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This Guide will lead military personnel, their families, and other students interested in the lessons of military history through the vast richness of exhibits and artifacts in the Army Museum System, both in the U.S. and abroad. Open to the public, these museums help form

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a bridge linking today's Army with yesterday and tomorrow for the citizen. The Army's materiel culture comprises over 600,000 artifacts valued at over \$740 million. Lists over 80 museums and includes: hours of operation, address, telephone, directions, background, programs and services, museum publications, and a photo. Also includes Army Reserve museums. Rescuing from history the heroes on the front line whose bravery has

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been overlooked, and giving voice to their bereaved relatives at home, Hugh Sebag-Montefiore reveals the Battle of the Somme in all its glory and misery, helping us to realize that there are many meaningful ways to define a battle when seen through the eyes of those who lived it. Some books are catalysts. *Shake Hands with the Devil* was one. For 2017, that book is *Out Standing in the Field*. In her memoir,

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Sandra Perron describes her experience of the Canadian Military - one of the most important institutions of our nation. What she has to say is exactly what the top brass has been paying lip-service to for years, and doing nothing to improve. In 2016, the Auditor General's Report noted that the military had no strategy to recruit women, even though they are required to meet a target that 25% of the uniformed personnel be

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women. According to Statistics Canada, 1,000 members of our military say they have been sexually assaulted in the past year. In her revealing and moving memoir, Sandra Perron, Canada's first female infantry officer and a member of the Royal 22e Régiment - the legendary "Van Doos" - describes her fight against a system of institutional sexism. Though repeatedly identified as top of her class throughout her training,

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she was subject to harassment by her male colleagues. Her military experience, however, wasn't all negative. Through two deployments to Bosnia and Croatia, Perron forged lasting friendships with men and women, serving her country with courage and compassion, and her determination helped pave the way for women's inclusion in the Armed Forces. Out Standing in the Field is the story of a soldier who refused to let her comrades or

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her country down, even while serving a military institution that failed her repeatedly.

Beautifully written, Perron's memoir is a testament to her fortitude and patriotism, and serves as proof that the spirit of a true hero cannot be bent or broken.

This manuscript is the first biography of Joseph Holt, the U.S. Army's Judge Advocate General during the Civil War. Leonard argues that Holt has been portrayed

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as more or less a caricature of himself, flatly represented as the brutal prosecutor of Lincoln's assassins and the judge who allowed Mary Surratt to be hanged despite knowing her sentence had been reduced. Leonard contends that the southern view of Holt became the predominant way we see him, in large part because the memory perpetrated by the Lost Cause defined Holt as ruthless toward Southerners and the

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South. But Leonard argues that there is much more to Holt than what sympathizers with the Lost Cause came to think of him, and she tells his story here, from his early life in Kentucky to his wartime life as a member of Lincoln's administration to his postwar life as the prosecutor of Lincoln's assassins. Perhaps most important, Leonard will look at the erasure of Holt from American memory and investigate how such a

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significant figure has
come to be so widely
misunderstood.

The Secrets and Stories
of Military Service from
the Final Few Women Who
Fought in World War II
Army History

Asia in Flanders Fields
Out Standing in the
Field

Indians and Chinese on
the Western Front,
1914-1920

Army Girls

The National Army Museum
Book of the Turkish
Front 1914-1918

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Book of the Boer WarPan
MacMillan

Army Girls tells the unique and compelling story of the women who lived and fought during the Second World War. It is a celebration of the phenomenal achievements of women who gave everything to their country and joined the armed forces at the outbreak of war. At long last, the story of their service will be heard, interwoven with events and precious moments from 1939-45. Commemorating the 80th anniversary of the

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Conscription Act which then allowed British women to enter service into the armed forces, it the final chance to hear the incredible true stories from some of the very last living female veterans of the conflict, who capture a pivotal moment in British history from a woman's perspective. Army Girls is about belonging, resilience, gender, fear, life and death. More than any other oral history from veterans of WWII published, this one is bedded in the present day, too. The Coronavirus

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pandemic has shaped the last year of these women's lives, there are both parallels and paradoxes. War was about opportunity and comradery, Covid is isolation and resilience, where memory and nostalgia play an even bigger role. This book is a fitting tribute to them all - the living and the dead. In 1814, with Napoleon in exile, it looked as if his career was over. Then the Emperor escaped and made a last stand, which climaxed on June 18, 1815 at Waterloo. Published to mark the 200th

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anniversary, this
compelling and beautifully
illustrated new treatment
of the Hundred Days
campaign includes
reproductions of
contemporary letters and
documents that graphically
portray Napoleon's final
overthrow.

