



THE ROYAL MARINES

A Short Bibliography

Published by the Royal Marines Museum, Eastney.

(A) GENERAL

1. HISTORICAL REVIEW OF THE ROYAL MARINE CORPS

By Captain Alexander Gillespie Royal Marines

Published by M. Swinney of Birmingham 1803

A review of the Corps from its original institution to 1803. This is understood to be the first history ever published of any Corps or Regiment.

2. HISTORICAL RECORD OF THE MARINE CORPS

By R. Cannon

Published c 1830

An account of its formation and operations from 1664 to 1748 - with two coloured plates.

3. †HISTORICAL RECORD OF THE ROYAL MARINE FORCES VOLUMES I AND II

By Lieutenant P. H. Nicolas, Royal Marines

Published by Thomas & William Boone, London 1845

Volume I covers the period 1664 to 1805 and Volume II 1805 to 1842 - gives good detail of the land and sea actions.

4. †HISTORICAL RECORDS OF THE ROYAL MARINES VOLUME I

By Major L. Edye, Royal Marines Light Infantry

Published by Harrison & Sons, London 1893

Volume I covers period 1664 to 1701 in very good detail. Illustrated with three coloured plates and black and white engravings. The author died before Volume II was completed and it was not published.

5. THE ROYAL MARINES

By Lord Latymer

Published by A. L. Humphreys London 1915

A paper written by Lord Latymer calling attention to unfair treatment of the Royal Marines by the Admiralty with regard to pay, promotion, honours and awards and command prospects.

6. STORY OF THE ROYAL MARINES—LECTURES FOR RECRUITS

By Colonel Markham Rose, DSO

6th Edition published 1932

A very brief history from 1664 to 1930.

7. †BRITAINS SEA SOLDIERS VOLUMES I & II

By Colonel C. Field

Published by The Lyceum Press, Liverpool 1924

These volumes cover in good detail the history of the Corps from the earliest time to 1914. Both well illustrated with coloured plates and black and white drawings. Good details on changes in uniform dress. Recognised as the standard work on this period of Royal Marines History.

8. †BRITAINS SEA SOLDIERS 1914 - 1919

By General Sir H. E. Blumberg, KCB

Published by Swift & Co., Devonport 1927

A history of the Corps activities during World War I. Illustrated by photographs and sketch maps. Recognised as the standard work on this period of Royal Marines History.

9. RANDOM RECORDS OF THE ROYAL MARINES

Compiled by General Sir H. E. Blumberg and Colonel C. Field

Published in connection with the Globe and Laurel, 1935

A non chronological collection of items from diaries, letters, notes and accounts, and official documents, which came to light *after* the publication of Britains Sea Soldiers.

10. SHORT HISTORY OF THE ROYAL MARINES

By Colonel G. Grover

Published by Gale & Polden, Aldershot 1959

The last and revised edition of a booklet originally published in 1948. Covers period 1664 to 1958 with very useful appendices at the back of the book. Illustrated with black and white line drawings by Colonel Bass.

11. †ROYAL MARINES TERCENTENARY 1664 to 1964

By A. Cecil Hampshire

Published 1964

A brief history of the Corps which was published during the Tercentenary Year. This is a good and very readable brief history which is well illustrated with colour and black and white photographs.

12. ROYAL MARINES CORPS ALBUM

By Captain J. S. Hicks, Royal Marines

Published by Whitehead Morris Limited, London 1932

Brief details of incidents from Corps history illustrated by the author with two colour plates and numerous black and white drawings.

13. ROYAL MARINE TERCENTENARY 1664 to 1964
An account of the Royal Marines *Tercentenary Celebrations*
Printed by W. S. Cowell Limited, Ipswich 1964
An account of the various events which comprised the Tercentenary Year Celebrations. Well illustrated with four coloured plates and many black and white photographs.

