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Osprey is changing, but not too much.

2016 has been a busy year so far for Osprey. Integration with Bloomsbury led to a change in warehouses which proceeded mostly smoothly, and our books have now safely arrived in Swansea and Gordonsville ready for your order. If you have not done so already, please open an account with MDL in the UK or MPS in the US – you can find the information for this on pp. 23-24 of this catalogue.

We are also launching a new series: *X-Planes*; it will explore the high-tech prototypes designed to push the boundaries of what was aeronautically possible and led to some extraordinary aircraft, flown by some of the most famous aviators in history including Chuck Yeager and future NASA astronaut Neil Armstrong. The first two books in this series *Bell X-1* and *Messerschmitt Me 264: Amerika Bomber* will be published in September.

Along with these we have more fantastic new releases in this span including Mungo Melvin's fascinating and topical new work *Sevastopol's Wars: From Potemkin to Putin*, Pritt Buttar's comprehensive *Russia's Last Gasp: The Eastern Front 1916–17* and two new works on the legendary SR-71 Blackbird, including a pocket-sized version perfect for budding new military history enthusiasts.

Osprey Games has continued to go from strength to strength. We will be releasing six new games in the second half of 2016 including, in October, a new, updated edition of *Escape from Colditz*, the classic family board game. Osprey Games will now be distributing its own trade catalogue, please email sales@ospreypublishing.com if you would like to receive a copy.

Kind Regards



Richard Sullivan
Managing Director

The Frozen Chosen

The 1st Marine Division and the Battle of the Chosin Reservoir

Author: **Thomas McKelvey Cleaver**

Available: **July 2016**

ISBN: **978 1 4728 1436 4**

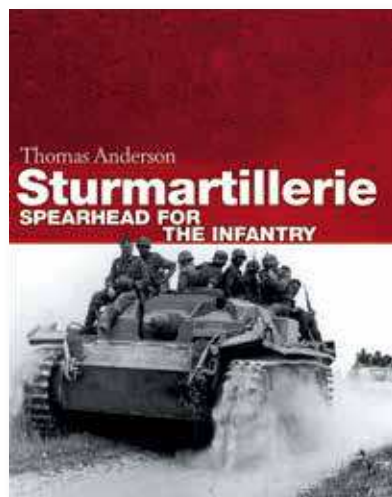
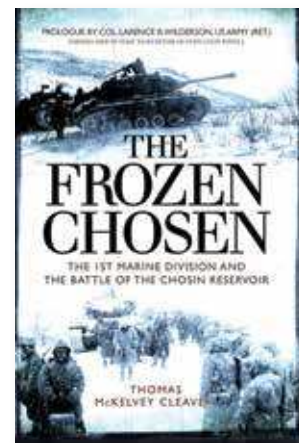
Price: **£20.00 / US \$28.00 / CAN \$34.00**

Period: **Modern Warfare**

Format: **Hardback, 336pp**

Illustrations: **32pp plate section in black and white**

The Frozen Chosen is the thrilling story of the breakout from the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea by the 1st Marine Division in the Korean War, fought during the worst blizzard in a century. Based on first-person interviews from surviving veterans, who came to be known as the Frozen Chosen, this is the incredible story of heroism and bravery in the face of overwhelming odds as a handful of Marines fought desperately against wave after wave of Chinese forces. Sometimes forced into desperate hand-to-hand combat, the fighting retreat from Chosin marked one of the darkest moments for Western forces in Korea, but would go on to resonate with generations of US Marines, it is now thought of as their finest hour.



Sturmartillerie

Spearhead of the infantry

Author: **Thomas Anderson**

Available: **July 2016**

ISBN: **978 1 4728 1128 8**

Price: **£30.00 / \$45.00 / CAN \$53.00**

Period: **World War II**

Format: **Hardback, 256pp**

Illustrations: **Fully illustrated in black and white**

The *Sturmartillerie* was a key part of Germany's armoured arsenal throughout World War II. Its armoured assault guns were designed to support the artillery on the battlefield, largely using the purpose-built *Sturmgeschütz* infantry support gun.

This new and exhaustive study will detail the development and operational history of this innovative force, as well as describing how its role and the tactics it employed changed from the 'glory years' of *Blitzkrieg* through to the desperate defence of the last years of the war. It will also describe the technical development and evolution of the vehicles employed, as well as including combat action reports and excerpts from interviews with veterans.

Modern Snipers

Author: **Leigh Neville**

Available: **August 2016**

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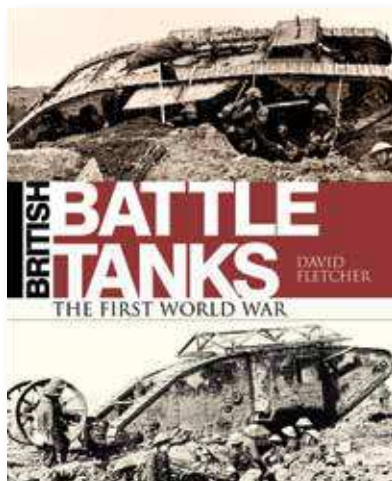
Price: **£18.99 / US \$28.00 / CAN \$34.00**

Period: **Modern Warfare**

Format: **Hardback, 320pp**

Illustrations: **32pp plate section in colour**

The years since 9/11 have seen major changes in the way snipers are employed on the modern battlefield, alongside an incredibly rapid evolution in their weapons, equipment and training. This book covers the 14 years of near-constant warfare since the dawn of this new century, documenting where, when and how snipers have been deployed; their rifles, optics and their ancillary equipment such as laser range finders; their training and tactics and accounts of real-life operations involving sniper teams. The wars of the 21st century have reaffirmed the importance of snipers in both conventional and unconventional warfare, and this new study covers these developments in depth, as well as looking at the role of the sniper in the police and counter-terrorism environment.



British Battle Tanks

The First World War

Author: **David Fletcher**

Available: **August 2016**

ISBN: **978 1 47281 755 6**

Price: **£25.00 / US \$30.00 / CAN \$40.00**

Period: **World War I**

Format: **Hardback, 288pp**

Illustrations: **Fully illustrated in colour and black and white**

The closing stages of the battle of the Somme in September 1916 saw the debut of a new, revolutionary weapon – the tank. After a stuttering start armoured behemoths such as the Mark IV, Mark V and Whippet played a crucial role in bringing World War I to an end, but were then inexplicably rejected by their country of origin. Marking the centenary of their battlefield debut this comprehensive volume traces the design and development of the famous British weapon system, from the initial concept of a steam-powered tank during the Crimean War to the role the British military played in influencing the infamous German Blitzkrieg tactics of World War II. Bolstered by historic photographs and stunning illustrations, author David Fletcher brings us the thrilling history behind the early British battle tanks.

The Royal Gibraltar Regiment 1939–2014

Nulli expugnabilis hosti

Author: **Matthias Strohn**

Available: **September 2016**

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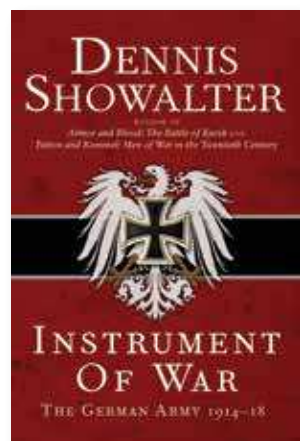
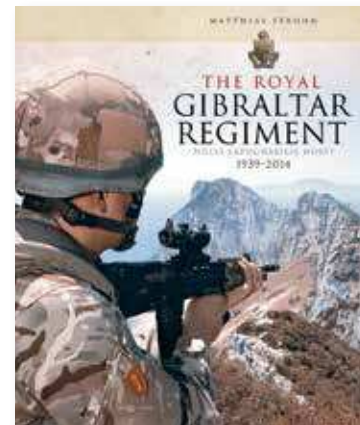
Price: **£40.00 / US \$65.00 / CAN \$86.00**

Period: **Multi-period**

Format: **Hardback, 208pp**

Illustrations: **Fully illustrated in colour and black and white**

In 2014 the Royal Gibraltar Regiment celebrated its 75th anniversary. This is the history of the regiment and its preceding formations. This book takes the reader back to the beginning of British rule in Gibraltar and the involvement of the local population in the Great Siege of the 18th century. From there it embarks on a journey that describes how the Volunteer Corps in the First World War evolved into the Gibraltar Defence Force of the Second World War, the Gibraltar Regiment during the Cold War and finally the Royal Gibraltar Regiment in its current form. With the help of photographs, illustrations and the words of the regiment's soldiers, it explains the changing roles of the regiment and the internal developments within the wider political and military context of Gibraltar.



Instrument of War

The German Army 1914–18

Author: **Dennis Showalter**

Available: **September 2016**

ISBN: **978 1 4728 1300 8**

Price: **£20.00 / US \$30.00 / CAN \$40.00**

Period: **World War I**

Format: **Hardback, 320pp**

Illustrations: **16pp plate section in black and white**

Drawing on more than a half-century of research and teaching, Professor Dennis Showalter presents a fresh perspective on the German Army during World War I. Showalter surveys an army at the heart of a national identity, driven by – yet also defeated by – warfare in the modern age, which struggled to capitalise on its victories and ultimately forgot the lessons of its defeat. Detailing the major campaigns on the Western and Eastern fronts and the forgotten war fought in the Middle East and Africa, this comprehensive new volume reveals the German Army's operational strategy, the complexities of campaigns of movement versus static trench warfare, and the evolving nature of 20th century warfare.

Russia's Last Gasp

The Eastern Front 1916–17

Author: **Prit Buttar**

Available: **September 2016**

ISBN: **978 1 4728 1276 6**

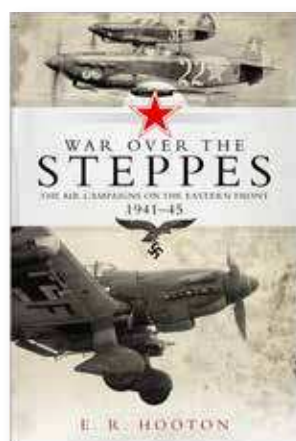
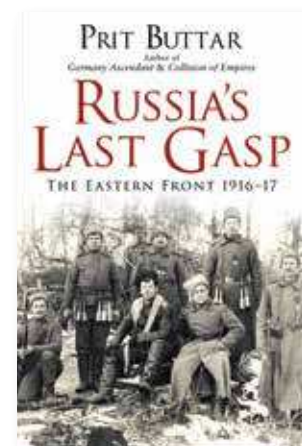
Price: **£25.00 / US \$30.00 / CAN \$40.00**

Period: **World War I**

Format: **Hardback, 488pp**

Illustrations: **16pp plate section in black and white**

In *Russia's Last Gasp*, Prit Buttar looks at one of the bloodiest campaigns launched in the history of warfare – the Brusilov Offensive, sometimes known as the June Advance. The assault was intended to ease the pressure on Russia's British and French allies by diverting German troops from the Western Front and knocking Austria-Hungary out of the war. Russia's dismal military performance in the preceding years was forgotten, as the Brusilov Offensive was quickly characterised by innovative tactics, including the use of shock troops, a strategy that German armies would later adapt to great effect. Drawing on first-hand accounts and detailed archival research this is a dramatic retelling of the final years of the war on the Eastern Front, in which the Russian Army claimed military success but at a terrible cost.