The biography of Strick,
the tank hero of Arras who
rose to become a general.

Judge Advocate General
Joseph Holt of Kentucky

The Untold Story

Does War Belong in
Museums?

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Book of the Turkish Front

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1914-18**

Hiroshima

National Army Museum

Somme

This book is based on unpublished material, from single letters by barely literate private soldiers to the voluminous correspondence of commander-in-chief Lord Raglan. The whole experience of fighting in the Crimea is captured here: the thrill of combat, the men's impressions of their allies--French, Turkish and Sardinian--the horrors of their first winter in the Crimea, the scandalously inadequate medical arrangements and the impact made by Florence Nightingale. Written by a leading authority in this field, this is a

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colorful, fresh account of one of nineteenth century's most famous conflicts.

The First World War brought peoples from five continents to support the British and French Allies on the Western Front. Many were from colonial territories in the British and French empires, and the largest contingents were Indians and Chinese - some 140,000. It is a story of the encounter with the European 'other', including the civilian European local populations, often marred by racism, discrimination and xenophobia both inside and outside the military command, but also lightened by moving and enduring 'human' social

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relationships. The vital contribution to the Allies and the huge sacrifices involved were scarcely recognised at the Paris Peace Conference in 1918 or the post-war victory celebrations and this led to resentment - see huge media coverage in 2021. The effect of the European 'other' experience enhanced Asian political awareness and self-confidence, and stimulated anti-imperialism and proto-nationalism. This is a vivid and original contribution to imperial decline from the First World War. and the originality of the work is enhanced by rare sources culled from original documents and 'local' European fieldwork - in French,

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German and Flemish.

Over the last two decades, warfare has migrated into cities. From Mosul to Mumbai, Aleppo to Marawi, the major military battles of our time have taken place in densely populated urban areas. Why has this happened? What are the defining characteristics and the military and political implications of urban warfare today? Leading sociologist Anthony King answers these critical questions through close analysis of recent urban battles and their historical antecedents. Exploring the changing typography and evolving tactics of the urban battlescape, he shows that whilst some methods used in urban

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battle are not new, operations in cities have become highly distinctive. Today, urban warfare has coalesced into gruelling micro-sieges, which extend from street level - and below - to the airspace high above the city - as combatants fight for individual buildings, streets, and districts. At the same time, digitalized social media and information networks have communicated these battles to global audiences across the urban archipelago, with these spectators often becoming active participants in the fight. A timely reminder of the costs and the horror of war and violence in cities, this book offers an invaluable interdisciplinary

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introduction to urban warfare in the new millennium for students of international security, urban studies, and military science.

Benjamin Franklin Butler was one of the most important and controversial military and political leaders of the Civil War and Reconstruction eras. Remembered most often for his uncompromising administration of the Federal occupation of New Orleans during the war, Butler reemerges in this lively narrative as a man whose journey took him from childhood destitution to wealth and profound influence in state and national halls of power. Prize-winning biographer Elizabeth D. Leonard chronicles Butler's successful

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career in the law defending the rights of the Lowell Mill girls and other workers, his achievements as one of Abraham Lincoln's premier civilian generals, and his role in developing wartime policy in support of slavery's fugitives as the nation advanced toward emancipation. Leonard also highlights Butler's personal and political evolution, revealing how his limited understanding of racism and the horrors of slavery transformed over time, leading him into a postwar role as one of the nation's foremost advocates for Black freedom and civil rights, and one of its notable opponents of white supremacy and neo-Confederate resurgence. Butler

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himself claimed he was "always with the underdog in the fight." Leonard's nuanced portrait will help readers assess such claims, peeling away generations of previous assumptions and characterizations to provide a definitive life of a consequential man.

Ordnance

Urban Warfare in the Twenty-First
Century

A Memoir by Canada's First
Female Infantry Officer

Divisions

St Nazaire, 1942: The Heroic Story
of Operation Chariot

Benjamin Franklin Butler

The Indian Army 1600-1947

The first comprehensive narrative of

*racism in America's World War II
military and the resistance to it.*

*America's World War II military was a
force of unalloyed good. While saving the
world from Nazism, it also managed to
unify a famously fractious American
people. At least that's the story many
Americans have long told themselves.
Divisions offers a decidedly different
view. Prizewinning historian Thomas A.
Guglielmo draws together more than a
decade of extensive research to tell
sweeping yet personal stories of race and
the military; of high command and
ordinary GIs; and of African Americans,
white Americans, Asian Americans,
Latinos, and Native Americans.
Guglielmo argues that the military built
not one color line, but a complex tangle
of them. Taken together, they represented
a sprawling structure of white
supremacy. Freedom struggles arose in*

