

Now that we're into February we're back into a more normal release schedule, and I'll be sending the newsletters out on a more frequent basis, usually once a week. For those of you who had holidays over the Christmas and January period, I hope they were enjoyable.

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By John Claghton

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Publisher – Cambridge University, ? pages, ISBN 9780521689434, paperback

This series aims to cover the key topics and interest areas in classical Civilisation, as it is studied in the post-16 market. As a whole, the series provides new translations of, and commentaries on, key passages of Latin and Greek authors, providing student-friendly texts, as well as providing appropriate materials for beginning undergraduate study and a more general readership.

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The Cambridge History of Greek and Roman Warfare 2 Volume Set

Edited by Philip Sabin, Hans van Wees & Michael Whitby

\$650.00

Publisher – Cambridge University, 1328 pages, ISBN 9780521857796, hardback

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conquests of the seventh century AD. For each broad period developments in troop-types, equipment, strategy and tactics are discussed.

17th-19th Century

The Real History of the American Revolution: A New Look at the Past

By Alan Axelrod

\$34.95

Publisher – Sterling, 384 pages, ISBN 9781402740862, hardback

Ask most Americans why their forefathers started the Revolution, and they'll likely mention "no taxation without representation" or the belief in life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness as inalienable rights. But that's just the start of the story, as historian Alan Axelrod so brilliantly shows in this eye-opening book. In engrossing, conversational prose, Axelrod brings the birth of America to life by digging beneath the classically taught history to explore everything from little-known facts to alternate realities, along with the eyewitness testimony, pop culture, and art of the period.

Napoleonic

Officers and Soldiers 9: French Hussars 3: From the 9th to the 14th Regiment 1804-1818

By Jean-Marie Mongin

\$29.95

Publisher – Histoire & Collection, 84 pages, ISBN 9782352500377, paperback

The latest in this excellent series, this book provides page upon page of gorgeous full-colour artwork detailing the uniforms of the French Army of the period.

World War I

The Good Soldier: A Biography of Douglas Haig

By Gary Mead

\$54.95

Publisher – Atlantic, 608 pages, ISBN 9781843542803, hardback

Haig commanded the British Army in France for much of the First World War and remained a robustly popular figure at the time of his death in 1928. It was only much later, in the 1960s, that he was recast in the role of the unthinking butcher sending his cheerful Tommies to the slaughter on the Somme and at Passchaendaele. Even now, revisionist military historians still pick over the bleached bones of Haig's campaigns, but they evince little interest in Haig himself, who remains an elusive and contradictory figure. A competent if undistinguished career officer, he reached the very top of his profession by dint of ambition and a passionate sense of duty towards army and nation. A cavalryman to the core, he enthusiastically supported tanks and other new technology on the battlefield.

Under the Guns of the Red Baron: The Complete Record of Von Richthofen's Victories and Victims

By Norman Franks, Hal Giblin & Nigel McCrery

\$29.95

Publisher – Grub Street, 224 pages, ISBN 9781904943976, paperback

A superb addition to Grub Street Publications World War One aviation histories, this book covers, in detail, the Allied combat pilots and observers who were the crews of the 80 aircraft claimed as shot down by Manfred Von Richtofen. The book itself is thoroughly well researched, the authors having combed both British and German records to authenticate MvR's claims. The result is probably the definitive listing of the 80 victories. However, it goes further by giving the biographies, and wherever possible, the photographs of each of the RFC/RNAS/RAF crewmen.

World War II

The Nazi Dictatorship and the Deutsche Bank

By Harold James

\$49.95

Publisher – Cambridge University, 296 pages, ISBN 978521043656, paperback

Examines the role of Deutsche Bank, Germany's largest commercial bank, during the Nazi dictatorship, and asks how the bank changed and accommodated to a transition from democracy and a market economy to dictatorship and a planned economy. As well as summarizing research on the bank's controversial role in gold transactions and the financing of the construction of Auschwitz, the book also examines the role played by particular personalities in the development of the bank, such as Emil Georg von Strauss and Hermann Abs.

Allianz and the German Insurance Business 1933-1945

By Gerald D. Feldman

\$79.95

Publisher – Cambridge University, 590 pages, ISBN 9780521026680, paperback

This history of the internationally prominent insurance corporation Allianz AG in the Nazi era is based largely on new or previously unavailable archival sources. Feldman takes the reader through varied cases of collaboration and conflict with the Nazi regime with fairness and a commitment to informed analysis. He touches on issues of damages in the Pogrom of 1938, insuring facilities used in forced labour camps, and the problems of de-Nazification and restitution.

