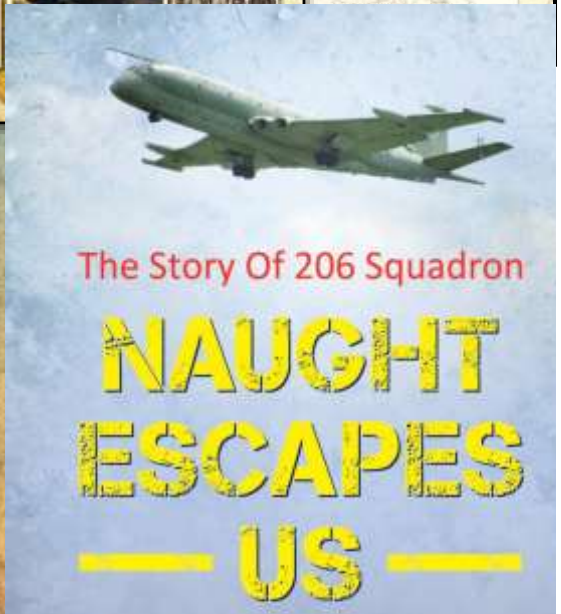
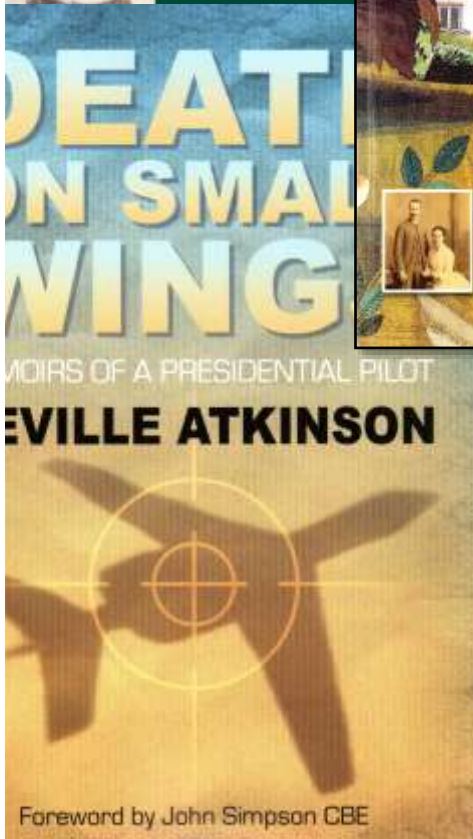
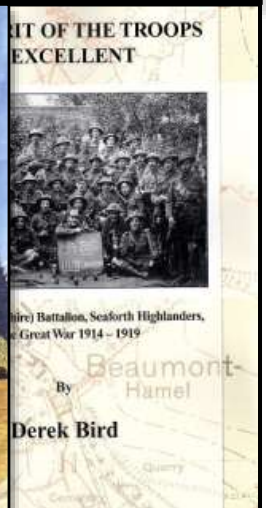
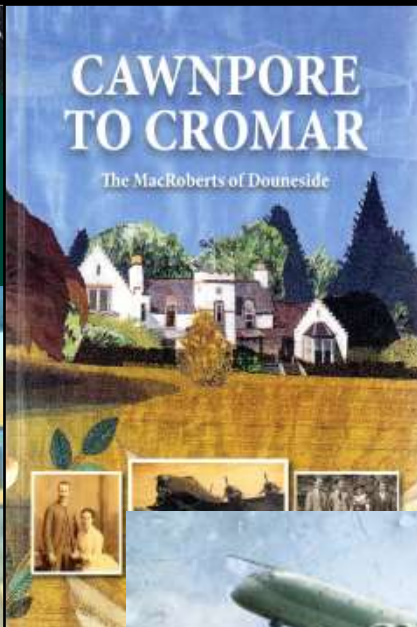
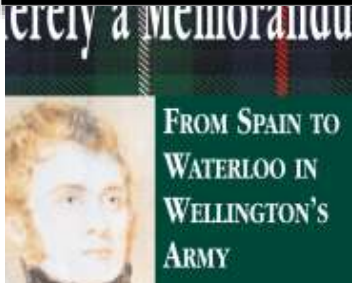
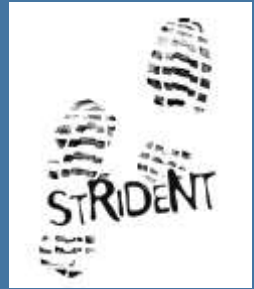


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The History of the 51st Highland Division

J B Salmond

With subsequent history 1945-2013 by Dr Tom Renouf MM

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'Of the many fine Divisions that served under me in the Second World War, none were finer than the Highland Division.'