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response, democratizing portions of the wartime military and setting the stage for postwar desegregation and the subsequent civil rights movements. But the costs of the military's color lines were devastating. They impeded America's war effort; undermined the nation's rhetoric of the Four Freedoms; further naturalized the concept of race; deepened many whites' investments in white supremacy; and further fractured the American people. Offering a dramatic narrative of America's World War II military and of the postwar world it helped to fashion, Guglielmo fundamentally reshapes our understanding of the war and of mid-twentieth-century America. Never heard before real stories of soldiers who fought in WW2 'Extraordinary ...If they had not made our war their war also, victory might not have come in

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1945' DAILY TELEGRAPH In this powerful and moving narrative, Christopher Somerville skilfully links personal testimonies to present an epic which embraces comedy and tragedy, pride and degradation, close comradeship and stark racial prejudice, devotion to the benign Mother Country and a burning desire to see the back of her. Many of the veterans had never previously talked of their experiences, even to close loved ones. They cover such topics as attitudes to Britain before and after the war, why Commonwealth citizens offered to fight, and how some volunteers were inspired by their wartime service while others were thoroughly disillusioned. The result is a rare and faithful memoir to the five million Commonwealth citizens who fought for the Allies and the 170,000 who died or went missing.

After the Civil War's end, reports surged

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of violence by Southern whites against Union troops and Black men, women, and children. While some in Washington, D.C., sought to downplay the growing evidence of atrocities, in September 1866, Freedmen's Bureau commissioner O. O. Howard requested that assistant commissioners in the readmitted states compile reports of "murders and outrages" to catalog the extent of violence, to prove that the reports of a peaceful South were wrong, and to argue in Congress for the necessity of martial law. What ensued was one of the most fascinating and least understood fights of the Reconstruction era—a political and analytical fight over information and its validity, with implications that dealt in life and death. Here William A. Blair takes the full measure of the bureau's attempt to document and deploy hard information about the reality of the

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violence that Black communities endured in the wake of Emancipation. Blair uses the accounts of far-flung Freedmen's Bureau agents to ask questions about the early days of Reconstruction, which are surprisingly resonant with the present day: How do you prove something happened in a highly partisan atmosphere where the credibility of information is constantly challenged? And what form should that information take to be considered as fact? The Boer War - the first modern British war told in vivid detail. Published in cooperation with the famous National Army Museum, this quotes extensively from the Museum's unpublished archive of diaries, letters and documents. The text is complemented by unpublished photos from the Museum's collections, together with seven detailed maps devised by Lord Carver.

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Anzac Ted

Haig's Enemy

The Campaigns at Gallipoli, in

Mesopotamia, and in Palestine

Among the Kings

*The National Army Museum Book of the
Zulu War*

A Noisy, Fearless Life

A “deeply researched and
bracing retelling”

(Annette Gordon-Reed,
Pulitzer Prize-winning
historian) of the

American Revolution,
showing how the Founders
were influenced by
overlooked

Americans—women, Native
Americans, African

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Americans, and religious dissenters. Using more than a thousand eyewitness records, Liberty Is Sweet is a "spirited account" (Gordon S. Wood, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of The Radicalism of the American Revolution) that explores countless connections between the Patriots of 1776 and other Americans whose passion for freedom often brought them into conflict with the Founding Fathers. "It is

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all one story,”
prizewinning historian
Woody Holton writes.
Holton describes the
origins and crucial
battles of the
Revolution from
Lexington and Concord to
the British surrender at
Yorktown, always
focusing on marginalized
Americans—enslaved
Africans and African
Americans, Native
Americans, women, and
dissenters—and on
overlooked factors such
as weather, North
America’s unique

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geography, chance, misperception, attempts to manipulate public opinion, and (most of all) disease. Thousands of enslaved Americans exploited the chaos of war to obtain their own freedom, while others were given away as enlistment bounties to whites. Women provided material support for the troops, sewing clothes for soldiers and in some cases taking part in the fighting. Both sides courted native people and mimicked their

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tactics. Liberty Is Sweet is a “must-read book for understanding the founding of our nation” (Walter Isaacson, author of Benjamin Franklin), from its origins on the frontiers and in the Atlantic ports to the creation of the Constitution. Offering surprises at every turn—for example, Holton makes a convincing case that Britain never had a chance of winning the war—this majestic history revivifies a