From Cooperation to Complicity: Degussa in the Third Reich

By Peter Hayes

\$54.95

Publisher – Cambridge University, 393 pages, ISBN 9780521039918, paperback

From Cooperation to Complicity is a study of the Degussa corporation, a firm which played a pivotal role in the processing of plundered precious metals in Nazi-occupied Europe and controlled the production and distribution of Zyklon B, the infamous pesticide used to gas the inmates of Auschwitz and Majdanek concentration camps, during the Third Reich.

Feldbluse: The German Soldier's Field Tunic 1933-45

By Jean-Philippe Borg & Laurent Huart

\$74.95

Publisher – Histoire & Collection, 144 pages, ISBN 9782352500100, hardback

This title offers a detailed illustrated description of the German soldier's field tunic throughout the Second World War, showing all its changes, variants and evolutions from pre-war dress uniforms to the shabby utilitarian garment of 1945. The history of the German field tunic is illustrated in a series of full colour photographs and archive World War II photographs. The authors are experienced collectors and military historians who have assembled a large quantity of authentic pieces of militaria- uniforms and insignia - the authenticity of which are supported by period documents from German state archives.

Churchill Goes to War: Winston's Wartime Journeys

By Brian Lavery

\$54.95

Publisher – Conway Maritime Press, 368 pages, ISBN 9781844860555, hardback

The author has turned what could have been a rather dull litany of travel into a book which shows the incredible risks undertaken by Churchill and his war cabinet colleagues, both civilian and military, as they travelled by both sea and air in stark contrast to his fellow world leaders. Stalin was loath to leave Russian soil and Roosevelt was often preoccupied with domestic political issues. The book contains a wealth of anecdotal material ranging from Field Marshal Alanbrooke to Churchill's female typists, and it is a wonderfully illuminating read and a real look behind the curtain of the life of a wartime leader.

What Britain Has Done: September 1939-1945: A Selection of Outstanding Facts and Figures

By The Ministry of Information

\$29.95

Publisher – Atlantic, 176 pages, ISBN 9781843546801, hardback

The total casualties sustained by the United Kingdom up to the beginning of May, 1945, amounted to close on one million. Of this total 746,109 were suffered by the Armed Forces (228,383 killed, 59,476 missing, 274,148 wounded and 184,102 prisoners of war). This unique document was originally published in May 1945 by the Ministry of Information to inform the people of Great Britain what had been done in their name during the Second World War. Covering everything from the volume of shipping across the Atlantic and the weight of bombs dropped on Berlin, to the amount of vegetables produced on British allotments and the number of parcels handled daily by the Post Office during the Blitz, this astonishing inventory of unvarnished details presents a panoramic portrait of a country engaged in total war.

Bader's Last Flight: An In-depth Investigation of a Great WWII Mystery

By Andy Saunders

\$44.95

Publisher – Grub Street, 160 pages, ISBN 9781904943969, hardback

On 9th August 1941 one of the greatest icons of the Second World War, Douglas Bader, was shot down, captured and later incarcerated. But by whom, and how? Was it by one of his deadly German opponents, as Douglas Bader himself maintained, or was it by one of his own side? There has been much debate and controversy among historians and in 2003 the author of this book revealed for the first time that Bader may have been victim to friendly fire. In this book aviation historian Andy Saunders develops his hypothesis, backed up by strong evidence and a wealth of statistics, and separates fact from fiction.

Unless Victory Comes

By Gene Garrison

\$26.95

Publisher – Nal PGI, 288 pages, ISBN 9780451222244, paperback

On December 19, 1944, Gene Garrison turned nineteen. He spent his birthday in a muddy foxhole, listening to the cries of wounded comrades while exploding artillery shells sent shrapnel raining down on him and the enemy prepared to attack. It was his first day in combat. *Unless Victory Comes* recounts Garrison's journey as he was transformed from a fresh-faced kid from the farmlands of Ohio into a hardened soldier fighting for survival. From his baptism under fire, to the bitter fighting in the Battle of the Bulge, to the end of the war on the Czechoslovakian border, Gene Garrison witnessed the war from the ground up.

To D-Day and Back: Adventures with the 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment and Life as a World War II POW

By Bob Bearden

\$39.95

Publisher – Zenith, 304 pages, ISBN 9780760332580, hardback

Bob Bearden was seventeen when he enlisted in Texas, given a Lee-Enfield rifle and sent to fight at Normandy after training, as squad leader of the 507th mortar division. This is the first book written about the 507th at Normandy and details the confusion (the 507 landed two hours after the main assault began, almost on top of heavily-entrenched German defenses), German ingenuity - they flooded the fields from a nearby river, rendering the Allied attack plan useless - and the sheer bloody-mindedness of the 507th, who fought their way out of three major traps before surrendering.