War over the Steppes

The air campaigns on the Eastern Front 1941–45

Author: **E.R. Hooton**

Available: **October 2016**

ISBN: **978 1 4728 1562 0**

Price: **£25.00 / US \$30.00 / CAN \$40.00**

Period: **World War II**

Format: **Hardback, 288pp**

Illustrations: **48pp plate section in colour and black and white**

The air war over the Steppes was a conflict that saw tactical and technological innovation as the Soviet air force faced off against Hermann Göring's Luftwaffe. As Germany and the Soviet Union battled for victory on the Eastern Front they had to overcome significant strategic and industrial problems, as well as fighting against the extreme weather conditions of the East. These factors combined with the huge array of aircraft used on the Eastern Front to create one of the most compelling conflicts of the war. Told primarily from the strategic and command perspective and complemented with historical photographs, this account offers a detailed analysis of this oft-overlooked air war between Germany and the Soviet Union over the course of World War II.

Bloodstained Sands

US Amphibious Operations in World War II

Author: **Michael G. Walling**

Available: **October 2016**

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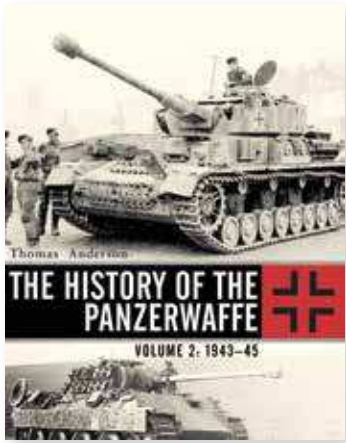
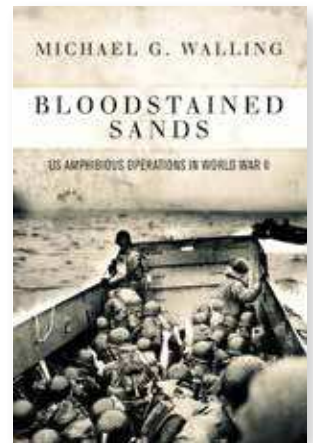
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Period: **World War II**

Format: **Hardback, 336pp**

Illustrations: **32pp plate section in colour and black and white**

For the men who served in America's Amphibious Forces during World War II, the conflict was an unceasing series of D-Days. They were responsible for putting men ashore in more than 200 landings throughout the conflict, most against well-entrenched enemy positions. This book traces their operational history from the beaches of Europe to the islands of the Pacific. The men's stories are told in their own voices, with fascinating accounts from Underwater Demolition Teams, Attack Transport crews and many other unsung heroes of World War II. First-hand interviews, entries from personal diaries and action reports, perfectly complemented by historic illustrations and detailed maps relate these timeless tales of determination, sacrifice, and triumph of the human spirit – tales of US Amphibious Forces that for too long have gone forgotten and untold.



The History of the Panzerwaffe

Volume 2: 1943–45

Author: **Thomas Anderson**

Available: **October 2016**

ISBN: **978 1 4728 1448 7**

Price: **£30.00 / US \$40.00 / CAN \$54.00**

Period: **World War II**

Format: **Hardback, 304pp**

Illustrations: **Fully illustrated in black and white**

The final years of World War II saw the legendary Panzerwaffe face its most difficult challenges, with Allied troops landing at Normandy and storming across the Continent and the Russians gaining the upper hand on the Eastern Front. As Germany fought fiercely to hold on to the advantages gained in the early years, they relied heavily on the Panzer IV, the Panzer V Panther and the StuG III – the backbone of their infamous armoured divisions – to hold back their advancing opponents. This second volume on the Panzerwaffe offers a comprehensive guide to the final years of Germany's most famous fighting force, covering the further use of the Panzer IV, the role played by the StuG III assault gun and the battlefield debut of the formidable Panther. Explosive combat reports and rare archive photographs help uncover the final years of the Panzers, from their defence against the D-Day landings and the role they played in the Ardennes Offensive to their valiant last stand in Berlin.

The Persian War

A military history

Author: **William Shepherd**

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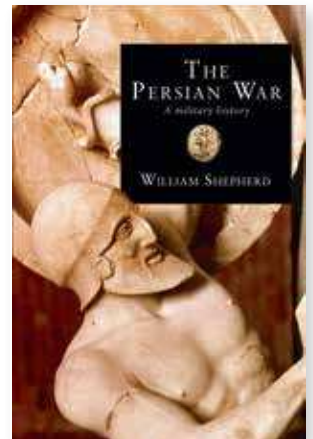
Price: **£20.00 / US \$30.00 / CAN \$40.00**

Period: **Ancient World**

Format: **Hardback, 328pp**

Illustrations: **24pp plate section in colour**

The victory of a few Greek city-states over the world's first superpower was an extraordinary military feat that secured the future of western civilization. All modern accounts of the war as a whole, and of Marathon, Thermopylae and Salamis, the best-known battles, depend on the ancient sources, foremost amongst them Herodotus, but generally quote very little from them. This is the first book to bring together Herodotus' entire narrative and interweave it with other ancient voices to present the original texts that comprise almost all that is known about this immense clash of arms.



We March Against England

Operation Sea Lion, 1940–41

Author: **Robert Forczyk**

Available: **October 2016**

ISBN: **978 1 4728 1485 2**

Price: **£20.00 / US \$30.00 / CAN \$40.00**

Period: **World War II**

Format: **Hardback, 368pp**

Illustrations: **32pp plate section in colour and black and white**

In May 1940 Nazi Germany was master of Continental Europe, and the only European power still standing was Great Britain. Following the destruction of the RAF fighter forces, the sweeping of the channel of mines, and the wearing down of the Royal Naval defenders, two German army groups were set to storm the beaches of southern England. Robert Forczyk looks beyond the traditional British account of Operation Sea Lion at the real scale of German ambition, plans and capabilities. He examines, in depth, how the operation fitted in with German air-sea actions around the British Isles and reveals exactly what stopped Hitler from invading Britain.

Sevastopol's Wars

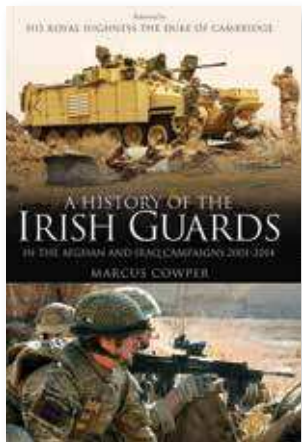
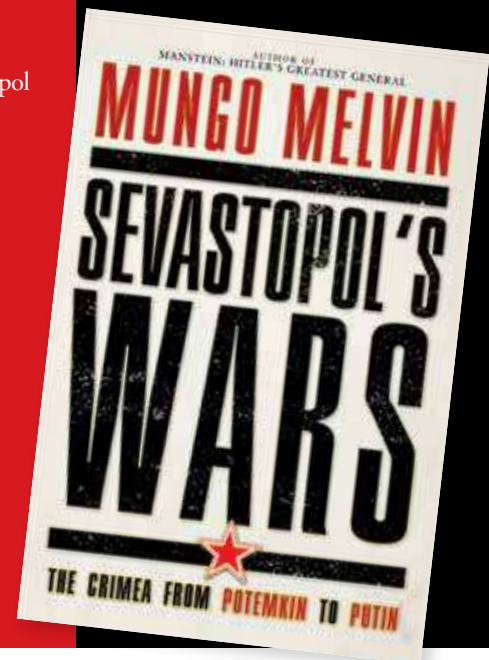
Crimea from Potemkin to Putin

Author: **Mungo Melvin CB OBE**
 Available: **November 2016**
 ISBN: **978 1 4728 0794 6**
 Price: **£25.00 / US \$30.00 / CAN \$40.00**
 Period: **Multiperiod**
 Format: **Hardback, 432pp**
 Illustrations: **48pp plate section in colour and black and white**

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Founded by Catherine the Great, the maritime city of Sevastopol has been fought over for centuries. Crucial battles of the Crimean War were fought on the hills surrounding the city, and the memory of this stalwart defence inspired those who fruitlessly battled the Germans during World War II. Twice the city has faced complete obliteration yet twice it has risen, phoenix-like, from the ashes.

In this groundbreaking volume, award-winning author Mungo Melvin explores how Sevastopol became the crucible of conflict over three major engagements – the Crimean War, the Russian Civil War and World War II – witnessing the death and destruction of countless armies yet creating the indomitable 'spirit of Sevastopol'. By weaving together first-hand interviews, detailed operational reports and battle analysis, Melvin manages to create a rich tapestry that brings the history of Sevastopol to life.



A History of the Irish Guards in the Afghan and Iraq Campaigns 2001–2014

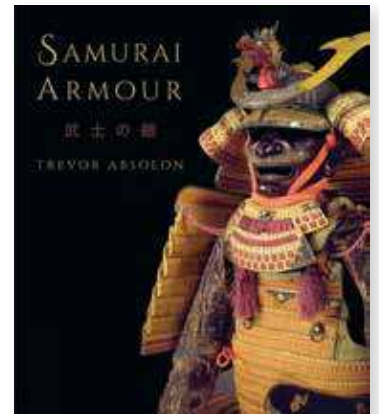
Author: **Marcus Cowper**
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 ISBN: **978 1 47281 774 7**
 Price: **£25.00 / US \$35.00 / CAN \$47.00**
 Period: **Modern Warfare**
 Format: **Hardback, 384pp**
 Illustrations: **64pp plate section in colour and black and white**

Irish Guardsmen have been involved in all aspects of the campaigns in Afghanistan and Iraq – from ISAF in Kabul in 2000, through the invasion of Iraq in 2003 to the eventual withdrawal in 2009, and the campaign in Helmand from 2006 to 2014. This participation has been at every level from individual to battalion and widely dispersed – a complete picture of the British Army's experience in the post 9/11 years. This study, based on official records and numerous interviews with those who took part – from the brigade commanders down to the guardsmen on the ground – is a unique picture of one battalion's experiences through some of the most testing times the British Army has faced.

Samurai Armour

Author: **Trevor Absolon**
 Available: **November 2016**
 ISBN: **978 1 4728 0796 0**
 Price: **£35.00 / US \$50.00 / CAN \$66.00**
 Period: **Samurai**
 Format: **Hardback, 384pp**
 Illustrations: **Fully illustrated in colour**

For beauty, precision and strength, nothing has ever matched the combination of form and function found in the armour of the samurai. For a samurai, the consummate warrior, his suit of armour was so much more than 'just' protective equipment that could save his life in the heat of battle. It was the embodiment of his personality, his social status and his very soul. Within these pages, an unrivalled expert in the field traces the history of a craft that dominated the lives of all those it touched, drawing on over 20 years of research and technical work to develop a complete study of all aspects of samurai armour construction. As well as a detailed technical exploration of the many different physical aspects of the armour, it is a meditation on a process that was, and still is, nothing short of an art form.