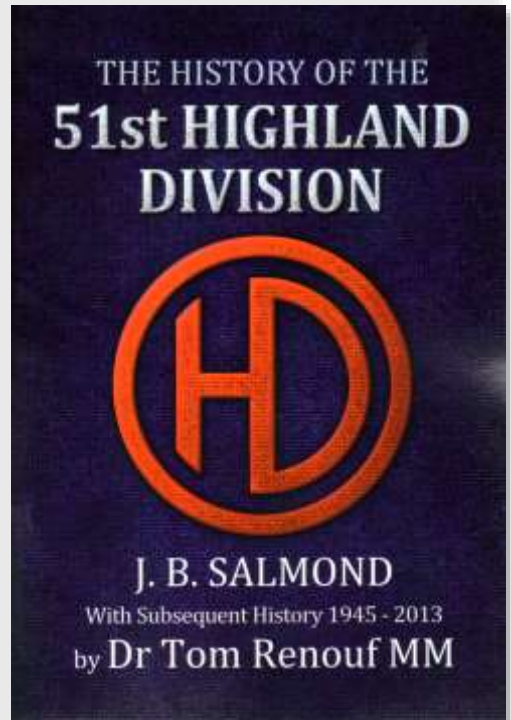
Field Marshal Montgomery

The 51st Highland Division was looked upon with admiration throughout the Allied Armies for its part in World Wars I & II. In Scotland it has become a potent symbol of national pride. The exploits of this famous Division are part of the very fabric of the country.

This outstanding history by JB Salmond was first published in 1953 and republished in 1995 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of D-Day.

This new edition, with World War I material by Neil Munro, will appeal to all those wanting to read more about these brave men.

Dr Tom Renouf has updated the history to 2013, recording the many poignant occasions when veterans of the Division have paid tribute to their fallen colleagues at memorials throughout Europe. The accompanying photographs confirm the deep loyalty of those who fought and the descendants of the civilians whose towns and villages the 51st liberated.



A Cameron Never Can Yield

A Prisoner of War's Escape from Germany to Gibraltar

Gregor MacDonald

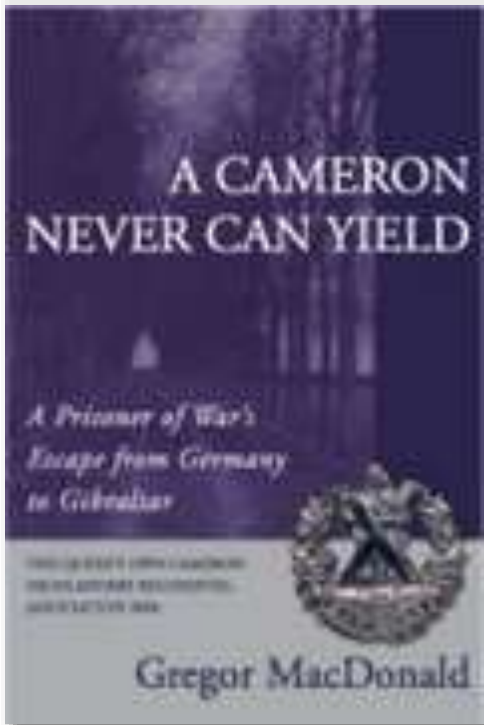
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Gregor MacDonald, a native of the Isle of Harris, was recruited in the 4th Territorial Army Battalion of the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders in 1939. It was not long before the battalion was in the thick of action in France and the retreat and surrender of the 51st Highland Division at St Valery.

Then a prisoner of war, Gregor MacDonald decided to make a break at the first opportunity. He succeeded in escaping during the march from the front.

This personal account records Gregor's route through occupied territory, Vichy France through Spain to Gibraltar. His harrowing experiences en route, especially in the Spanish jail of Zaragoza, leave the reader in awe of his indomitable spirit.



The Spirit Of The Troops Is Excellent

The 6th (Morayshire) Battalion, Seaforth Highlanders in the Great War, 1914 -1919