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*story we thought we
already knew.*

*"A new edition with a
final chapter written
forty years after the
explosion."*

*Fritz and Tommy: Across
the Barbed Wire takes a
unique look at the
experiences of the
German soldier - in
direct comparison with
those of his British
counterpart. While other
books plot out the
battles and examine the
participation of the
German divisions on the
Westfront, there are no*

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books that discuss the shared experience of both sides. Uniquely, Fritz and Tommy examines the commonality of frontline experience. Significantly the book is the result of a close collaboration between a British and a German military historian, both well-placed to draw comparisons and highlight differences. Drawing upon unique archives, Peter Doyle and Robin Schäfer examine the soldiers' lives, and examine

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*cultural and military
nuances that have so far
been left untouched.*

*Mapping out the lives of
the men in the trenches,
ultimately it concludes
that Fritz and Tommy
were not that far apart,
geographically,
physically, or
emotionally. The
soldiers on both sides
went to war with high
ideals; they experienced
horror and misery, but
also comradeship/kamerad
schaft. And with
increasing alienation
from the people at home,*

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*they drew closer
together, the Hun
transformed into 'good
old Gerry' by the war's
end.*

*The First World War, a
new low in the annals of
armed conflict,
coincided with a golden
age for the relatively
new art of advertising.
Striking and colourful
posters were produced
throughout the years
1914-18 to recruit
soldiers, promote
investment, keep up
morale and, naturally,
to vilify the enemy;*

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prominent artists including Alfred Leete paired bold images with punchy text to maximise impact. The selection in this book offers an informative guide to the range of posters created and to how they were displayed around the nation, and explores the public's increasing dissatisfaction with being patronised and goaded. From the iconic, commanding Your Country Needs YOU! to the anxious domestic scene of Daddy, What Did YOU

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Do in the War?, and including the infamous depiction of a bayoneting in Back Him Up!, this book puts the reader in the shoes of the Great War 'man in the street'.

Why We Fight

Fritz and Tommy

Our War

The Hidden History of the American Revolution

American Veterans,

Society, and Service

from Vietnam to the

Forever War

Guide to U.S. Army

Museums

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*The Representation of
Violence in Exhibitions*

The war on the Western Front as seen through the eyes of one of Germany's leading First World War generals, Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria. A fascinating and highly revealing view from the 'other side of the wire', which casts the story of the Western Front in an entirely new light.

Most of the books that have been written about this pivotal campaign are only about Gallipoli, and no other has included Palestine, Mesopotamia and the Balkans, too. This is an historically important campaign as the destruction of the Ottoman Empire led to the political turmoil in the Middle East and the Balkans we are living with today. But it also has a big emotional pull. With extracts from the letters, diaries and other papers of those

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involved, this is a moving and hard-hitting book. Casualties were high, both in action and from disease. The accounts in this book provide a stark reminder of what the soldiers endured.

It was the war to end all wars and became one of the bloodiest and cruellest conflicts in history. Into the hands of author Mark Scott came a poignant survivor of those nightmare years - a notebook carried through the trenches by his great grandfather, Jimmy Scott, nestled in the pocket of his uniform. In it was a list of names, written with the tiny pencil still attached to the fragile cover. With this family heirloom in his hand, the author vowed to discover the stories of these men who gave their all in the Great War. Along the way he unravelled a remarkable connection to the story of the Unknown Warrior, unearthing valuable new documents that detailed for the first time

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the full untold story of this event - and what happened to the bodies of those not selected for burial in Westminster Abbey in 1920 - those who, like thousands of others, are "Known Unto God." Reading at times like a detective story, this is the moving, often heart-breaking, account of the men whose names Jimmy Scott carefully pencilled into his little notebook. Contemporary veterans belong to an exclusive American group. Celebrated by most of the country, they are nevertheless often poorly understood by the same people who applaud their service. Following the introduction of an all-volunteer force after the war in Vietnam, only a tiny fraction of Americans now join the armed services, making the contemporary soldier, and the veteran by extension, increasingly less representative of mainstream society. Veterans have come to comprise their own distinct

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tribe--modern praetorians, permanently set apart from society by what they have seen and experienced. In an engrossing narrative that considers the military, economic, political, and social developments affecting military service after Vietnam, Michael D. Gambone investigates how successive generations have intentionally shaped their identity as veterans. The New Praetorians also highlights the impact of their homecoming, the range of educational opportunities open to veterans, the health care challenges they face, and the unique experiences of minority and women veterans. This groundbreaking study illustrates an important and often neglected group that is key to our understanding of American social history and civil-military affairs.