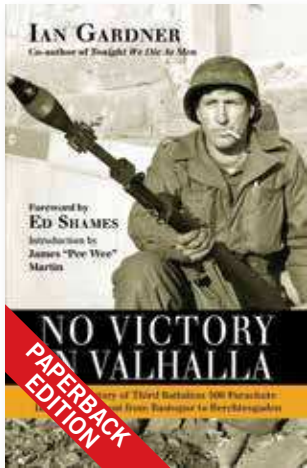
Lockheed Blackbird

Beyond the Secret Missions (Revised Edition)

Author: **Paul F. Crickmore**
 Available: **November 2016**
 ISBN: **978 1 4728 1523 1**
 Price: **£35.00 / US \$50.00 / CAN \$66.00**
 Period: **Modern Warfare**
 Format: **Hardback, 432pp**
 Illustrations: **Fully illustrated in colour and black and white**

In 1986 Paul F. Crickmore's first groundbreaking book about the Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird was published. At that time, the Cold War was at its height and the SR-71 was an integral element in securing crucial intelligence from all parts of the globe. The highly sensitive nature of its missions couldn't be compromised, and it wasn't until the end of the Cold War that the operational exploits of this incredible aeronautical masterpiece could openly be written about. As time passed more and more information has come to light, with a vast number of official documents declassified and key military figures able to talk openly about the Blackbird programme. Crickmore has used these updated facts to revise his previous history of one of the world's most iconic aircraft of all time, creating what will surely be considered the definitive, timeless volume about the SR-71 Blackbird.

THE 506TH TRILOGY— NOW IN PAPERBACK



No Victory in Valhalla

The untold story of Third Battalion 506 Parachute Infantry Regiment from Bastogne to Berchtesgaden

Author: **Ian Gardner**

Available: **November 2016**

ISBN: **978 1 4728 1681 8**

Price: **£8.99 / US \$17.00 / CAN \$23.00**

Period: **World War II**

Format: **Paperback, 344pp**

Illustrations: **32pp plate section in black and white**

The final volume of Gardner's critically acclaimed biography of the Third Battalion 506 Parachute Infantry Regiment – the sister company to the famed Band of Brothers – this book traces the battalion's actions in the frantic final days of the war in Europe. Exhausted and battered following the disastrous *Market-Garden* campaign, the 506th were due three months of R&R, but were rushed back in to halt the desperate German attack during the Battle of the Bulge. When the offensive was finally halted after months of fighting the 506th pushed on into Germany where Ed Shames was one of the first Allied soldiers to enter Dachau before the unit were sent to occupy Hitler's mountain retreat at Berchtesgaden. Based on extensive interviews and first-hand accounts, this volume, newly released in paperback, relives the struggles of the paratroopers of the renowned 'Screaming Eagles' in some of the toughest fighting of World War II, bringing the story of their defiant unit to its conclusion.



Tonight We Die As Men

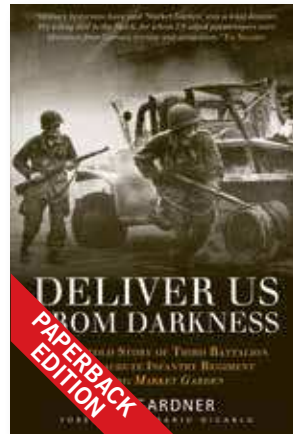
The Untold Story of Third Battalion 506 Parachute Infantry Regiment from Toccoa to D-Day

Author: **Ian Gardner, Roger Day**

ISBN: **978 1 84908 436 9**

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Deliver Us From Darkness

The Untold Story of Third Battalion 506 Parachute Infantry Regiment during *Market Garden*

Author: **Ian Gardner**

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Where the Iron Crosses Grow

The Crimea 1941–44

Author: **Robert Forczyk**

Available: **September 2016**

ISBN: **978 1 4728 1678 8**

Price: **£8.99 / US \$15.00 / CAN \$20.00**

Period: **World War II**

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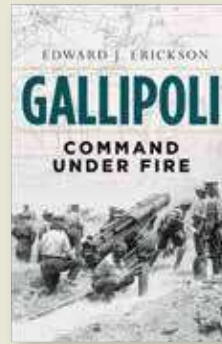
When the Soviets fortified Sevastopol in 1941 it heralded the beginning of a period of intense fighting over the Crimea. In this remarkable work, acclaimed author Robert Forczyk assembles new research to investigate the intense and barbaric fighting for the region in World War II, where first Soviet and then German armies were surrounded and totally obliterated. Providing a definitive analysis of the many unique characteristics of the conflict, while also exploring the historical context of the region and the appalling policies of ethnic cleansing practiced by both sides, Forczyk's unique account uncovers one of the most pivotal theaters of the Eastern Front during World War II.



The Knight Who Saved England

William Marshall and the French Invasion, 1217

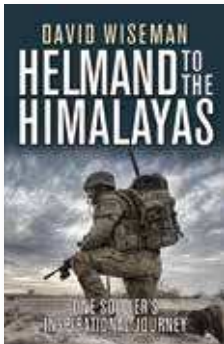
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Gallipoli

Command Under Fire

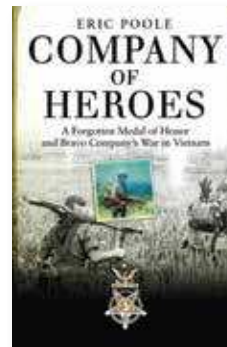
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Helmand to the Himalayas

One Soldier's Inspirational Journey

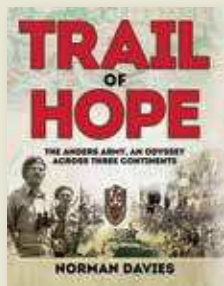
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Company of Heroes

A Forgotten Medal of Honor and Bravo Company's War in Vietnam

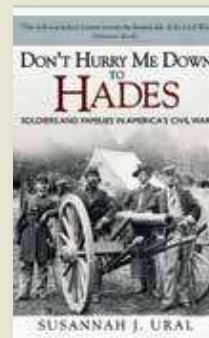
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Trail of Hope

The Anders Army, An Odyssey Across Three Continents

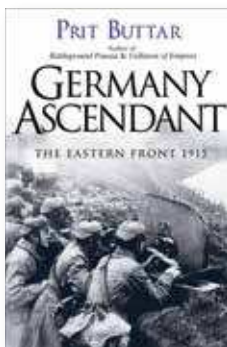
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Don't Hurry Me Down to Hades

Soldiers and Families in America's Civil War

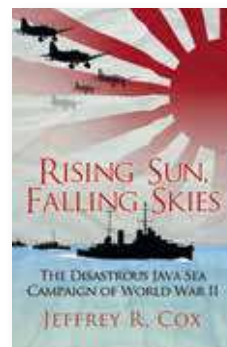
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Germany Ascendant

The Eastern Front 1915

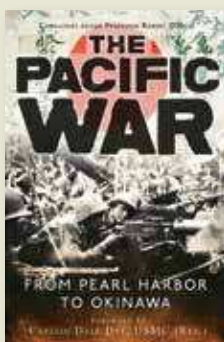
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Rising Sun, Falling Skies

The Disastrous Java Sea Campaign of World War II

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The Pacific War

From Pearl Harbor to Okinawa

Editor: **Robert O'Neill**
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The First Blitz

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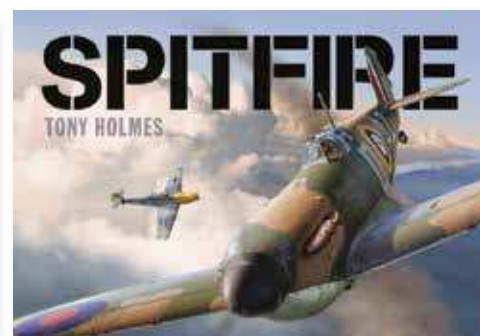
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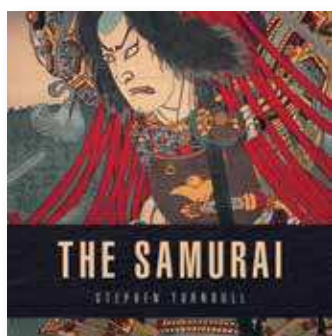
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 THE BATTLE OF KING'S MOUNTAIN, 1780
 22nd Nov. The Battle of King's Mountain was one of the most important – albeit brief – engagements of the American Revolution, described by British General Sir Henry Clinton as the first link in a chain of events ... that ended in the total loss of America. In a stunning display of cross-generational British Major Patrick Ferguson proved the commitment of veteran Carolina and Virginia men to war. A Force from as close to a thousand men assembled under the leadership of Colonel Archibald Campbell and on 7 October 1780, marched on the British position near King's Mountain in South Carolina. In the same millennium of Colonel Thomas Boudoin's Second Spotsylvania Regiment fight their way into the main Lenoir camp near the top of the barren ridge. In the background, Ferguson's scattered Loyalist troops are outnumbered against the day.

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AUGUST 2017
 NAVAL BATTLE IN THE NORTH OCEAN, 1812
 1st Aug. In a dramatic encounter, a British fleet of 18 ships met a French fleet of 12. The British, under Admiral Sir John Borlase Warren, defeated the French, capturing the French ship of the line, the 74-gun Téméraire. The British fleet then sailed on to the North Atlantic, where they encountered a storm. The Téméraire was wrecked on the rocks of the North Atlantic, and the British fleet returned to port. The British fleet's victory at the North Atlantic was a significant blow to the French navy, and it helped to secure British control of the North Atlantic.



JULY 2017
 BATTLE OF THE BULGE, 1945
 1st July. The Battle of the Bulge was a major German offensive against the Allies in the Western Front during World War II. It was the last major offensive by the German Wehrmacht before its unconditional surrender in May 1945. The battle was fought in the Ardennes region of Belgium and Luxembourg, and it resulted in a tactical draw. The German offensive was a surprise, as the Allies had expected a major offensive in the West to occur in the spring of 1945. The battle was a significant test of the Allies' ability to respond to a surprise attack, and it demonstrated the importance of air power in modern warfare.