Derek Bird

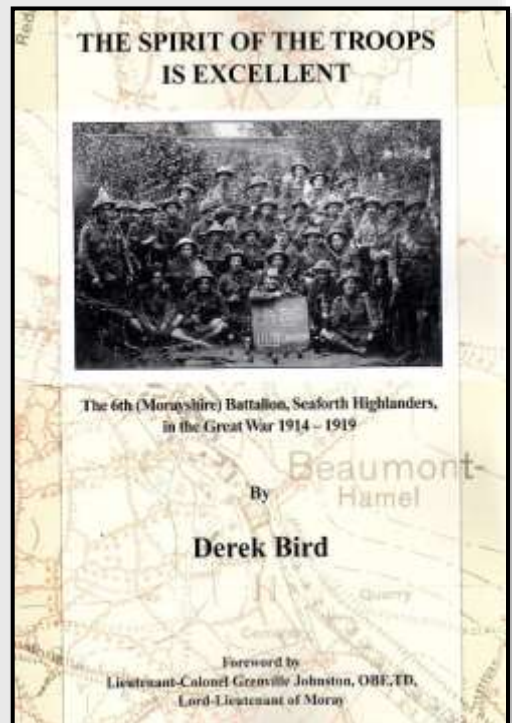
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The declaration of war against Germany in August 1914 saw the Territorials of the 6th (Morayshire) Battalion, Seaforth Highlanders, mobilised for the first time. After crossing to France, the battalion fought with great distinction as part of the famous 51st (Highland) Division in the major battles of 1916-18. Of the 4,888 men who served with the Morayshire battalion during the Great War, 1,163 were killed. Their names are found on headstones or on memorials to the missing in France and Belgium as well as at home.

The survivors of the earlier battles led the young reinforcements to victory in November 1918, making the story all the more remarkable.

The result of years of research, this book is compiled from official and unofficial documents, newspaper and privately held accounts. Illustrated with over 175 photographs, drawings and maps, it tells the story of ordinary men who performed extraordinary deeds fighting a skilful and determined enemy.

Derek Bird has researched many aspects of the Great War and chairs the Scotland (North) Branch of the Western Front Association.



The Story of 206 Squadron: Naught Escapes Us

Peter B Gunn

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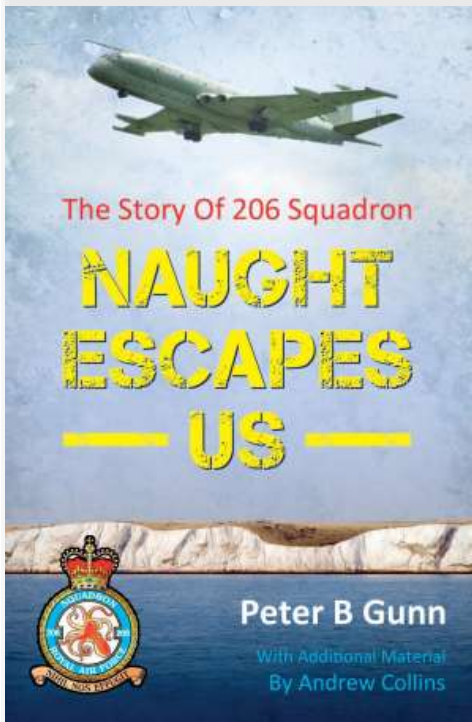
The definitive story of one of the RAF's oldest squadrons. Appendices and a comprehensive index making this a valuable reference work.

No 206 Squadron began its life with the formation of the Royal Air Force in April 1918. Like many other units, it was absorbed into the fledgling RAF from its previous existence as No 6 Squadron RNAS.

This story of the unit from its early days in World War I through to 2015 is told with personal recollections, contemporary photographs, maps and drawings, and extracts from Operational Record Books. The terrible toll on men and machines in World War I is described. Subsequent chapters dealing with World War II detail boring but essential ocean patrols,

interspersed with stories of extraordinary valour in the face of enemy fire. The Cold War saw involvement in the Berlin Air Lift, in the Hydrogen Bomb tests at Christmas Island and in further long ocean patrols. More recent events in Iraq and Afghanistan kept the squadron occupied until its disbandment in 2005. Its resurrection in 2009 as 206 (Reserve) Squadron—a Test and Evaluation Squadron—brings the story up to date.

Andrew Collins, a member of 206 Squadron, has researched the Squadron's recent activities and added a chapter to Gunn's original text.



Terror Below The Wind

A Soldier's Story—Borneo, 1961-64

Mike Jacobs

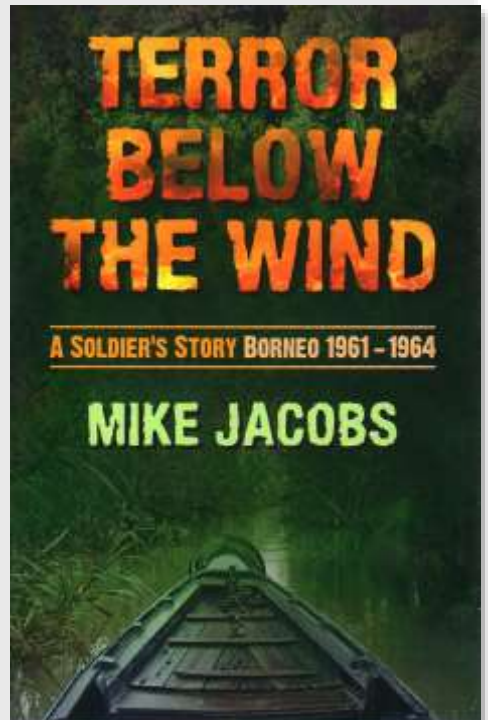
Military history ISBN 978-1-906775-01-8 Pbk 181pp RRP: £7.99

This gripping book tells the story of a group of soldiers of The Queen's Own Highlanders and their adventures during service in the Far East in the 1960s.