Across the Barbed Wire

Crown Prince Rupprecht and Germany's

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War on the Western Front

Soldiers of the Raj

Liberty Is Sweet

The Greatest Raid

The Record of Murders and Outrages

The Mexican Expedition 1916-1917

FROM THE AUTHOR OF

BRIDGE OF SPIES: A

dramatic and colourful new

account of the most daring

British commando raid of

World War Two In the

darkest months of the

Second World War, Churchill

approved what seemed to

many like a suicide mission.

Under orders to attack the

St Nazaire U-boat base on

the Atlantic seaboard,

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British commandos undertook "the greatest raid of all", turning an old destroyer into a live bomb and using it to ram the gates of a Nazi stronghold. Five Victoria Crosses were awarded -- more than in any similar operation. Drawing on official documents, interviews, unknown accounts and the astonished reactions of French civilians and German forces, The Greatest Raid recreates in cinematic detail the hours in which the "Charioteers" fought and died, from Lt Gerard Brett, the curator at

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the V & A, to "Bertie"

***Burtinshaw, who went into
battle humming There'll
Always be an England, and
from Lt Stuart Chant, who
set the fuses with 90 seconds
to escape, to the epic solo
reconnaissance of the
legendary Times journalist
Capt Micky Burn.***

***Unearthing the untold
human stories of Operation
Chariot, Bridge of Spies
author Giles Whittell reveals
it to be a fundamentally
misconceived raid whose
impact and legacy was
secured by astonishing
bravery.***

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***Fascinating ... carefully researched and beautifully written' DAVID DIMBLEBY
By the end of the First World War, the whereabouts of more than half a million British soldiers were unknown. Most were presumed dead, lost forever under the battlefields of northern France and Flanders. In The Searchers, Robert Sackville-West brings together the extraordinary, moving accounts of those who dedicated their lives to the search for the missing. These stories reveal the remarkable lengths to which***

***people will go to give
meaning to their loss:
Rudyard Kipling's quest for
his son's grave; E.M.
Forster's conversations with
traumatised soldiers in
hospital in Alexandria;
desperate attempts to
communicate with the
spirits of the dead; the
campaign to establish the
Tomb of the Unknown
Warrior; and the exhumation
and reburial in military
cemeteries of hundreds of
thousands of bodies. It was a
search that would span a
century: from the
department set up to***

investigate the fate of missing comrades in the war's aftermath, to the present day, when DNA profiling continues to aid efforts to recover, identify and honour these men. As the rest of the country found ways to repair and move on, countless families were consumed by this mission, undertaking arduous, often hopeless, journeys to discover what happened to their husbands, brothers and sons. Giving prominence to the deep, personal battles of those left behind, The Searchers brings the legacy

of war vividly to life in a testament to the bravery, compassion and resilience of the human spirit.

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letters, diaries and other papers of those involved, this is a moving and hard-hitting book. Casualties were high, both in action and from disease. There were many examples of great courage and endurance, and some instances of a significant lack of these qualities. Heights of incompetence at the higher levels were seen at Suvla Bay and in some actions in Mesopotamia. The accounts in this book provide a stark reminder of what the soldiers endured. Tells the story of the armies

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***raised by Britain in India
from the 17th century to
Independence and the men
and women, both Indian and
British, who served in them.
The Professional Bulletin of
Army History***

***The Unknown Warrior, an
Untold Story***

***The Battle of Waterloo
Experience***

***Handbook for Military
Museum Curators***

***Posters of the First World
War***

***The Quest for the Lost of the
First World War***

***Lincoln's Forgotten Ally
On 9 March 1916, the***

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forces of Doroteo Arango, better known as Francisco "Pancho" Villa, attacked the small border town of Columbus, New Mexico. In response to the raid, President Woodrow Wilson authorized Brig. Gen. John J. "Black Jack" Pershing to organize an expedition into Chihuahua, Mexico, in order to kill or capture Villa and those responsible for the assault. By 15 March, 4,800 Regular Army soldiers had assembled in Columbus and Camp Furlong, the Army garrison just outside of the town's

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center. These men fanned out into the Mexican countryside on horseback in small, highly mobile cavalry detachments—sometimes led by local guides or by the Army's Apache scouts—that could cover large swaths of sparsely populated and rough terrain. Cavalrymen employed skills and strategies developed in the preceding decades on frontier campaigns in the West and in warfare against irregular, guerrilla forces in the Philippines. The Mexican Expedition, popularly