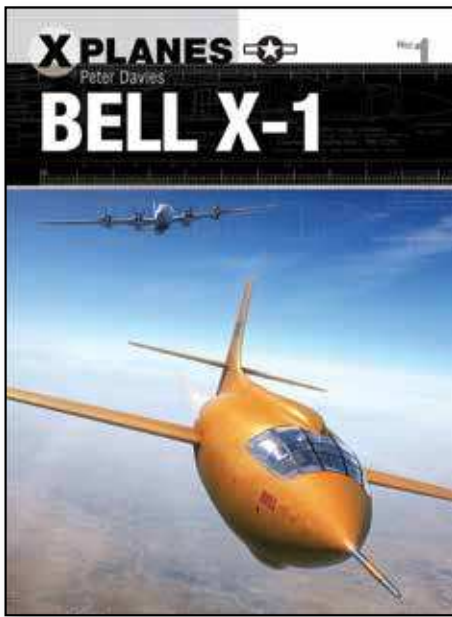
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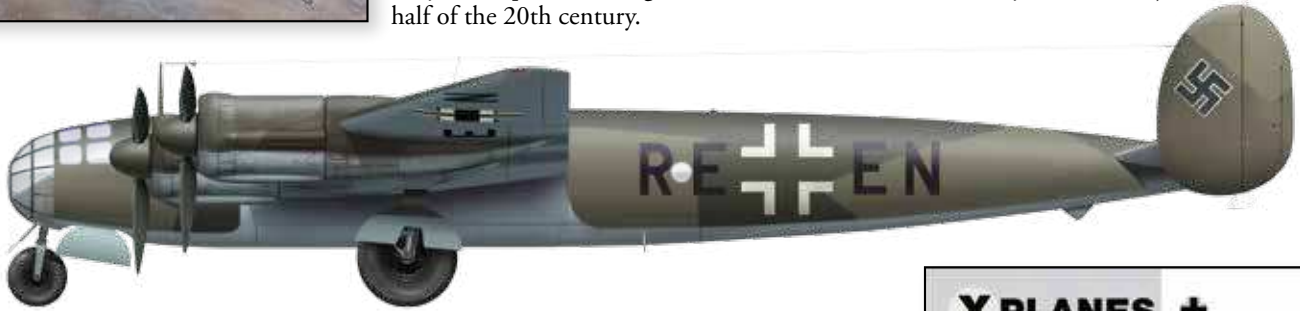
Illustrators: Jim Laurier & Gareth Hector

Available: September 2016

ISBN: 978 1 4728 1464 7

Period: Modern Warfare

In 1947, no one knew if it was possible to break the 'sound barrier'. The Bell X-1 was the tiny, rocket-powered craft that finally broke it. The result of innovative designers and engineers turning their attention from the pioneering jets of World War II to a new task – it was an aircraft designed purely to fly faster than sound. Legendary pilots rallied to the cause, with World War II ace Chuck Yeager piloting the X-1 when it finally achieved supersonic flight in 1947, the first manned craft to reach such speeds. With historical photographs and meticulously researched digital art, Peter Davies traces the whole career of the pioneering Bell X-1, from its early development through to the influence it had on military and civilian jets in the second half of the 20th century.



XPL 2

Messerschmitt Me 264 Amerika Bomber

Author: Robert Forsyth

Illustrators: Jim Laurier & Gareth Hector

Available: September 2016

ISBN: 978 1 4728 1467 8

Period: World War II

As Europe plunged into World War II, Hitler ordered the development of a hi-tech secret weapon capable of taking the war across the Atlantic – the Messerschmitt Me 264. Chosen from designs for an 'Amerika Bomber' tendered by Messerschmitt, Junkers and Focke-Wulf, this ultra-long-range aircraft would be capable of attacking cities in the United States. Just one month before the attack on Pearl Harbor and the American entry into World War II Hitler was promising, privately, to wage a 'new war' against the USA after his victories in Europe. Dazzling digital artwork and 50 rare archive photographs perfectly complement the detailed analysis offered by Robert Forsyth as he examines the development, intended role and influence of the aircraft that Hitler planned to use to bomb New York City.



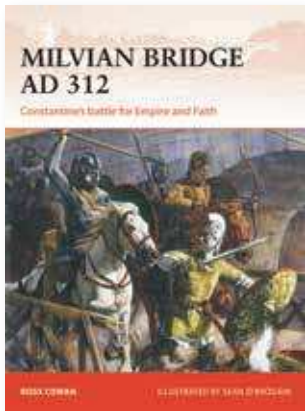
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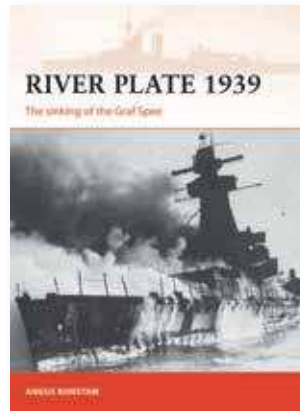


CAM 296
Milvian Bridge AD 312
 Constantine's battle for Empire and Faith

Author: **Ross Cowan**
 Illustrator: **Seán Ó'Brógáin**
 Available: **July 2016**
 ISBN: **978 1 4728 1381 7**
 Period: **Ancient World**

In AD 312, the Roman world was divided between four emperors. The most ambitious was Constantine, who

sought to eliminate his rivals and reunite the Empire. His first target was Maxentius, who held Rome, the symbolic heart of the Empire. Inspired by a dream sent by the Christian God, at the Milvian Bridge region just north of Rome, he routed Maxentius' army and pursued the fugitives into the river Tiber. The victory secured Constantine's hold on the western half of the Roman Empire and confirmed his Christian faith, but many details of this famous battle remain obscured. This new volume identifies the location of the battlefield and explains the tactics Constantine used to secure a victory that triggered the fundamental shift from paganism to Christianity.

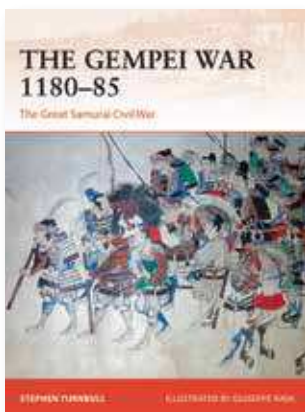


CAM 171
River Plate 1939
 The sinking of the Graf Spee

Author: **Angus Konstam**
 Illustrator: **Tony Bryan**
 Available: **August 2016**
 ISBN: **978 1 47281 795 2**
 Period: **World War II**

Days before the outbreak of World War II a handful of German commerce raiders put out to sea to prey on Allied merchantmen. Amongst them was

the Panzerschiffe ('armoured ship') Graf Spee, a formidable warship that boasted the firepower of a battleship but the size, speed and range of a cruiser. When World War II commenced, under the command of Captain Langsdorff the Graf Spee began a hunting spree across the South Atlantic and the Indian Ocean that eventual took her to the River Plate in search of her next victim – an Allied convoy. Instead she found three Royal Navy cruisers under the command of Commodore Harwood, eager to put an end to the 'pocket battleship' that had been terrorizing Allied merchant ships. Featuring full colour artwork, archive photographs and meticulous research, this comprehensive volume explores the thrilling story behind the Battle of the River Plate, and the sinking of the Graf Spee.



CAM 297
The Gempei War 1180-85
 The Great Samurai Civil War

Author: **Stephen Turnbull**
 Illustrator: **Giuseppe Rava**
 Available: **July 2016**
 ISBN: **978 1 4728 1384 8**
 Period: **Samurai**

Internationally renowned samurai expert Dr Stephen Turnbull delves into a pivotal era of Japanese history

in this illustrated account of the Gempei War – a conflict that defined the age and the ethos of the samurai. Never before had there been a large-scale clash between two rival samurai families, the Taira and the Minamoto, and never again would the result of a war in Japan be quite so dramatic. Fought to gain control over the emperor it would end with imperial power being totally eclipsed in favour of the military might of the samurai class and the establishment of the position of Shogun – Japan's military dictator. Turnbull examines the events of the five-year long conflict, revealing the changes that the war inflicted on Japanese culture and the establishment of many of the traditions of the samurai.

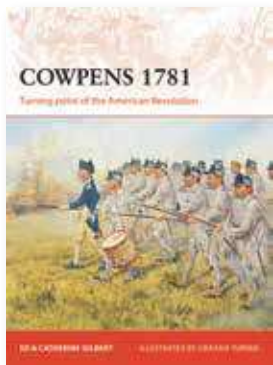


CAM 298
The First Afghan War 1839-42

Author: **Richard Macrory**
 Illustrator: **Peter Dennis**
 Available: **August 2016**
 ISBN: **978 1 4728 1397 8**
 Period: **World War II**

In 1839 forces of the British East India Company crossed the Indus to invade Afghanistan on the pretext

of reinstating a former king Shah Soojah to his rightful throne. The reality was that this was another step in Britain's Great Game – Afghanistan would create a buffer to any potential Russian expansion towards India. This history traces the initial, campaign which would see the British easily occupy Kabul and the rebellion that two years later would see the British army humbled. Forced to negotiate a surrender the British fled Kabul en masse in the harsh Afghan winter. Decimated by Afghan guerilla attacks and by the harsh cold and a lack of food and supplies just one European – Dr Brydon would make it to the safety of Jalalabad five days later. This book goes on to trace the retribution attack on Kabul the following year, which destroyed the symbolic Mogul Bazaar before rapidly withdrawing and leaving Afghanistan in peace for nearly a generation.



CAM 283
Cowpens 1781
 Turning point of the American Revolution

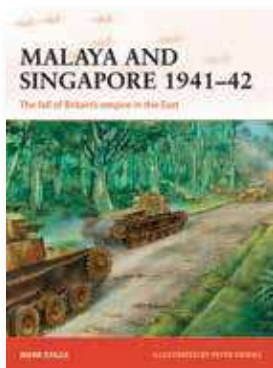
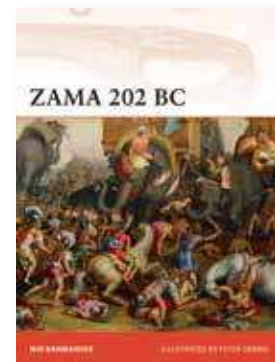
Author: **Ed and Catherine Gilbert**
 Illustrator: **Graham Turner**
 Available: **September 2016**
 ISBN: **978 1 4728 0746 5**
 Period: **18th Century**

South Carolina, 1781. With Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton and the British troops in hot pursuit, Daniel Morgan, leading a small force of 700 Continentals and militia, chose the Cowpens as the battlefield in which to make a stand. The two forces clashed for barely more than 45 minutes, yet this brief battle shaped the outcome of the War in the South and decisively influenced the American Revolution as a whole. Bird's-eye views, vivid illustrations and detailed maps illuminate the dynamism of this clash between two of the most famous commanders of the war.

CAM 299
Zama 202 BC

Author: **Mir Bahmanyar**
 Illustrator: **Peter Dennis**
 Available: **September 2016**
 ISBN: **978 1 4728 1421 0**
 Period: **Ancient World**

The battle of Zama, was the final large-scale clash of arms between the world's two greatest western powers of the time – Carthage and Rome. The engagement ended the Second Punic War, waged from 218 until 201 BC. Drawing upon years of research, author Mir Bahmanyar gives a detailed account of this closing battle, analysing the tactics and forces of the two legendary opposing generals – Hannibal and Publius Cornelius Scipio. Specially commissioned artwork brings to life the epic clash that saw Hannibal defeated and Rome claim its spot as the principal Mediterranean power.