During operations in Borneo and Malaya they were engaged in long border patrols and in anti-piracy patrols aimed at curbing their activities in the South China Sea.

Mike Jacobs' fast-moving book describes the daring rescue of hostages at the time of the rebellion in Brunei, leads us to his discovery of Japanese soldiers, still unaware that WWII had finished sixteen years earlier, and to a hoard of Japanese War gold. While enjoying a well-earned rest they experienced some amazing events during wild nights in downtown Singapore's gangland.

Fact and fiction are skilfully interwoven and not all of the most incredible stories are fiction.



Cawnpore To Cromar

The MacRoberts of Douneside

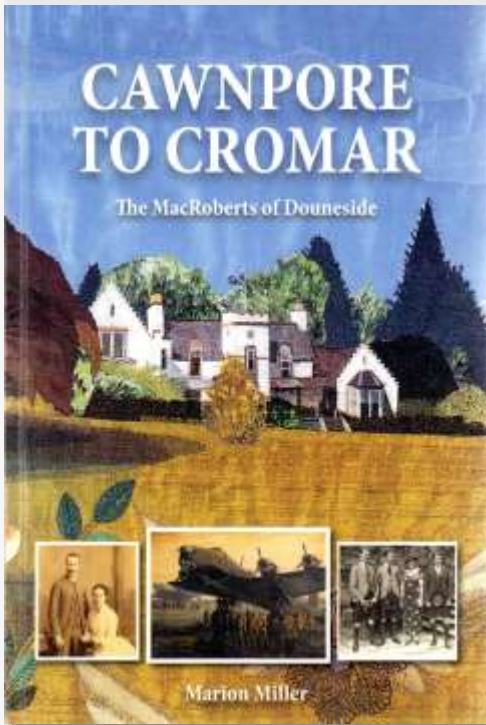
Marion Miller

Scottish social history/military history ISBN 978-1-909238-09-1
208pp Pbk RRP: £12.99

A comprehensive biography of an important Scottish family whose success and generosity has greatly benefited many people.

In the darkest days of World War II, Rachel MacRobert's very personal challenge to the Nazis inspired the British public to battle on. Alone, without a husband by her side and mourning the loss of her three aviator sons, she travelled the country to raise morale.

But words were not enough: with boldness and imagination this American from Massachusetts, who made Aberdeenshire her home, took the fight to the enemy by donating a warplane to the RAF.



This book sheds new light upon the legend of MacRobert's Reply and tells the extraordinary and colourful stories of Sir Alexander MacRobert and his first wife Georgina. 'Mac' may have begun life in a tenement in Aberdeen, but he turned an ailing woollen mill in India into one of the most successful enterprises in the British Empire. He was the creator of a vast fortune and his endowment, along with other land and property assets, formed the basis of one of the United Kingdom's major charitable trusts. The MacRobert Trust is still based in Tarland today.

Death On Small Wings

Memoirs of Colonel Gaddafi's Personal Presidential Pilot

Neville Atkinson *Foreword: John Simpson CBE*

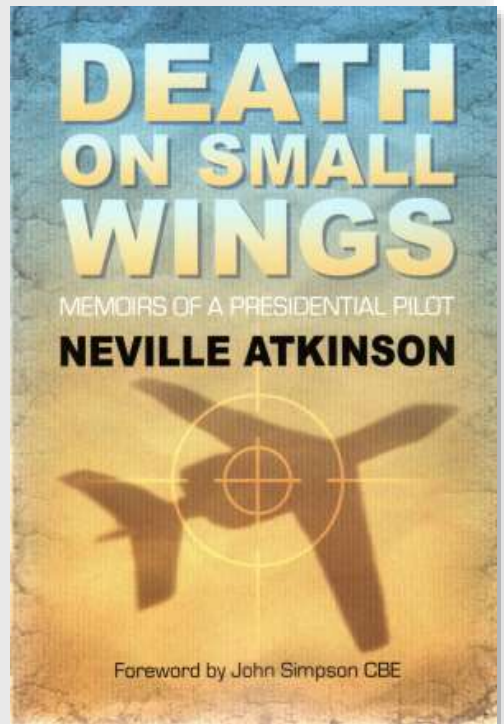
Military history ISBN 978-1-904440-78-9 408pp Pbk RRP: £14.99

In 1972, Neville Atkinson left a career as a night fighter pilot in the Royal Navy to become personal pilot to Libya's President, Col Gaddafi.