14. †ROYAL MARINE ARTILLERY Volumes I and II
By E. Fraser and L. G. Carr-Laughton
Published by The Royal United Service Institution London 1930
Recognised as the standard work on the history of the RMA. Volume I covers period 1804 to 1859 and Volume II 1859 to 1923. Excellent detail and well illustrated.

15. †ROYAL MARINES—THE ADMIRALTY RECORD OF THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS 1939 - 1943
Published by His Majesty's Stationery Office 1944
An account of their wartime operations. Prepared by the Ministry of Information and issued as a booklet with paper covers. Illustrated with official photographs.

16. †THE MARINES WERE THERE
By Sir Robert Bruce Lockhart
Published by Putnam, London 1950
An account of some of the chief exploits of the Royal Marines during the Second World War.

17. FIGHTING MARINES
By Patrick Pringle
Published by Evans Brothers Limited, London 1966
Exploits of Marines through the ages written principally for the 12 to 16 years age group.

18. *THE ROYAL MARINES
Published Pitkin Pictorials Ltd. 1971
A short pictorial history in 24 pages of which four contain illustrations in full colour. One page is devoted as an easy reference for details of badges, memorable dates, the Colours, Regimental Marches and awards of the VC.

19. *THE ROYAL MARINES

By Major General J. L. Moulton, CB, DSO, OBE

Published Leo Cooper Ltd. 1972

A brief but absorbing history of the Corps published in the well known Famous Regimental Series. Contains 12 pages of photographs, a useful bibliography and the music and words of the Regimental Marches.

20. ROYAL MARINES POCKET BOOK

By Major H. N. Houghton RMLI

Published by Charpentier & Company, Portsmouth c 1905

A most useful reference book for Royal Marines ashore and afloat. Includes useful chapters on boat work, knots and splices, semaphore etc.

21. ROYAL MARINE POCKET BOOK-(Four Parts)

By Major P. B. H. Wall and Lieutenant G. A. M. Ritson

Published by Gale & Polden Limited, Aldershot 1945

A useful set of reference books for Royal Marines ashore and afloat. Part I is illustrated with coloured plates and includes useful information on uniforms, badges and insignia, together with a chronological list of dates relevant to Corps History.

22. THE GLOBE AND LAUREL (Magazine)

This is the Journal of the Royal Marines and is published every 2 months. It is well illustrated with photographs and besides articles of historical interest has many articles and reports which give a good insight into the present day Corps.

The first issue came out on 1 May 1892 and continued monthly until December 1951. Since that date it has been published every two months in February, April, June, August, October and December. A subscription form will be sent on request.

* May be purchased from Royal Marines Museum, Royal Marines Eastney, Southsea, Hants, PO4 9PX.

† Should be obtainable through any Public Library in Great Britain.

(B) UNIT HISTORIES AND ASSOCIATED BOOKS

1. 40 COMMANDO ROYAL MARINES IN HAIFA
Compiled by Intelligence Section 40 Commando
Printed by G. Muscat, Malta 1948
An account of the period January to June 1948; the critical days before the withdrawal of British Forces from Palestine. Published in booklet form.
2. FUEL OF THE FIRE (41 Royal Marines Commando)
Published 1950
3. A HISTORY OF 41 COMMANDO ROYAL MARINES
A very brief history in booklet form published by the Unit.
4. A HISTORY OF 43 COMMANDO ROYAL MARINES
Published 1962
A very brief history in booklet form published by the Unit.
5. HISTORY OF 45 COMMANDO ROYAL MARINES
Published 1970
A very brief history in booklet form published by the Unit.
6. COMMANDO MEN
By Lieutenant Bryan Samain Royal Marines
Published by Stevens & Sons Limited, London 1948
The Story of 45 Royal Marines at the Normandy Landings and later in North West Europe.
7. FOUR FIVE
By Lieutenant David Young Royal Marines
Published by Leo Cooper Ltd., in 1972
The story of 45 Commando RM from its formation in 1943 up to 1971.
8. THE STORY OF 46 COMMANDO ROYAL MARINES
By Captain P. K. W. Johnson Royal Marines
Published by Gale & Polden, Aldershot 1946
A detailed account of the Commando at the Normandy Landings and later in North West Europe - from June 1944 to April 1945.