CAM 300
Malaya and Singapore 1941-42
 The fall of Britain's empire in the East

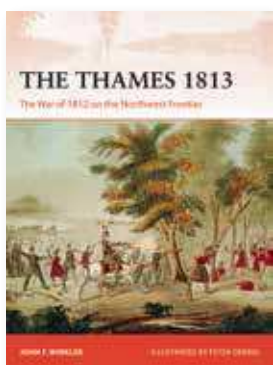
Author: **Mark Stille**
 Illustrator: **Peter Dennis**
 Available: **October 2016**
 ISBN: **978 1 4728 1122 6**
 Period: **World War II**

For the British Empire it was a military disaster, but for Imperial Japan the conquest of Malaya was one of the pivotal campaigns of World War II. Although heavily outnumbered, the Japanese Army fought fiercely to overcome the inept and shambolic defence offered by the British and Commonwealth forces. Detailed analysis of the conflict, combined with a heavy focus on the significance of the aerial campaign, help tell the fascinating story of the Japanese victory, from the initial landings in Thailand and Malaya through to the destruction of the Royal Navy's Force Z and the final fall of Singapore itself.

CAM 301
Operation Market-Garden 1944 (2)
 The British Airborne Missions

Author: **Ken Ford**
 Illustrator: **Graham Turner**
 Available: **November 2016**
 ISBN: **978 1 4728 1430 2**
 Period: **World War II**

With Germany being pushed back across Europe the Allied forces looked to press their advantage with Operation *Market-Garden*, a massive airborne assault that, if successful, could have shortened the war in the west considerably. The ground advance consisted of an armoured thrust by the British XXX Corps, while the US 82nd and 101st US Airborne Divisions secured the bridges at Eindhoven and Nijmegen and the British 1st Airborne Division and Polish 1st Airborne Brigade were tasked with seizing the final bridge at Arnhem to secure the route. What they did not realise was that the 9. SS and 10. SS-Panzer Divisions were nearby. Focusing on the role played by these British and Polish troops, Ken Ford examines the British airborne aspects of Operation *Market-Garden* in its entirety, from the early planning through to the early setbacks and eventual catastrophic conclusion.



CAM 302
The Thames 1813
 The War of 1812 on the Northwest Frontier

Author: **John F. Winkler**
 Illustrator: **Peter Dennis**
 Available: **November 2016**
 ISBN: **978 1 4728 1433 3**
 Period: **19th Century**

The battle of the Thames was the culmination of a bloody campaign that saw American forces clash with the British and their Native American allies on multiple occasions. In a battle that included the future US president William Henry Harrison, American naval hero Oliver Hazard Perry and the legendary Shawnee leader Tecumseh the Americans prevailed, due in part to their imaginative use of Kentucky mounted riflemen to charge British regular infantry and artillery. Their victory allowed them to secure the North-West frontier, a crucial strategic gain in the War of 1812. Drawing on his expertise of US–Native American conflicts, historian John F. Winkler investigates the battle of the Thames, bringing the conflict to life through detailed analysis, combat reports and stunning specially-commissioned illustrations.

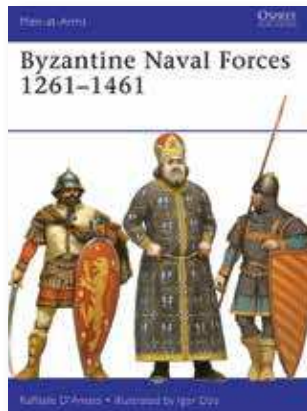
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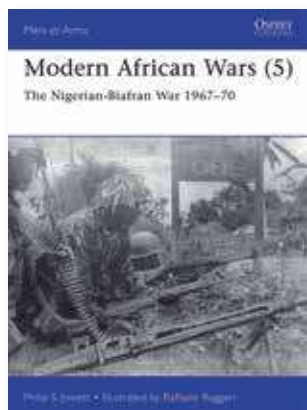


MAA 502 Byzantine Naval Forces 1261–1461

Author: **Raffaele D'Amato**
Illustrators: **Igor Dzis & Peter Dennis**
Available: **September 2016**
ISBN: **978 1 4728 0728 1**
Period: **Medieval World**

After the recapture of Constantinople, Emperor Michael VIII Palaiologos was determined to bring glory back to the Byzantine Empire. To achieve

this, he established an Imperial Fleet and raised new regiments of elite marine troops. This work provides a comprehensive, illustrated guide to the unit history and appearance of these men, who were at the cutting edge of the last great flourish of Byzantine naval power. They won victory after victory in campaigns throughout the 1260s and 1270s, and though successive periods of decline and partial resurrection followed, these marine units survived until the very last flickers of Byzantine resistance were extinguished. Drawing upon early literary sources, the rich evidence of period illuminated manuscripts, frescoes and other iconography, Raffaele D'Amato details the lasting legacy of the swansong of Byzantine naval power.



MAA 507 Modern African Wars (5) The Nigerian-Biafran War 1967–70

Author: **Philip Jowett**
Illustrator: **Raffaele Ruggeri**
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ISBN: **978 1 4728 1609 2**
Period: **Modern Warfare**

With decades of research to draw from, Philip Jowett explores this extraordinary David-and-Goliath

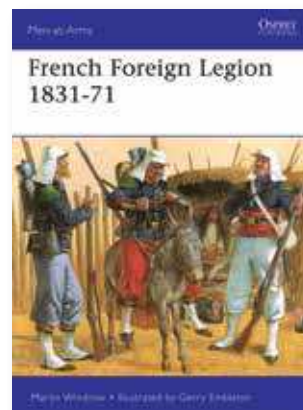
conflict, where the rag-tag Igbo tribal army of secessionist Biafra faced off against the Nigerian Federal forces. It was an African war that captured the attention of the western media, with individual commanders such as Biafran leader Colonel Ojukwu and Federal Colonel Adekunle becoming familiar figures across the globe. The Nigerian Federal forces easily outnumbered their opponents and benefitted from British and Soviet equipment, yet against all the odds the Biafrans held out for two and a half years, inflicting many setbacks on the Federal forces before their eventual surrender in 1970. Specially commissioned artwork and historical photos, including some from respected Italian war photographer Romano Ganoni, reflect the diverse array of uniforms and equipment on both sides, with images ranging from Sandhurst-educated officers in immaculate uniform to ragged militiamen armed with World War II weaponry.



MAA 508 World War II Croatian Legionaries Croatian Troops under Axis Command 1941–45

Author: **Vladimir Brnardic**
Illustrator: **Višeslav Aralica**
Available: **November 2016**
ISBN: **978 1 4728 1767 9**
Period: **World War II**

As Europe descended into war the newly formed state of Croatia found itself an ally in Nazi Germany. Tens of thousands of Croatians rushed to volunteer for the German Wehrmacht, with Croatian-badged units created within the Army, Navy, Luftwaffe, Waffen-SS and Police force. When Hitler turned his attention to Stalin's Soviet Union many of these men found themselves thrown into the fray, with Croatian soldiers serving at Stalingrad, fighting Tito's Partisans in the Balkans and battling against the advancing Red Army in Hungary. Aided by detailed illustrations, author Vladimir Brnardic explores the uniforms and equipment of World War II Croatian Legionaries. His investigation covers Croatia's own armed forces as well as those who fought within the German Wehrmacht, including notorious units such as the Ustasha 'Black Legion' who fought against anti-Axis partisans in Bosnia and Serbia.

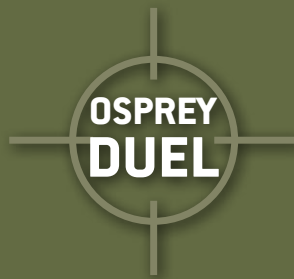


MAA 509 French Foreign Legion 1831–71

Author: **Martin Windrow**
Illustrator: **Gerry Embleton**
Available: **November 2016**
ISBN: **978 1 4728 1770 9**
Period: **19th Century**

Concluding his best-selling series on the French Foreign Legion, Martin Windrow explores the formation and development of the Legion during its 'first generation'. Raised in 1831, the Legion's formative years would see it fight continuous and savage campaigns in Algeria, aid the Spanish government in the Carlist War, join the British in the Crimean campaign and fight alongside the Swiss in the bloody battles of Magenta and Solferino. With the ever-changing combat environments they found themselves in, the Legion had to constantly adapt in order to survive. Taking advantage of the latest research, this lavishly illustrated study explores the evolution of the uniforms and kit of the French Foreign Legion, from their early campaigns in Algeria through to the iconic Battle of Camerone in Mexico and their role in the Franco-Prussian war.

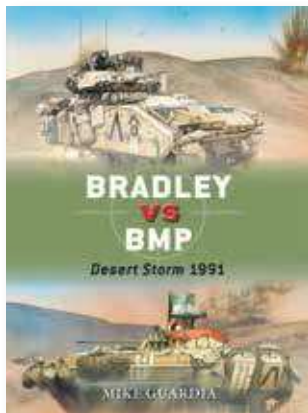
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DUE 75
Bradley vs BMP
Desert Storm 1991

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Period: **Modern Warfare**

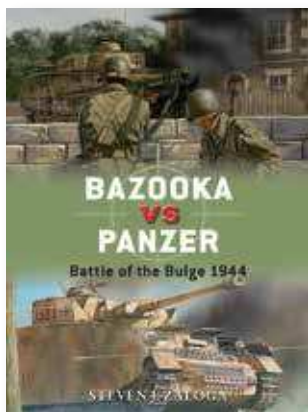
In the mid-1960s, the Soviet Union unveiled the BMP, the first true infantry fighting vehicle. A revolutionary design, the BMP marked a significant departure from the traditional armoured personnel carrier, with a lower silhouette and heavier armament than rival APCs. One of the most fearsome light-armoured vehicles of its day, it caused great consternation on the other side of the Iron Curtain as the Americans scrambled to design a machine to rival the BMP. The result was the M2/M3 Bradley. These Cold War icons first clashed – not on the plains of Europe, but in southern Iraq during the Gulf War of 1991. Featuring specially commissioned full-colour artwork, this is the absorbing story of the origins, development and combat performance of the BMP and Bradley, culminating in the bloody battles of the Gulf War.



DUE 76
US Navy Ships vs Kamikazes
1944–45

Author: **Mark Stille**
Illustrator: **Jim Laurier**
Available: **September 2016**
ISBN: **978 1 4728 1273 5**
Period: **World War II**

The ineffectiveness of conventional air attacks on US Navy surface ships, particularly heavily defended targets like carrier task groups, forced the Japanese to re-evaluate their tactics in late 1944. The solution they arrived at was simple – crash their aircraft into American ships. This notion of self-sacrifice fit well within the Japanese warrior psyche and proved terrifying to the American sailors subjected to it. These tactics brought immediate results, and proved effective until the end of the war. This book examines this alarming new way of waging war, revealing how the US Navy was forced to adapt its tactics and operations and deploy new weapons to counter the threat. It also analyses the actual military benefits of the kamikaze missions, assessing whether the damage caused to American naval strength by the loss of so many pilots and aircraft actually had a material impact on the War in the Pacific.