During the next ten years his role was to fly The President, government ministers and many world dignitaries around the Middle East and Africa. In the course of these flights his relaxed conversations and perceptive observation of his passengers gave him a rare insight into their personalities, and the politics and happenings of the time.

The turmoil of the Middle East meant uncertainty and danger. His Falcon 20 executive jet was fired on by anti-aircraft guns as he came into land in South Yemen, and he survived the terrifying experience of having six SAM II missiles fired at the plane while conveying the Libyan Prime Minister to Egypt during the Arab-Israeli war. The crew was also forced into taking Carlos The Jackal and his three fellow terrorists from Algiers to Mogadishu in Somalia after they kidnapped the OPEC conference in Vienna – an unnerving and obnoxious ordeal.

The author recalls his experience with the factual eye and pertinent observations of a professional, filling a gap in our knowledge of the Middle East during the 1970s.



A Likely Story

A Light-hearted Account of RAF National Service in the 1950s

Guy Capshaw

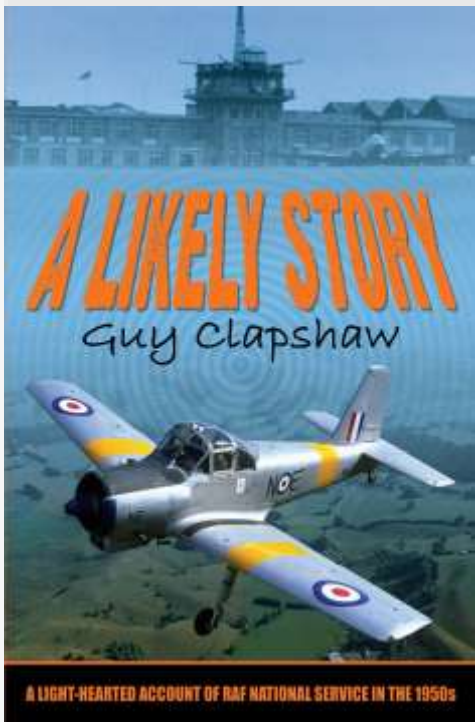
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Notification from Her Majesty the Queen's government that she would like you to fly her high performance aircraft for the next two years is the stuff aviation-mad teenagers dream about. This was the story of Guy Clapshaw and a number of young men called up for military National Service in the 1950s.

At the time Britain was Great, with the first ascent of Mount Everest, the Coronation and an aircraft industry second to none, producing exceptional aircraft like the Comet jet liner, supersonic Hunter jet fighter, V-bombers, Viscount and Gannet. So the author was delighted when he was called up into the Royal Air Force for two years' compulsory service.

In this light-hearted book, he describes the progress of a group of young men from various backgrounds (from school boys to lawyers to book-makers) learning to become RAF pilots. These diverse characters make the serious business of learning to fly both interesting and amusing. Meet 'Switches' Phipps, Big Dick (6ft 8 inches), Deep Depression Dan the hypochondriac meteorologist and Sonjah, the nubile temptress who can't keep her eyes and hands off Big Dick.

The academic pace of the course is demanding and the reader is kept wondering how many will last and be awarded their wings.



The Last Colonial Regiment

The History of the Kenya Regiment (TF)

Ian Parker

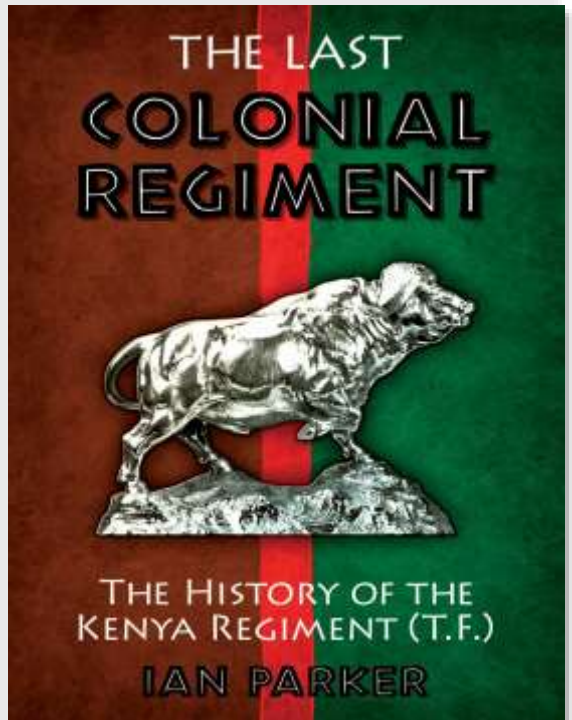
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The Kenya Regiment was the last of a long line of British colonial militias. The book describes its evolution and short life, starting in 1937 and ending in 1963.