Collecting Colditz and Its Secrets: A Unique Pictorial Record of Life Behind the Walls

By Michael Booker

\$34.95

Publisher – Grub Street, 192 pages, ISBN 9781904943952, paperback

Over forty years of research has resulted in this exceptional photographic history of life within Colditz Castle, the infamous Second World War prisoner of war camp in Germany, which housed such illustrious names as Douglas Bader, Lorne Welch, Micky Burns and Jack Best. Michael Booker has accumulated a wealth of information from talking to ex-POWs, as well as the German commandant Prawitt and the head of security Captain Eggers. In addition, he has amassed a large collection of artefacts and memorabilia, some never seen before, many of which are reproduced throughout this book.

Submarine: An Anthology of Firsthand Accounts of the War Under the Sea 1939-45

Edited by Jean Hood

\$49.95

Publisher – Conway Maritime Press, 440 pages, ISBN 9781844860463, hardback

The submarine war was a hard and dangerous one. British submariners suffered 38 per cent casualties, almost all fatal and German U-Boats lost an incredible 85 per cent but continued to fight to the end. In this oral history collection, submariners of almost all the participating nations recall their service. There are chapters on how submarines were worked, on life aboard and on the particular perils of the service - depth charges, being rammed, staying submerged for many hours. There is also a chapter for each year of the war, with tales from the submariner's perspective.

American Prometheus: The Triumph and Tragedy of J. Robert Oppenheimer

By Kai Bird & Martin Sherwin

\$59.95

Publisher – Atlantic, 736 pages, ISBN 9781843547044, hardback

One of the iconic figures of the 20th century and the embodiment of modern scientific man's Faustian compact, Oppenheimer confronted the moral consequences of scientific progress. Already a notable young physicist before WWII, during the race to split the atom, 'Oppie' galvanized an extraordinary team of international scientists while keeping the FBI at bay. Years later, haunted by Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Oppenheimer became a staunch opponent of plans to develop the hydrogen bomb. It was a battle he was to lose.

Warman's World War II Collectables: Identification and Price Guide

By John F. Graf

\$39.95

Publisher – Krause, 256 pages, ISBN 9780896895461, paperback

From uniforms, helmets, medals and firearms, to daggers, bayonets and personal mementos, Warman's World War II Collectibles serves as the most comprehensive and historically accurate guide to this popular arena of militaria. Inside this beautifully illustrated guide you will discover intriguing and informative historic details, collecting advice, reproduction alerts, and ratings that measure availability and pricing. Plus, 1,000 full color photos provide a useful and appealing tool for identifying pieces.

Post World War II

The War for Palestine: Rewriting the History of 1948

Edited by Eugene L. Rogan & Avi Shalaim

\$39.95

Publisher – Cambridge University, 312 pages, ISBN 9780521699341, paperback

The 1948 war led to the creation of the state of Israel, the fragmentation of Palestine, and to a conflict which has raged across the intervening sixty years. The historical debate likewise continues and these debates are encapsulated in the second edition of *The War for Palestine*, updated to include chapters on Saudi Arabia and Lebanon.

The Siege of Mecca: The Forgotten Uprising in Islam's Holiest Shrine

By Yaroslav Trofimov

\$49.95

Publisher – Allen Lane, 320 pages, ISBN 9781846140600, hardback

The Siege of Mecca is an astonishing work of reportage; a gripping account of one of the most dramatic events of the twentieth century. And, until now, one of the most shrouded in secrecy. On the morning of 20th November 1979, the first of a new Muslim century, with world attention focused on Tehran as the hostage crisis entered a third week, hundreds of gunmen, from more than a dozen countries, armed with rifles smuggled inside coffins stormed the Grand Mosque in Mecca. These men were defiling Islam's holiest shrine believing the Saudi royal family had become corrupt, and sought a return to the glory of uncompromising Islam. This dramatic story was barely covered in the international media in pre-CNN, pre-al-Jazeera days, as Saudi Arabia imposed an information blackout and kept foreign correspondents away.

Resistance: A Childhood Fighting for East Timor

By Naldo Rei

\$34.95

Publisher – University of Queensland, 368 pages, ISBN 9780702236327, paperback

Naldo Rei was just six months old when Indonesia invaded East Timor in December 1975. He spent the first three years of his life in the jungle, where his family had fled for safety. After his father was murdered for his work in the resistance movement, nine-year-old Naldo was recruited by the clandestine Fretilin network and began his own extraordinary journey fighting for East Timor's freedom. Throughout his teenage years, Naldo was imprisoned and tortured regularly for his covert resistance to the brutal Indonesian regime. Eventually, in too much danger to remain in his homeland, he escaped to Indonesia and then Australia for several years.