DUE 77
Bazooka vs Panzer
Battle of the Bulge 1944

Author: **Steven J. Zaloga**
Illustrators: **Alan Gilliland and Johnny Shumate**
Available: **November 2016**
ISBN: **978 1 4728 1249 0**
Period: **World War II**

World War II saw tanks assume a dominant role in warfare, capable of tearing through the enemy lines if left unchecked. To combat the threat posed by these armoured behemoths the United States developed the M1 Anti-Tank Rocket Launcher, better known as the Bazooka. First employed in combat during 1942, the weapon required a great deal of skill and courage to use effectively. By late 1944 it was a mainstay of the US infantry's anti-tank capabilities, alongside towed weapons, anti-tank grenades and other longer-established measures. Focusing on the savage close-quarters fighting between German armour and US infantry during the Battle of the Bulge, Steven Zaloga's absorbing study compares and assesses the strengths and limitations of the cutting-edge technology used by both sides using specially commissioned full-colour artwork and explosive battle reports.

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COM 115 Fw 200 Condor Units of World War 2

Author: **Chris Goss**
Illustrator: **Chris Davey**
Available: **August 2016**
ISBN: **978 1 4728 1267 4**
Period: **World War II**

The Fw 200 Condor first made an appearance over Norway in April 1940, flying with the unit that eventually become synonymous with

it – Kampfgeschwader 40. As the war progressed, and German forces advanced, French airfields opened up, allowing the Condor to fly around the UK and out into the Atlantic, where it rapidly established itself as one of the key menaces to Allied shipping, able to attack ships directly, or able to guide U-Boats to their prey. But the tables were to turn on the 'Scourge of the Atlantic' as mechanical failures and changes in Allied tactics began to take a toll. Vulnerable to aerial attack, the deployment of Allied carriers and their associated fighters combined with the introduction of more long range maritime patrol aircraft exposed the Condor's deficiencies. Packed with rare first-hand accounts, profile artwork and photographs, this is the history of one of the unsung types to take to the skies during World War 2.

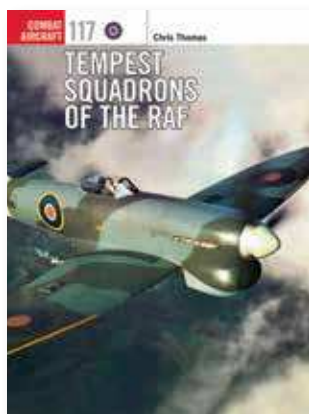


COM 116 US Navy F-4 Phantom II Units of the Vietnam War 1964-68

Author: **Peter Davies**
Illustrator: **Jim Laurier**
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Period: **Vietnam War**

The F-4 Phantom II is perhaps the most famous post-war fighter.

Primarily used as a land-based fighter-bomber and reconnaissance platform, its naval origins and the immense contribution made to the US war effort in Vietnam by its original carrier-based versions began its legend. This title examines the unique aspects of the Phantom that made it so crucial to US Navy pilots during the Vietnam War – its massive engine power, long range, speed, the most powerful airborne search and fire-control radar installed in a fighter at the time, and of course its versatility as a ground attack and air-to-air platform. Packed with first hand accounts, unique profile artwork and rare photographs, this is the history of one of the most important aircraft to be stationed on carriers off Southeast Asia during the war.



COM 117 Tempest Squadrons of the RAF

Author: **Chris Thomas**
Illustrator: **Chris Thomas**
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Period: **World War II**

Hawker's charismatic Tempest V entered RAF service just in time to be the most successful counter to the V1 flying bomb assault on southern

England in the summer of 1944. With more than 800 of the robot missiles to its credit, Tempest V units then crossed the Channel to lock horns with the best the Luftwaffe had to offer – Fw 190D-9s, Ta 152s, Me 262s and Bf 109G/Ks – achieving an impressive kill/loss ratio in aerial combat. With incredibly detailed aircraft profiles and exciting combat reports this title covers the full history of Tempest squadrons, from their initial design and combat experience in World War 2 through to their post-war role and the eventual decline of this iconic British fighter.



COM 118 He 162 Volksjäger Units

Author: **Robert Forsyth**
Illustrator: **Jim Laurier**
Available: **November 2016**
ISBN: **978 1 4728 1457 9**
Period: **World War II**

With the Third Reich on the brink of defeat, Hitler's instructions to his designers were clear. He wanted a Volksjäger – a People's Fighter that was quick to produce and

used minimal quantities of strategic materials. Heinkel rose to the challenge with the He 162, a fighter constructed of wood and metal that was designed, built and flown in the staggeringly short time of ten weeks. Professional pilots were in short supply, and so the Luftwaffe was ordered to man the He 162 with hastily trained members of the Hitler Youth – a flawed plan that fortunately never came to fruition. Detailed aircraft profiles and never-before-seen photographs perfectly complement the analysis of the revolutionary Heinkel He 162 as author Robert Forsyth traces its entire history, from the early design and production through to its limited combat experience.

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WPN 43 The Composite Bow

Author: **Mike Loades**
Illustrator: **Peter Dennis**
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ISBN: **978 1 4728 0591 1**
Period: **Multi-period**

An ancient design, emerging from Central Asia in the second millennium BC, the composite bow was adopted by a staggering variety of cultures, from nomadic tribal peoples

such as the Huns, Turks and Mongols, to mighty empires such as the Romans, Byzantines, Persians, Arabs and Chinese. Offering high power and portability, the composite bow was an ideal cavalry weapon, though it was also used by infantry in open battle and as a siege weapon. In this study, an expert on Eastern military technology tells the story of this extraordinary piece of military hardware; how it was made and how various cultures developed differing tactics for using it. He explains why the composite bow achieved such stunning successes and how it endured as a weapon of choice for thousands of years.

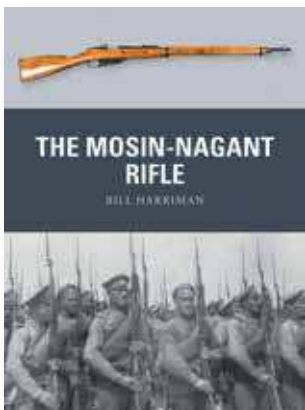


WPN 49 SA80 Assault Rifles

Author: **Neil Grant**
Illustrators: **Peter Dennis and Alan Gilliland**
Available: **September 2016**
ISBN: **978 1 4728 1104 2**
Period: **Modern Warfare**

Now the weapon of choice for British soldiers across the globe, the early years of the SA80 family of small arms were surrounded in controversy after a series of dismal performances.

The assault rifle was prone to jamming in desert conditions, had several flimsy parts that would often break after repeated use and had an incredibly sensitive magazine catch. When these issues came to light the rifle was lambasted by the media, leading to the Ministry of Defence ordering an extensive modification programme that dramatically improved reliability. Combat accounts and in-depth analysis of the SA80 weapons' performance in Kosovo, Sierra Leone, Afghanistan and Iraq guide the reader through its use, while vivid artwork helps to illustrate the transformation the rifle underwent: from an unreliable weapon hated by the troops who used it to one of the world's most dependable small arms.

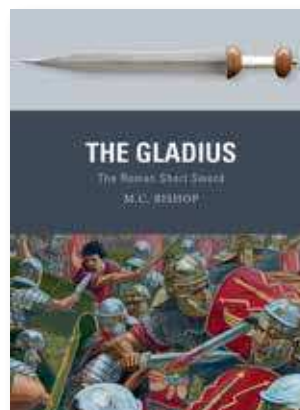


WPN 50 The Mosin-Nagant Rifle

Author: **Bill Harriman**
Illustrators: **Johnny Shumate and Alan Gilliland**
Available: **October 2016**
ISBN: **978 1 4728 1415 9**
Period: **Multi-period**

The Mosin-Nagant is the world's longest-surviving and most widely distributed military rifle, its many variants having armed the forces of Russia and other countries for over

a century. It has seen action from before World War I to the present day, but is most famous for its role during World War II where it proved to be an excellent sniping weapon in the hands of marksmen such as Vasily Zaitsev and Simo Häyhä. This study covers the rifle's entire history, from its early development through to its service in combat and the impact it has had on modern firearms.



WPN 51 The Gladius The Roman Short Sword

Author: **M.C. Bishop**
Illustrator: **Peter Dennis**
Available: **November 2016**
ISBN: **978 1 4728 1585 9**
Period: **Ancient World**

One of the most feared weapons in the ancient world, the gladius was lethal both on the battlefield and in the arena. Literary sources tell of the

terror it inspired, while archaeological evidence of wounds inflicted is testament to its deadly effect. By pulling together strands of literary, sculptural and archaeological evidence renowned expert M.C. Bishop creates a narrative of the gladius' development, exploring the way in which the shape of the short sword changed as soldiers and gladiators evolved their fighting style, and how this iconic weapon helped Rome conquer the Mediterranean.

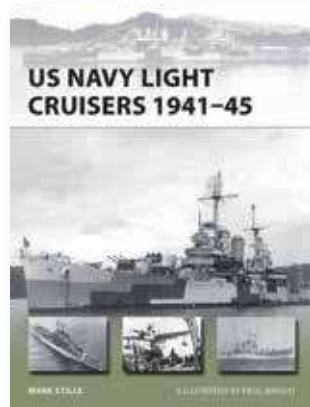
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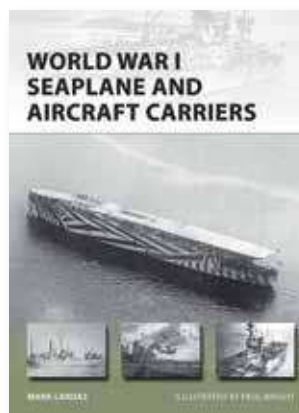


NVG 236 US Navy Light Cruisers 1941–45

Author: **Mark Stille**
Illustrator: **Paul Wright**
Available: **July 2016**
ISBN: **978 1 4728 1140 0**
Period: **World War II**

During World War II, the United States built 72 light cruisers of various classes. In response to the severe air threat that surface ships faced, new

cruisers were designed with increasingly heavy anti-aircraft weaponry as well as the traditional 6in guns. With the speed and range to keep up with aircraft carriers, and their considerable anti-aircraft capability, they were a mainstay of the carrier escorts. This book examines every US light cruiser produced, including those of the Fargo and Worcester classes, which were actually complete after World War II had ended, tracing their design, development and evolution throughout the war and beyond.