In the Second World War, the regiment did not enter the field as a unit but provided Officers and NCOs for the far larger King's African Rifles.

In Kenya's Mau Mau rebellion between 1952 and 1956 the regiment did put operation control companies into the field, as well as once again providing Officers and NCOs for the KAR.

This history by serving member Ian Parker is a comprehensive record of the regiment's operations and of those who served in it.



Wing Over Three Continents

Diary of an Air Observer, 1939-45

Andrew Collins

Military history ISBN 978-1-904440-94-9 454pp Pbk RRP: £14.99

In 1939-40 thousands of young men decided that they would have to take up arms for their country in the war against Germany. Charles Collins was just one of them, and this is the story of his war, told in his own words through his diary, his journal and his letters home to his family.

The work has been edited by his son, with commentary. Also included are extracts from Squadron Operations Record Books and other official papers. Together they put events and places into context.

The frustrations and delays of early RAF training led to the eventual award of the brevet of an Air Observer. Surviving the debacle that was his first operational flight with an Australian Squadron, he went on to fly all over North Africa, first in a maritime patrol role and later on a transport squadron.

With that squadron he supported the invasion of Sicily and southern Italy before being moved to India to support operations by the Chindits.

Troubled for years by an eye injury, he eventually underwent a series of operations which threatened his fitness to continue as aircrew in the RAF and had finally to face the prospect of being grounded.

Charles Collins' account will strike a poignant chord among ex service-men. At the same time it provides a fascinating record of life lived by RAF aircrew during World War II.



Even When the Sparrows are Walking

The Origin and Effect of No.100 (Bomber Support Group) Group, RAF, 1943-45

Laurie Brettingham & Tommy Smith

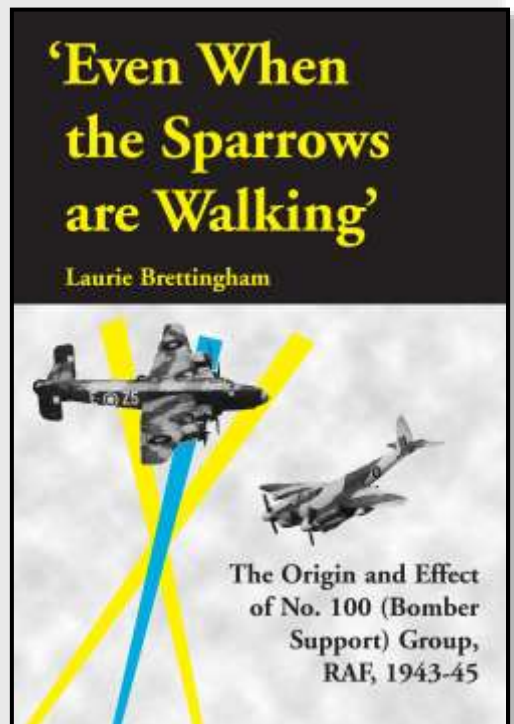
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During World War II, in 1943, the RAF was paying a high price in both men and aircraft for its offensive in Europe.

In an effort to reduce losses it was thought advisable to set up a radio countermeasures unit. It was a unique creation and, in the words of AOC, Air Vice Marshal EB Addison, 'a strange conglomeration'. For the first time the RAF's bomber and fighter elements were successfully blended, while American units were absorbed for operational purposes.

Laurie Brettingham's detailed account provides a definitive look at the many elements that made up 100 group, using official records and anecdotal material. Most importantly, the people involved tell their story through their letters, reports and conversations. An easy-to-follow, valuable contribution to understanding radio countermeasures developed during that crucial period of the war.

'The main force has been stood down due to bad weather. But we fly, gentlemen, even when the sparrows are walking.' Grp Cpt AN Bray, DFC, Station Commander.



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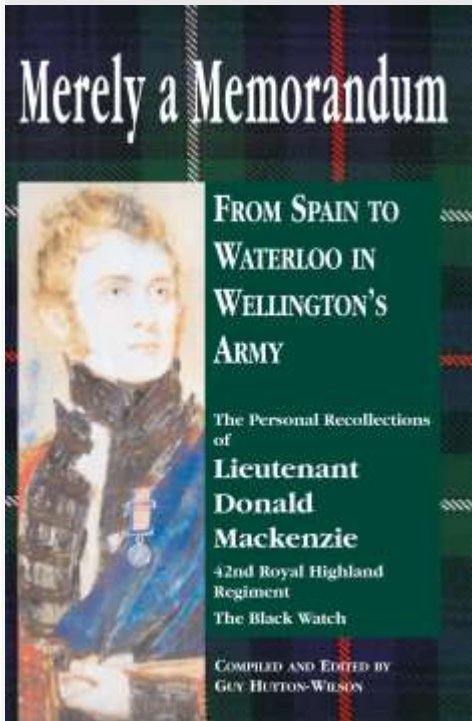
The personal account of a young Highland Scot, a lieutenant in the famous 42nd Highland Regiment (The Black Watch) caught up in the struggle to get rid of the Dictator then over-running Europe and threatening to invade Britain, as Hitler did some 130 years later.

