



# 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.

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



## **(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. Poyntz 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.

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

## **(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.

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