinawa. Then, in 1970, at an age when most pilots have long-since retired, Anderson flew combat strikes over Vietnam.

Post World War II

Doomsday Men: The Real Dr Stangelove and the Dream of the Superweapon

By Peter Daniel Smith
Publisher – St Martin's Press, 576 pages, ISBN 9780312373979, hardback

\$59.95

In 1950, Hungarian-born scientist Leo Szilard made a dramatic announcement on American radio: science was on the verge of creating a doomsday bomb. If detonated, Szilard's doomsday device--a huge cobalt-clad H-bomb--would pollute the atmosphere with radioactivity and end all life on earth. The scientific creators of such apocalyptic weapons had transformed the laws of nature into instruments of mass destruction and for many people in the Cold War there was little to distinguish real scientists from that "fictional master of megadeath," Stanley Kubrick's Dr. Strangelove. Indeed, as PD Smith's chilling account shows, the dream of the superweapon begins in popular culture. This is a story that cannot be told without the iconic films and fictions that portray our deadly fascination with superweapons, from H.G. Wells' "The War of the Worlds" to Nevil Shute's "On the Beach" and Kubrick's "Dr. Strangelove or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb".

The Avro Arrow Story: The Revolutionary Airplane and Its Courageous Test Pilots

By Bill Zuk
Publisher – Altitude Publishing, 142 pages, ISBN 9781551539782, paperback

\$16.95

In the 1950s, A.V. Roe Canada was at the forefront of aviation development worldwide. After building one of the first jet airliners and completing production of Canada's first jet fighter, the company was poised to launch its most revolutionary design--"the Avro Arrow. Despite the efforts of courageous test pilots and some of the world's best designers, engineers, and technicians, the dream was shattered.

Astronautics Book 1: Dawn of the Space Age

By Ted Spitzmiller
Publisher – CG Publishing, 232 pages, ISBN 9781894959636, paperback

\$44.95

This book describes the initial discoveries, inventions, and engineering innovations that became the foundation of rocket technology. It follows the two pre-eminent countries in their quest for the 'ultimate weapon' that would provide the path to space. It describes the decisions that resulted in the first artificial satellite programs in the United States and the former Soviet Union. It follows the events that shaped the initial thrust into space as represented by the first Soviet Sputniks and the shocked response by the Americans.

Confrontation: The War with Indonesia 1962-66

By Nick van der Bijl
Publisher – Pen & Sword, 240 pages, ISBN 9781844155958, hardback

\$64.95

For over four years, in the 'Swinging Sixties' the armed forces of the UK were engaged in a little publicised but crucial jungle war against communist aggressive on the vast island of Borneo. At any one time up to 50,000 troops (half of the Army's strength today) were deployed along a 1,000 mile front. Their enemy were the communist led Indonesians whose leaders were determined to seize the states of Sarawak, Sabah and the oil rich Brunei, all of whom for their part wished to maintain their Commonwealth links. The catalyst for the war was the 1962 uprising in Brunei which was quickly crushed by the bold intervention of British army units.

Phoenix and the Birds of Prey: Counterinsurgency and Counterterrorism in Vietnam

By Mark Moyar

\$47.95

Publisher – Bison Books, 448 pages, ISBN 9780803216020, paperback

Drawing on recently declassified documents and interviews with more than 100 U.S., South Vietnamese, and North Vietnamese sources, historian Mark Moyar dissects attempts to eradicate the Viet Cong infrastructure. Filled with new revelations and corrections of existing accounts, Moyar's long overdue history sets the record straight about one of the last remaining secrets of the Vietnam War--and offers poignant lessons for dealing with future Third World insurgencies.

3 Para in Afghanistan

By Michael Jackson

\$59.95

Publisher – Pen & Sword, 224 pages, ISBN 9781844155507, hardback

When the British Army was committed to Helmand Province in Afghanistan, the then Secretary of State for Defence John Reid said no shots might ever be fired. Within days of 3 Para's deployment the reality became very different. Despite a virtual news blackout, reports of heavy fighting began to seep out. Indeed the almost daily firefights with fanatical Taliban insurgency were soon being described as the fiercest fighting since the Second World War. Produced in conjunction with the Commanding Officer and members of the Battlegroup, this highly illustrated full colour book reveals the inside story of the British campaign for the first time.