Donald Mackenzie and The Black Watch were in the thick of it and 'in at the kill' when Napoleon was finally despatched at the Battle of Waterloo. Two days earlier, Donald had attended the Duchess of Gordon's fabulous Grand Ball in Brussels.

There was a glamour about the Highlanders in those days: their bright red tunics, the kilts and sporrans they wore, even into battle, and the shrill sound of the bagpipes, as well as their regimental pride.

Donald describes graphically the other side of the coin too – the incredible hardships and dangers he and thousands of English and Scottish soldiers endured in the Portuguese mountains and on Spain's searing plains.

To make the present-day reader familiar with events and the age, a wealth of information is included to bring Donald's account alive as a fascinating story of bravery and determination during the campaign that led to almost a hundred years of peace in Europe.



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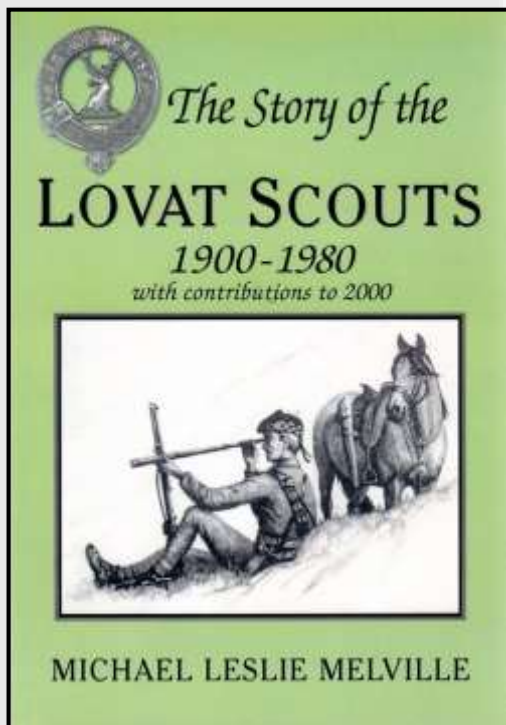
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This unique Regiment of Scouts was raised by Lord Lovat in 1900, mainly from Highland stalkers. Valiant, hardy and unorthodox, they and their successors distinguished themselves in two world wars. Serving in a variety of roles, they were always superb in fieldcraft, spying and reconnaissance.

Today the Lovat Scouts' cap badge is proudly worn by the Orkney Independent Cadet Battery of the Army Cadet Force.

The Lovat Scouts' story is told for the first time with eye-witness accounts of their exciting exploits and also of many strange and amusing incidents. Written with realism, humour and affection, this book is a living contribution to Highland and military history.



World War II in Moray

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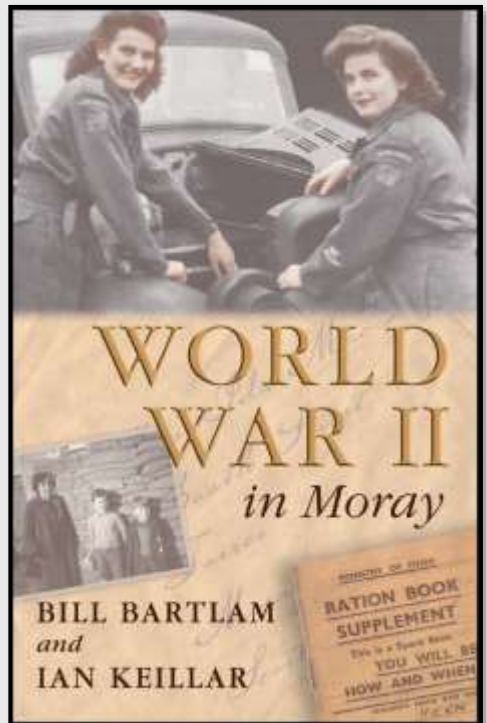
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Little has been written about Moray and its role in defeating the Axis powers during World War II. While remote from battles and Hitler's bombs, Moray played an important role as a training ground. It was also in the front line against a possible German North Sea invasion.

Bill Bartlam and Ian Keillar have written a fascinating and important record of wartime activities in Moray. The difficult living conditions, though considered normal at the time, are almost unimaginable today. Their research led them to all sections of the community; chapters deal not only with the military activities of all three services but also with the many civilian organisations that contributed so much to victory. From Civil Defence, the Women's Voluntary Service, the Auxiliary Fire Service, to the Women's Land Army, the authors acknowledge many whose contributions have hitherto been unrecorded.