9. 48 ROYAL MARINE COMMANDO—THE STORY 1944 to 1946
By 'Anonymous'
Published privately in 1946
A detailed account of operations from "D" Day to the assault on Walcheren.

10. HASTE TO BATTLE
By Major General J. L. Moulton
Published by Cassell & Company Limited, London 1963
The Author was Commanding Officer of 48 Commando 1944 - 45. This is an account of the unit operations from "D" Day to the assault on Walcheren.

11. LOWER THE RAMPS—A story of 43 Royal Marines Commando
By E. G. Stokoe
Published Brown, Watson Limited London 1955 (paperback)
A true story by a member of the Commando of the raids on the Dalmatian Islands and operations in Yugoslavia 1944 - 45

12. A SHORT HISTORY OF THE ROYAL MARINES IN DEAL
By Major A. D. H. Jones Royal Marines
Published 1963
A brief history in booklet form

13. †GREEN BERET, RED STAR
By Major Anthony Crockett Royal Marines
Published by Eyre and Spottiswoode, London 1954
An account of the operations of one troop of a Royal Marines Commando in Malaya 1952/53 by the Troop Commander.

14. †COCKLESHELL HEROES
By C. E. Lucas Phillips
Published by Heineman Limited, London 1956 (Paperback edition by Pan Books, London 1957)
The story of a raid on enemy shipping in Bordeaux harbour 1942 by a small party of Royal Marines in six canoes.

15. TOUR OF DUTY IN LONDON 1935

Printed by Gale & Polden, Aldershot 1935

A photographic record of the duties performed by the London Battalion Royal Marines during their tour of duty in London August-September 1935. Includes full list of officers and other ranks who formed the battalion.

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(C) MEMOIRS AND REMINISCENCES

1. MILITARY TREATISE ON THE DISCIPLINE OF THE MARINE FORCES WHEN AT SEA
By John MacIntire, Lieutenant of Marines
Published T. Davies, London 1763
Instructions for drill with and without arms. Duties of Marines on board ship, duties of Marine Officers on board ship and their responsibility for welfare etc., of their men.
2. MEMOIRS OF THE LATE MAJOR GENERAL ANDREW BURN
Published 1816
3. MEMOIRS OF MAJOR OLDFIELD (Major Thomas Oldfield RM)
Extracted from his own papers and various public and private documents.
Published by G. A. Pocock, Dartford
4. MEMOIRS OF MAJOR THOMAS OLDFIELD ROYAL MARINES
By Rev Doctor Mee
Published 1905
A brief account of his life.
5. MARINE OFFICER Volumes I and II
By Sir Robert Steele
Published H. Colburn, London 1840
Some excellent sketches of life in the service 1803 - 1813
6. MEMOIRS AND SERVICES OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL SIR S. B. ELLIS
From his own papers
Edited by Lady Ellis
Published Saunders, Otley & Company, London 1866
Covers the period 1804 - 1863
7. PER MARE PER TERRAM
By Major W. H. Poynz Royal Marines
Published by The Economic Printing & Publishing Co. London 1892
Reminiscences of thirty-two years military, naval and constabulary service 1856 - 1888.

8. †MEMORIES OF A MARINE
By Major General Sir George Aston
Published John Murray, London 1919
Covers service with the Royal Marine Artillery from 1879 - 1919.

9. †MARINE GUNNER
By Patrick Mee
Published Jonathan Cape, London 1935
Recollections of service with the Royal Marine Artillery 1897 - 1919

10. †THE AWKWARD MARINE
By J. Spenser
Published Longman, Green & Company, London 1948. (Paperback edition by Viking War Books)
His account of the fighting at Dieppe 1942, and his capture and subsequent experiences as a Prisoner of War, until liberated in 1945. NOTE The paperback is an abridged version of the hardback book.