To Be a Military Sniper

By Gregory Mast

\$29.95

Publisher – Zenith, 144 pages, ISBN 9780760330029, paperback

Apart from nerves of steel, precision accuracy targeting skills, uncanny adaptability and stealth, what else does it take to be a military sniper? This book lays out the details of training and character traits that make for success in one of the most challenging and go-anywhere jobs the military has to offer. Gregory Mast offers a clear account of what it is like to be a sniper, from the correct aptitude, to being required to stay in one position for days at a time, calling on extensive training in camouflage and concealment, stalking and observation, precision marksmanship under varying conditions, working solo or in pairs, and all the skills that turn a trainee into a deadly marksman.

Terrorism

The Looming Tower: Al Qaeda's Road to 9/11

By Lawrence Wright

\$26.95

Publisher – Penquin, 480 pages, ISBN 9780141029351, paperback

Brilliantly written, compelling and highly original, *The Looming Tower* is the first book to tell the full story of Al Qaeda from its roots up to 9/11. Drawing on astonishing interviews and first-hand sources, it investigates the extraordinary group of ideologues behind this organization - and those who tried to stop them. There is the tormented, resentful Egyptian Sayyid Qutb, who was horrified by the godlessness and decadence he perceived in America in 1948, and whose subsequent writings turned him into a martyr for Islamic extremists. There is Ayman al-Zawahiri: a devout student who, by the age of fifteen, had already helped to form an underground jihadist cell. There is the deeply contradictory Osama bin Laden: Saudi multimillionaire turned muhajideen commander, whose interests merged with al-Zawahiri's to form a global terror coalition.

Political

Lion of Jordan: The Life of King Hussein in War and Peace

By Avi Shlaim

\$69.95

Publisher – Allen Lane, 720 pages, ISBN 9780713997774, hardback

For most of his long reign (1953-1999) Hussein of Jordan was one of the dominant figures in Middle Eastern politics, and one of the most consistent proponents of peace with Israel. Shlaim reveals that for the sake of dynastic and national survival, Hussein initiated a secret dialogue with Israel in 1963, and spent over 1000 hours in talks with Golda Meir, Shimon Peres, Itzhak Shamir, Itzhak Rabin, and countless other Israeli officials. Shlaim reconstructs this dialogue across the battle-lines from new Israeli records and first-hand accounts by many of the key participants, demonstrating that Israeli intransigence was largely responsible for the failure to achieve a peaceful settlement to the conflict between 1967 and 1994.

Bamboo Palace

By Christopher Kremmer

\$24.95

Publisher – HarperCollins, 267 pages, ISBN 9780732285579, paperback

Twenty years after the Indochina wars, Christopher Kremmer visited Laos – at the crossroads of change in Southeast Asia. He started his journey in the tranquillity of Luang Prabang, once the royal capital. But despite its ancient culture and stately airs, the town – like Laos itself – is a place of secrets, mysteries and nagging questions. Setting off in search of the lost royal family, a 600-year-old dynasty consumed by the violent troubles of the 1960s and 1970s, the author reveals a small land-locked corner of Asia struggling to come to terms with the legacies of the American war and Asian communism.

Fear of Security: Australia's Invasion Anxiety

By Anthony Burke

\$39.95

Publisher – Cambridge University, 320 pages, ISBN 9780521714273, paperback

Rarely has security been such a preoccupation of Australian politics, and rarely has it seemed so far from being achieved. This celebrated book argues that security has dominated and distorted Australia's foreign policy and national life, from Cook's first voyage to the Tampa crisis, 9/11 and Iraq. Whether in the Great War, Vietnam or the treatment of asylum seekers, Anthony Burke shows that Australia's security has been bought with the insecurity and suffering of others.

General Histories

Extreme Aircraft

By Ron Miller

\$24.95

Publisher – Collins, 224 pages, ISBN 9780060891411, paperback

Extreme Aircraft looks at the first, the biggest, the fastest, and the strangest aircraft, as well as the men and women who built and flew them. From the prophetic flying machines of Leonardo da Vinci to the astral journeys of the space shuttle, these pages tell the story of genius inventors, bullish financiers, ace pilots, brave adventurers, and the visionary technology used in pursuing the dream of flight.

Air Combat: An Oral History of Fighter Pilots

By Robert Dorr

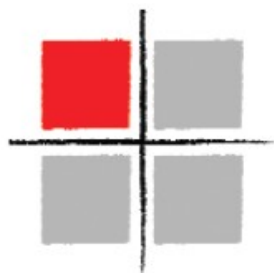
\$19.95

Publisher – Berkley PGI, 352 pages, ISBN 9780425217412, paperback

In *Air Combat*, veteran and military author Robert F. Dorr has collected dozens of interviews from combat veterans who have faced the enemy in the skies above—from the first days of World War II to the current war on terror. Each story offers a firsthand account of what it's like to be in the thick of the fight, describes the history, strengths, and weaknesses of each man's plane in detail, and offers readers a rare glimpse into the minds and hearts of those who dare to fight in the air.

Well, that's it for this newsletter. Good reading all.

Tony



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