Corporate Warriors: The Rise of the Privatised Military Industry

By P.W. Singer

\$39.95

Publisher – Cornell University, 360 pages, ISBN 9780801474361, paperback

These organizations are nothing like the mercenary formations that flourished in post-independence Africa, whose behaviour there earned them the nickname *les affreux*: "the frightful ones." Today's corporate war-making agencies are bought and sold by Fortune 500 firms. Even some UN peacekeeping experts, Singer reports, advocate their use on grounds of economy and efficiency. Governments see in them a means of saving money-and sometimes a way to use low-profile force to solve awkward, potentially embarrassing situations that develop on the fringes of policy.

Future Weapons

By Kevin Dockery

\$32.95

Publisher – Berkley Caliber, 326 pages, ISBN 9780425217504, paperback

This is a compendium of the weapons of war that may accompany soldiers in the near and far future, as well as an insightful look at the soldier, sailor, and airman of today and tomorrow. All manner of military hardware is covered, as well as information about cutting-edge technology that will become standard in weapons to come, the possibility of robotic soldiers, vehicles, protective armour, and the prospects of fighting a war in both space and cyberspace.

General Histories

Excellence in Action: Portrait of the Guards

By Rupert Uloth

\$169.95

Publisher – Third Millenium, 192 pages, ISBN 9781903942680, hardback

The story of the seven regiments which compose the Household Division, commonly referred to as the Guards, has been often told, individually and jointly. To the world at large, the image of the Guards has been coloured by their ceremonial duties as the regiments dedicated to the protection of the sovereign - whether on duty at Buckingham Palace and Horse Guards, or at great national occasions such as the Trooping of the Colour. Yet in the 21st century the Guards have never been more active and engaged in their role as highly effective operational military units, whether in Bosnia, Iraq or, more recently, Afghanistan.

US Military History for Dummies

By John C. McManus

\$29.95

Publisher – Wiley, 384 pages, ISBN 9780470165027, paperback

This book examines significant battles, tactics, technology and leadership since the French-Indian War in 1755 to the present day war in Iraq. The book uniquely focuses on how developments in each of these areas influenced how wars were fought and how leadership and strategies evolved.

2066 and All That

By Ben Yarde-Buller

\$24.95

Publisher – Old Street, 160 pages, ISBN 9781905847297, hardback

2066 and All That is a new sequel to Sellar and Yeatman's classic parody, *1066 and All That*, covering the period from the end of The First World War to Tony Blah and the Blah era and beyond. Gentle rather than pointedly satirical in tone, this sequel is very much in the spirit of the original to which it pays homage: a consistently hilarious and

inventive take on the clichés and muddles of 20th century history as most people remember it. The text is illustrated by line drawings depicting such luminaries as Mayfly Keynes the economist and Mussolini, the charming but ill Duce - as well as pivotal historical events like the Sewers' Crisis and the arrival of the Coronation Chicken at Portsmouth in 1953.

The History of Dive-Bombing: A Comprehensive History From 1911 Onwards

By Peter C. Smith

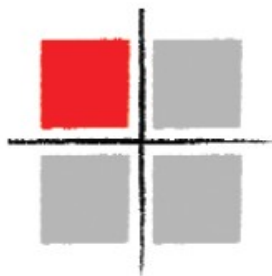
\$59.95

Publisher – Pen & Sword, 256 pages, ISBN 9781844155927, hardback

This is the incredible history of the dive bomber told from both official records and eyewitness accounts. It tears away the many myths and misrepresentations that surrounded this type of warplane and presents a truly original and detailed history, from the first true combat dive bombing by an RAF pilot in 1917 to the last stirring wartime actions. Interviews with the pilots who flew the combat missions in dive bombing aircraft of all the combatant nations give unique first-hand eyewitness viewpoints on many of the major actions and methods employed.

Well, that's it for this newsletter, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all, and I'll be back in the new year.

Tony



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