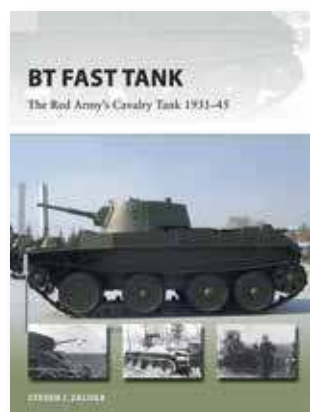


NVG 238 World War I Seaplane and Aircraft Carriers

Author: **Mark Lardas**
Illustrator: **Paul Wright**
Available: **September 2016**
ISBN: **978 1 4728 1378 7**
Period: **World War I**

In 1910 the first aircraft was successfully launched from a small wooden platform on a stationary ship. Just four years later, seaplane-

carrying warships were being used to launch the first naval air raids, and by 1918 the first aircraft carrier to feature a full-length flight deck was in service. High quality artwork and historical photographs help author Mark Lardas tell the fascinating story of the pioneering years of naval aviation, covering such historic clashes as the Japanese siege of Tsingtao, the British raid against German Zeppelin bases at Cuxhaven and the battle of Jutland. Through detailed analysis he explores their development from hastily adapted merchant ships to the launch of HMS *Argus*, the first aircraft carrier to have a full-length flight deck, and shows how they paved the way for the aircraft carriers of the future.

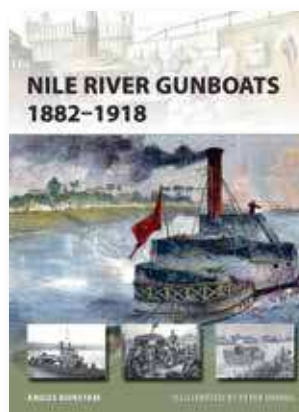


NVG 237 BT Fast Tank The Red Army's Cavalry Tank 1931–45

Author: **Steven J. Zaloga**
Illustrator: **Henry Morshead**
Available: **August 2016**
ISBN: **978 1 4728 1065 6**
Period: **World War II**

When the Red Army needed to mechanize its cavalry branch in the 1930s, the BT fast tank was its

solution. Based on the American Christie high-speed tank, the Red Army began a programme to adapt the design to its own needs. Early versions were mechanically unreliable and poorly armed but by the mid-1930s, the BT-5 emerged, armed with an excellent dual-purpose 45mm gun. It saw its combat debut in the Spanish Civil War in 1937 and was later used in the border battles with the Japanese Kwangtung Army in the late 1930s. The final production series, the BT-7, was the most refined version of the family. One of the most common types in Red Army service in the first years of World War II, BT tanks saw extensive combat in Poland, Finland, and the opening phases of Operation *Barbarossa* in 1941 and latterly during the 1945 campaign against the Japanese in Manchuria. This is the story of their design and development history.

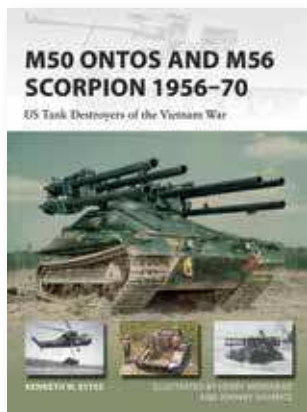


NVG 239 Nile River Gunboats 1882–1918

Author: **Angus Konstam**
Illustrator: **Peter Dennis**
Available: **October 2016**
ISBN: **978 1 4728 1476 0**
Period: **19th Century**

For more than 30 years the Nile river gunboat was an indispensable tool of empire, policing the great river and acting as a floating symbol of

British imperial power. They participated in every significant colonial campaign in the region, from the British invasion of Egypt in 1882 to the Battle of Omdurman in 1898. After that, the gunboats helped maintain British control over both Egypt and the Sudan, and played a key role in safeguarding British interests around the headwaters of the Nile – a region hotly contested by several European powers. This comprehensive volume offers a detailed analysis of the Nile river gunboats' entire career, from policing British colonial interests along the great river to defending Egypt against the Ottoman Turks in World War I.



NVG 240
M50 Ontos and M56 Scorpion 1956–70
 US Tank Destroyers of the Vietnam War

Author: **Kenneth W. Estes**
 Illustrators: **Henry Morshead & Johnny Shumate**
 Available: **November 2016**
 ISBN: **978 1 4728 1473 9**
 Period: **Vietnam War**

Designed in the 1950s, the US Marines' M50 Ontos and the US Army's M56 Scorpion were both intended to be fast, light, air-droppable tank-killers for the Cold War. Although they shared the aim of bringing light, mobile and lethal anti-tank firepower to the infantry the two vehicles varied wildly in design to cater for their unique mission demands. They first saw service in the Lebanon intervention of 1958 but it was in the Vietnam War that they made their name as infantry-support weapons, with the M50 Ontos seeing intense combat action in the Battle of Hue in 1968. Detailed illustrations and expert analysis provide the reader with a comprehensive history of these deadly anti-tank vehicles.



NVG 241
Austro-Hungarian Cruisers and Destroyers 1914–18

Author: **Ryan K. Noppen**
 Illustrator: **Paul Wright**
 Available: **December 2016**
 ISBN: **978 1 4728 1470 8**
 Period: **World War I**

At the outbreak of World War I Austria-Hungary had four modern light cruisers and 20 modern destroyers at their disposal. It was these fast light vessels, not the fleet's prized battleships, which saw most action during the war, from the bombardment of enemy batteries during the Montenegrin Campaign to their victory over the Allied fleet at the Battle of the Strait of Otranto in 1917. Author Ryan Noppen examines the cruisers and destroyers that the Austro-Hungarian Empire had at their disposal during World War I. His study covers their design and development, with thrilling combat reports highlighting the way in which Austro-Hungarian strategies evolved throughout the Adriatic Campaign.

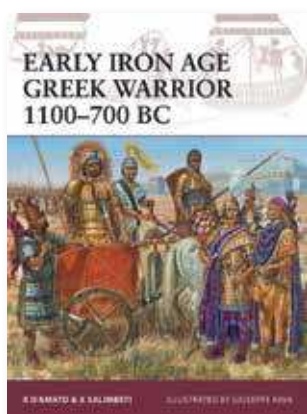
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 Period: **Ancient World**

The period from 1200 BC onwards saw vast changes in every aspect of life on both the Greek mainland and

islands as monarchies disappeared and were replaced by aristocratic rule and a new form of community developed: the city-state. Alongside these changes a new style of warfare developed which was to be the determining factor in land warfare in Greece until the defeat of the Greek city-state by the might of Macedonia at Chaeronea in 338 BC. This mode of warfare was based on a group of heavily armed infantrymen organized in a phalanx formation – the classic hoplite formation – and remained the system throughout the classical Greek period. This new title details this pivotal period that saw the transition from the Bronze Age warriors of Homer to the origins of the men who fought the Persian and Peloponnesian Wars.



WAR 181
British Commando 1940–45

Author: **Angus Konstam**
 Illustrator: **Graham Turner**
 Available: **September 2016**
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 Period: **World War II**

With Hitler's army rampaging across Europe, Winston Churchill ordered the creation of a special fighting force – the Commandos. These valiant men

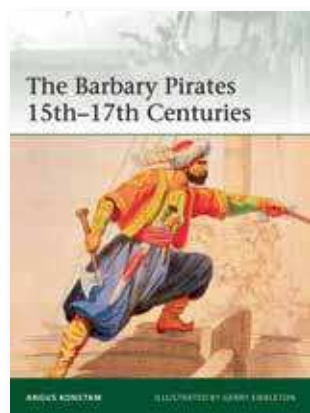
were volunteers drawn from the ranks of the British Army, formed into a Special Service Brigade and put through a rigorous but highly effective training programme. Over the course of World War II they would see action in every major theatre of operation and are credited with numerous feats of gallantry during the D-Day landings. Angus Konstam explores the history of the Commandos during their formative years, providing detailed descriptions of their training, weapons and equipment. Battle reports are accompanied by specially commissioned Osprey artwork and historical photographs, offering readers an in-depth analysis of some of the most famous fighting units in the British Army's history.

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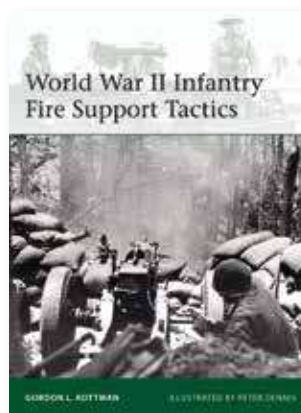


ELI 213 The Barbary Pirates 15th–17th Centuries

Author: **Angus Konstam**
Illustrator: **Gerry Embleton**
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Period: **Multi-period**

For the best part of three centuries the 'corsairs' or pirates from the 'Barbary' coasts of North Africa dominated the Western and Central

Mediterranean and made forays far into the Atlantic, preying on the shipping and coastal settlements across Christian Europe, ranging from Greece to West Africa and the British Isles. In the absence of organized European navies they seldom faced serious opposition, and the scope of their raiding was remarkable. As well as piracy and slave-raiding they fought as privateers, sharing their spoils with the rulers of the port-cities that provided them with ships, men, and a ready market. This book examines their development and their style of fighting, chronicles their achievements and failures, and illustrates their appearance and that of their ships, explaining why they were so feared and effective.



ELI 214 World War II Infantry Fire Support Tactics

Author: **Gordon L. Rottman**
Illustrator: **Peter Dennis**
Available: **October 2016**
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Period: **World War II**

As infantry units advanced across Europe the only support they could rely on from day to day was that provided by the heavy weapons of

their own units. While thundering tanks struck fear into the hearts of their enemies it was the machine guns, mortars and light cannon that proved to be most important, causing the majority of casualties suffered during World War II. Common principles were shared across units but the wide variety of weapons available to the different armies altered the way they were used in battle. Focusing on the US, British, German and Soviet troops, this title offers a comprehensive guide to infantry fire support tactics used through World War II. Combat reports are complemented by specially commissioned artwork to show the way in which tactics varied, and highlight how developments obliged opposing armies to review their own methods.

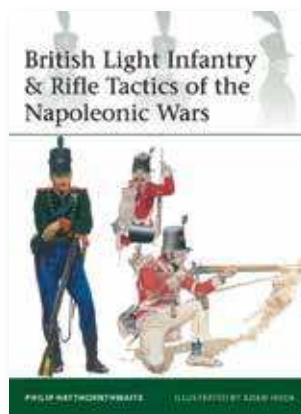


ELI 211 The SAS 1983–2014

Author: **Leigh Neville**
Illustrator: **Peter Dennis**
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Period: **Modern Warfare**

Highly-trained and immensely skilled, the SAS are widely regarded as one of the best Special Forces units in the world. Their missions are uniquely diverse, ranging from counter-terrorist responses at home

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ELI 215 British Light Infantry & Rifle Tactics of the Napoleonic Wars

Author: **Philip Haythornthwaite**
Illustrator: **Adam Hook**
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Period: **Napoleonic**

In an age when infantry units manoeuvred and fought in rigid blocks, the idea of encouraging

initiative and allowing a unit to 'skirmish' was regarded as revolutionary and fell out of favour in the years following the French-Indian and American Revolutionary wars. It was revived by far-sighted British and foreign-mercenary officers, who observed the way in which French Revolutionary armies deployed skirmishers to prepare the way for their assault columns. Offering a detailed analysis of the tactics, this book is studded with period 'battle descriptions' quoted from eye-witness accounts, creating a comprehensive guide to the Light and Rifles units of Wellington's Light Division. As the result of the first tentative experiments in skirmishing the units achieved an unsurpassed peak of efficiency – they marched faster, were versatile in any sort of tactical situation and could shoot more accurately than either friend or foe.