Bartlam and Keillar served throughout the war. Their writing is authoritative and shows understanding. The conditions and atmosphere of the period are graphically described, while the text is supported by many contemporary photographs and maps.



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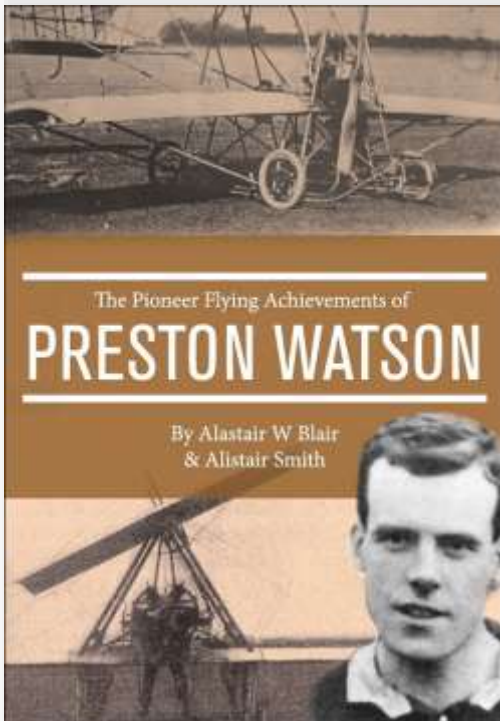
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At the turn of the 19th century, what was to become the aviation industry was the preserve of a few enthusiastic amateurs whose ambition to be the first fly bordered on obsession. The Wright brothers, Otto Lillienthal, Percy Pilcher and others were on the cusp of success.

Preston Watson was born in Dundee in 1881 and from an early age showed an innovative interest in developing a flying machine which could take off and land under its own power. While records are incomplete, many believe that Watson beat the Wright brothers into the air by a margin of months in 1903. His unique rocking-wing aircraft was

launched, with the engine at full power, by a simple catapult device. His subsequent two machines aimed to improve this performance. He is credited with inventing the joystick – the idea is still in use in every aircraft today.

Determining who was first to fly is not the objective of this book. Rather, it records the hitherto unsung efforts of this son of Dundee whose short life – he died aged thirty-four – had a significant influence on the history of aviation.



A Sacred Cause

The Inter-Congolese Dialogue 2000-2003

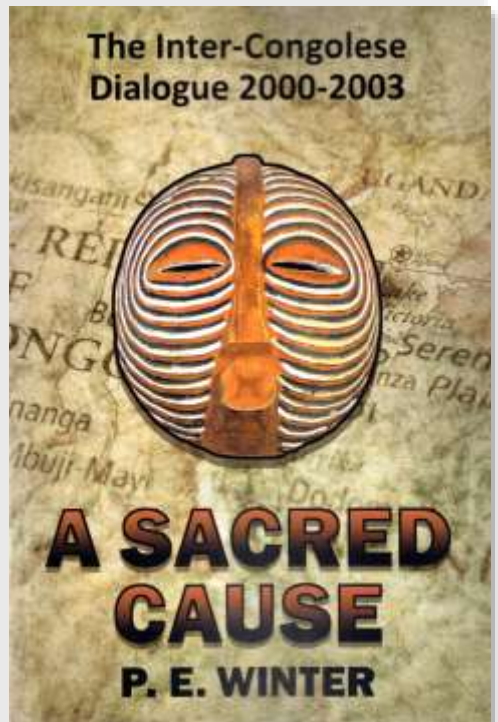
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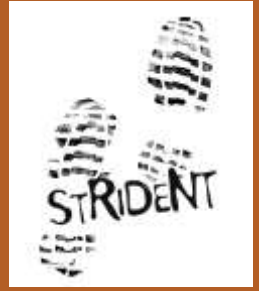
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In March 2000, Philip Winter was approached to act as Chef de Cabinet to the ex-President of Botswana, Sir Ketumile 'Quett' Masire, who had been selected to chair and facilitate the talks to which three main warring parties in the Democratic Republic of the Congo had agreed in the Lusaka Ceasefire Agreement in 1999.

The long and complicated discussions which followed, with so many other interested parties, turned into a negotiating marathon lasting over three years and culminating in a signed agreement in Sun City in April 2003. Masire was especially mindful of the need to maintain a neutral stance between all the parties involved – not easy for any of those who worked tirelessly to bring the agreement to fruition.

This account of the negotiations, taken from the author's notes at the time and from minutes and reports of the many meetings, forms a definitive record of how patience and diplomacy set the framework for a better future for the eighty million inhabitants of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. This is a book which should be read by all those interested in the resolution of conflicts in general and in Africa in particular.





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