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called the "Punitive Expedition," was to be one of the last operations to employ these methods of warfare and one of the first to rely extensively on trucks. It also provided a testing ground for another new technology—the airplane. During the eleven months that Pershing's expedition was in Chihuahua, U.S. troops failed to kill, capture, or even spot Pancho Villa, but the impact of the expedition reached far beyond the deserts of northern Mexico. The approximately 10,000

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regulars that served in the Punitive Expedition gained experience in large, multiunit field operations at a time when small-unit actions were the norm. The Mexican Expedition, 1916-1917, by Julie Irene Prieto, examines the operation, led by General John Pershing, to search for, capture, and destroy Francisco "Pancho" Villa and his revolutionary army in northern Mexico in the year prior to the United States' entry into World War I. This campaign marked one of the final

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times cavalry was used on a large scale, and it was one of the first to use trucks and airplanes in the field. While Pershing's troops failed to capture Villa, both Regular Army troops and National Guardsmen stationed on the border gained valuable experience in these new technologies. The Allies fought the Germans in Italy from July 1943 to May 1945, in a campaign perhaps more reminiscent of the First World War. The terrain was difficult, the weather bitter, the adversaries

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fierce and in no way inferior in strength. As the author contends, the Allies felt they played "second fiddle to the cross-channel invasion; that victory was not going to be won by them, and that their sacrifices and suffering were not essential to it and would not be appreciated." Had the Germans been able to deploy their forces in Italy against the D-Day landings and subsequent offensive, there could have been a very different situation in Northern Europe in 1944-45. The

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hard-fought campaign in Italy, so vividly portrayed in this book, probably made the difference.

In August 1914, Kitchener's 'Contemptible Little Army' was highly professional but small, equipped with only what they could carry - and they were facing a force of continental proportions, heavily armed and well supplied. The task of equipping the British Army was truly Herculean. Many able men had volunteered to fight in the trenches, and

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others would soon be called up, so this vital work was to be undertaken by the ordinary men and women left behind. In time, the government recognised the need for skills of engineering and logistics, and many of those who had survived the onslaught were brought back home to work.

Ordnance is the story of these men and women. It traces the provision of equipment and armaments from raw material through manufacture to the supply routes that gave the British Army all the

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material it needed to win the war. It is a story of some failures, but also of ingenuity and effort on the part of ordinary people to overcome shortfalls in organisation. It is a story of some lessons learnt, but of others that weren't, and these would have long-lasting repercussions.

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"Why are we willing to die for our countries? How can ideology persuade someone to blow themselves up? When we go to war, morality, religion and ideology often take the blame. But Mike Martin boldly

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argues that the opposite is true: rather than driving violence, these things help to reduce it. While we resort to ideas and values to justify or interpret warfare, something else is really propelling us towards conflict: our subconscious desires, shaped by millions of years of evolution.

British Second World War tanks performed so badly that it is difficult to bring to mind any other British weapon of the period that provokes such a strong sense of failure. Unfortunately, many of the accusations appear to be true

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- British tanks were in many ways a disgrace. But why was Britain, the country that invented them, consistently unable to field tanks of the required quality or quantity throughout the conflict? This perceived failure has taken on the status of a myth, but, like all myths, it should not be accepted at face value - it should be questioned and analyzed. And that is what Dick Taylor does in this closely researched and absorbing study. He looks at the flaws in British financial policy, tank doctrine, design, production and development

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before and throughout the war years which often had fatal consequences for the crews who were sent to fight and to be 'murdered' in 'mechanical abortions'. Their direct experience of the shortcomings of these machines is an important element of the story. He also considers how British tanks compared to those of the opposition and contrasts tank production for the army with the production of aircraft for the RAF during the same period. His clear-sighted account goes on to explain how, later in the conflict,

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British tank design improved to the point where their tanks were in many ways superior to those of the Americans and Germans and how they then produced the Centurion which was one of the best main battle tanks of the post-war era.

Presentations of war and violence in museums generally oscillate between the fascination of terror and its instruments and the didactic urge to explain violence and, by analysing it, make it easier to handle and prevent. The museums concerned also have to face up to these basic

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issues about the social and institutional handling of war and violence. Does war really belong in museums? And if it does, what objectives and means are involved? Can museums avoid trivializing and aestheticising war, transforming violence, injury, death and trauma into tourist sights? What images of shock or identification does one generate - and what images would be desirable?

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