11. †ONE MARINES TALE
By General Sir Leslie Hollis
Published by Andre Deutsch, London 1956
An account of his service from 1914 - 1952 with particular emphasis on his service at Whitehall as Assistant Secretary to the Chiefs of Staff Committee, Secretary of the Strategic Side of the Defence Secretariat and later as Commandant General Royal Marines.

12. IN MANY PARTS
By Lieutenant Colonel W. P. Drury
Published by T. Fisher Unwin Limited, London 1926
The memoirs of a Royal Marine who was also an author and playwright.

13. †ROYAL MARINE—An Autobiography
By Colonel Sam Bassett
Published by Peter Davis, London 1926
From Private RMLI to Colonel Royal Marines 1907 to 1961.

14. †MY LIFE AND TIMES—OCTAVE FIVE 1915 - 1923
By Compton Mackenzie
Published by Chatto & Windus, London 1966
Recalls the famous author's period of service as a Royal Marine Officer.

15. †ADVENTURE GLORIOUS

By Ronald Healiss

Published Frederick Muller Limited, London 1955

The story of a Royal Marine who was serving in HMS GLORIOUS when she was sunk in 1940 and spent four days and nights on a life raft in Arctic Seas off Narvik.

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(D) BOOKS CONTAINING MATERIAL OF INTEREST TO THE ROYAL MARINES

1. †ON FOUR FRONTS WITH THE ROYAL NAVAL DIVISION

By G. Sparrow & J. N. Macbean Ross

Published by Hodder & Stoughton, London 1918

Antwerp 1914, Gallipoli 1915, Salonica 1916, France 1916 - 18.

2. †ROYAL NAVAL DIVISION

By Douglas Jerrold

Published by Hutchinson & Company, London 1923

A detailed history of the Division and its battles 1914 - 1918.

3. †ZEEBRUGGE-ST GEORGE'S DAY 1918

By Barrie Pitt

Published by Cassell & Company, London 1958

A detailed and vivid account of the attack on the Mole and the attempt to block the mouth of the Zeebrugge Canal.

4. †AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS

By Arch Whitehouse

Published by Frederick Muller Limited, London 1964

Describing various operations from the earliest times to the present day.

5. †COMBINED OPERATIONS 1940 - 42

The Official Story of the Commandos

Published by His Majesty's Stationery Office 1943

Written around official reports and well illustrated with photographs and diagrams.

6. †THE MAN WHO NEVER WAS

By Ewen Montagu

Published by Evans Brothers Limited, 1953

The story of Major W. Martin Royal Marines, an "identity" created by the Naval Intelligence Section 1943. He did not exist, except on paper.

7. †GREEN BERET

By Hilary St George Saunders

Published by Michael Joseph, London 1949

The story of the Commandos 1940 - 45 illustrated with maps and photographs.

8. COMMANDO

By Peter Young

Published by Macdonald & Co., London 1970 as No. 7 in Purnell's Weapons Book series

A brief, well illustrated, history of the Commandos 1940 - 45

9. †LAST POST: ADEN 1964 - 67

By Julian Paget

Published Faber & Faber, London 1969

A history of the South Arabian campaign 1964 - 67.

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(E) FICTION

1. ONCE A MARINE

By E. G. Stokoe

(Paperback edition by Digit Books)

A fictional story written around the author's own experiences in the Royal Marines and 43 Royal Marines Commando.

2. †THE CONSCRIPTS

By Walter Winward

Published Cassell & Company, 1968

(Paperback edition by Pan Books 1969)

A novel of National Servicemen under training in the Royal Marines and subsequent operations in Cyprus and Suez.

† These books should be obtainable through any Public Library in Great Britain