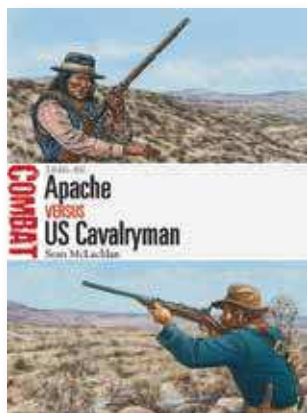
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CBT 19 Apache Warrior vs US Cavalryman 1846–86

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Period: **19th Century**

From the 1840s onward, United States military forces clashed with the Apache, a group of Native American peoples associated with the southwestern part of North America. US territorial expansion and conflict – first with Mexico and then during the Civil War – led to an escalation of hostilities that culminated in the defeat of the Apache leader Geronimo in 1886, although fighting continued into the 20th century. In this study the Apache victory at Cieneguilla (1854) and the US victories at First Adobe Walls (1864) and Cibecue Creek (1881) are assessed in detail. Fully illustrated and featuring contemporary accounts and specially commissioned artwork, this history examines exactly how the Apache were able to pose such a grave threat to US forces over four decades and how their initial advantages were gradually negated by the cavalry.



CBT 21 Finnish Soldier vs Soviet Soldier Winter War 1939–40

Author: **David Campbell**
Illustrator: **Johnny Shumate**
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The Winter War was supposed to result in a quick and easy Soviet victory; instead it proved to be a bitter war that destroyed the international reputation of the Red Army. The small Finnish force was desperately outnumbered by almost half a million Soviet troops, but rather than sweeping across their neighbours Stalin's forces stumbled blindly, constantly wrong-footed and then bloodied by their seemingly insignificant foe. Drawing on a wide range of sources, this study looks at three key battles, drawing a stark contrast between the poorly prepared Soviet troops and the Finns, who made excellent use of terrain and innovative guerrilla tactics as they defended their homeland. Detailed maps and specially commissioned artwork highlight key moments in the Winter War, a David-and-Goliath conflict that saw the Soviet Union suffer horrendous losses as it tried to recover from each disastrous defeat.



CBT 20 King's African Rifles Soldier vs Schutztruppe Soldier East Africa 1917–18

Author: **Gregg Adams**
Illustrator: **Johnny Shumate**
Available: **September 2016**
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Period: **World War I**

Detailed artwork and combat accounts transport the reader to the far-flung and inhospitable East African theatre of war, where the Schutztruppe faced off against the King's African Rifles. In an attempt to divert Allied forces from the Western Front, a small German colonial force under the command of Oberst Paul von Lettow-Vorbeck raided British and Portuguese territory. Despite being heavily outnumbered, his expert use of guerrilla tactics forced the British to mount a series of offensives, culminating in a major battle at Nyangao-Mahiwa that saw both sides suffer heavy casualties.

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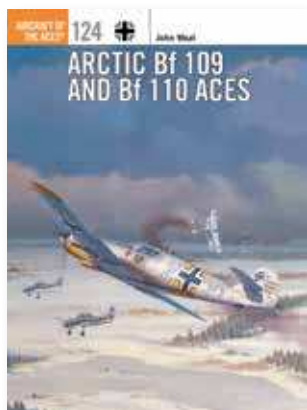
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ACE 124 Arctic Bf 109 and Bf 110 Aces

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Once Nazi Germany had conquered Norway in 1940, just a handful of Gruppen flying the Bf 109 and Bf 110 fighters were able to shatter all

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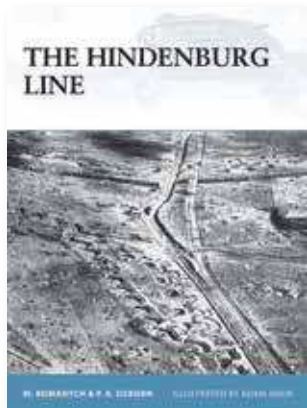
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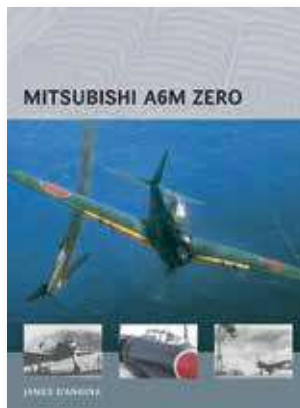
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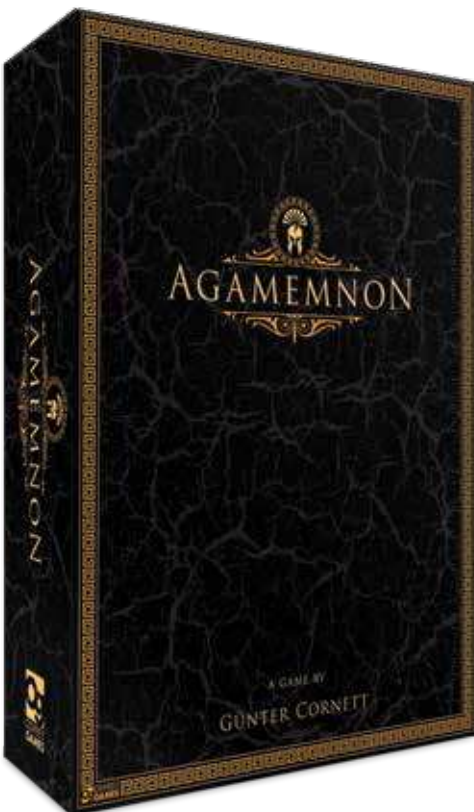
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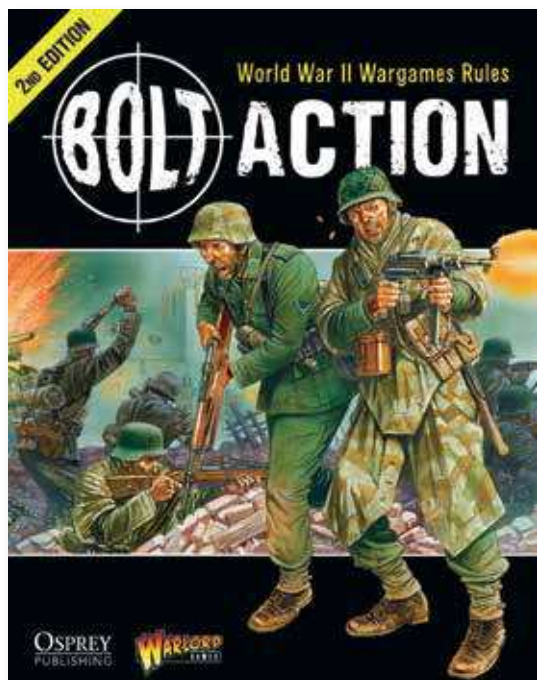


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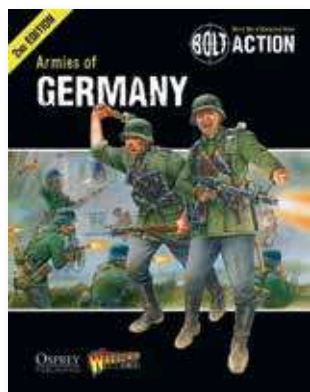


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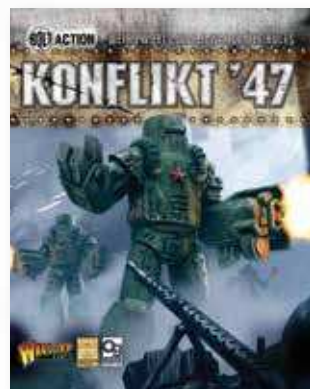
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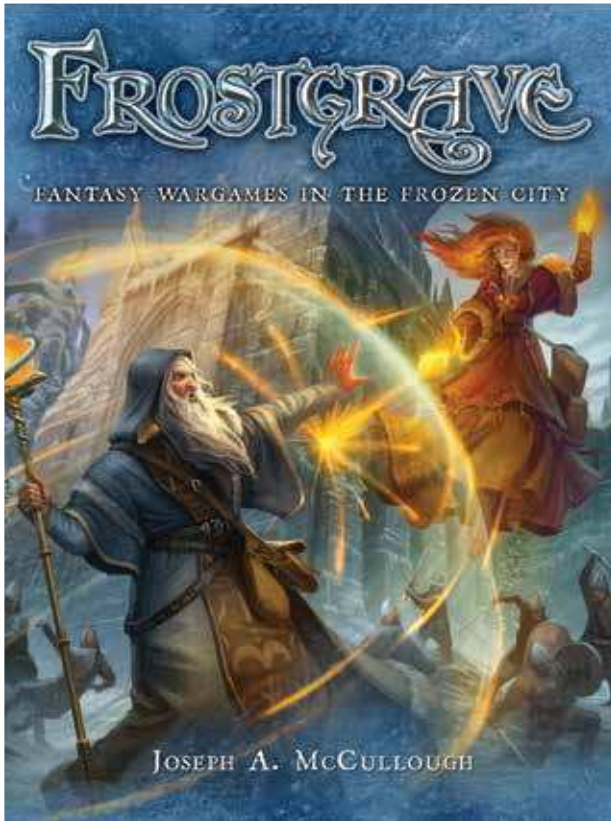
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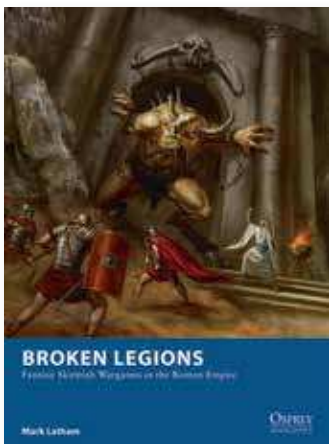
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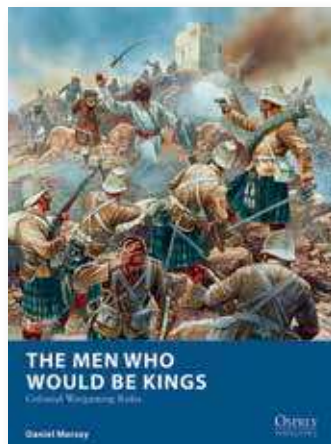
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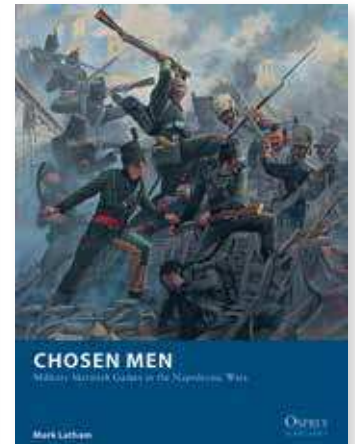
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