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The Sidi Rezeg Battles, 1941

1957

sydafrikansk bog om ørkenslagene i libyen november december 1941

Operation Crusader and the Desert War in British History and Memory

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shortlisted for the 2021 society for army historical research's templer medal operation crusader launched in november 1941 was the third and final british attempt to relieve the siege of tobruk and break the german and italian forces in north africa after tough initial fighting the british made important gains only to be countered by a stunning breakthrough overseen personally by It general erwin rommel as the british situation teetered the commander of the 8th army It general alan cunningham was relieved of duty by his superior general claude auchinleck this decision changed the direction of the battle and perhaps the war itself why and how cunningham was relieved has been the subject of commentary and speculation since it occurred using newly discovered evidence alexander joffe rethinks the events that brought about the sudden relief of the operation's commanding officer including insubordination the book then discusses how narratives regarding the operation were created were incorporated into british and commonwealth official and unofficial historical writing about the war and contributed to british historical memory based on a decade of archival work the book presents a new and detailed analysis of a consequential battle and importantly of how its history was written and received in the context of post war britain

Cape Town Rifles

1984

official history is a misunderstood genre of historical writing which attracts much negative comment from non official historians but about which very little detail is actually known this book examines the development of official history programs in canada south africa australia and new zealand over the course of the twentieth century looking at the ways in which they developed and the contributions each made to their respective national historiography the second part of the work develops some themes from the first and takes the official histories of the second world war as case studies drawing on programs in australia britain and the united states these essays examine the relationship between the histories the historians and their sponsoring institutions they assess the impact of the histories on historical understanding of the second world war they also consider the impact that contemporary events during the cold war had on the writing of the official history

The Last Word?

2003-11-30

the first edition 1981 took a critical look at the accepted wisdom of historians who interpreted battlefield events primarily by reference to firepower it showed that wellington s infantry had won by their mobility rather than their musketry that the bayonet did not become obsolete in the nineteenth century as is often claimed and that the tank never supplanted the infantryman in the twentieth a decade later the author has been able to fill out many parts of his analysis and has extended it into the near future the napoleonic section includes an analysis of firepower and fortification notably at the battle of new orleans in 1815 additional discussions of the tactics of the american civil war have been included the evolution of small unit tactics in the first world war is next considered then the problem of making an armored breakthrough in the second world war following is a discussion of the limitations of both the helicopter and firepower in vietnam the author points to some of the

lessons learned by the u s military and the doctrine which resulted from that experience concluding is a glimpse at the strangely empty battlefield landscape that might be expected in any future high technology conflict

Forward into Battle

2011-03-30

sir geoffrey cox described sidi rezegh fought during operation crusader in libya over november and december 1941 as the forgotten battle of the desert war the objective of crusader was to retake cyrenaica the eastern region of libya and ultimately drive the italians and germans out of north africa the campaign also involved british and south african troops and did achieve the badly needed relief of tobruk despite the new zealand division s major role and the importance of this campaign in achieving british victory in north africa it has largely been neglected by historians failing to receive as much attention as crete el alamein or cassino yet more new zealand soldiers were killed or taken prisoner during crusader than in any other campaign fought by the div during the war peter cox whose father fought at sidi rezegh draws on his experience of twice visiting the battlefield to tell the story of this complex and costly campaign he sets the scene for the fighting in libya describes the unforgiving and inhospitable desert landscape follows the stages of the action itself and recounts the often moving and heroic stories of the new zealanders who fought there many never returned home this is both a very accessible account of a significant new zealand contribution to world war ii and a tribute to the thousands of men who took part in this punishing battle

Desert War

2015-05-01

visual history of rommel and his afrika korps in the desert of north africa

United States Army in World War 2, The Technical Services, The Ordnance Department, On Beachhead and Battlefront

1968

military professionals and theorists have long understood the relevance of morale in war montgomery the victor at el alamein said following the battle that the more fighting i see the more i am convinced that the big thing in war is morale jonathan fennell in examining the north african campaign through the lens of morale challenges conventional explanations for allied success in one of the most important and controversial campaigns in british and commonwealth history he introduces new sources notably censorship summaries of soldiers mail and an innovative methodology that assesses troop morale not only on the evidence of personal observations and official reports but also on contemporaneously recorded rates of psychological breakdown sickness desertion and surrender he shows for the first time that a major morale crisis and stunning recovery decisively affected eighth army s performance during the critical battles on the gazala and el alamein lines in 1942

United States Army in World War II.

1947

the campaign in north africa during world war two was one of the most important of the conflict the allies fought for control of north africa against the german afrika

korps led by rommel but the part played by mussolini s italian troops and in particular the armoured divisions in support of the germans is not so well known this painstakingly researched book looks in detail at the role of mussolini s three armoured divisions ariete littorio and centauro and the invaluable part they played in rommel s offensive between 1941 and 1943 indeed the author is able to show that on many occasions the presence and performance of the italian armoured divisions was crucial to the success of the axis campaign

United States Army in World War II.: The techinical services

1979

it took the japanese fleet twenty two days to sail from japan to pearl harbor the same twenty two days that witnessed the german assault on moscow and the crusader battles in north africa the germans failed to knock the soviets out the japanese succeeded in bringing the americans in these twenty two days sealed their mutual fate with each chapter structured around one of the twenty two days leading up to pearl harbor sealing their fate narrates the battles the preparations for battle the diplomatic manoeuvres and the intelligence wars the story shifts from snowbound russian villages to the stormy northern pacific from the north african desert to europe s warring capitals and from tokyo to washington the book features a host of ordinary soldiers sailors and airmen and those political and military figures who played a key role in the war taking the momentum of the japanese fleet sealing their fate works as an exciting countdown other countdowns the gradual halting of the german advance in russia the erosion of rommel s resources in north africa the institutionalization of the holocaust is worked into this basic structure as winston churchill memorably remarked hitler s fate was sealed mussolini s fate was sealed as for the japanese they would be ground to powder all the rest was merely the proper application of overwhelming force

The Era of World War II

1956

a broadly interdisciplinary work this handbook discusses the best and most enduring literature related to the major topics and themes of world war ii military historiography is treated in essays on the major theaters of military operations and the related themes of logistics and intelligence while political and diplomatic history is covered in chapters on international relations resistance movements and collaboration the volume analyzes themes of domestic history in essays on economic mobilization the home fronts and women in the military and civilian life the book also covers the holocaust this handbook approaches each topic from a global viewpoint rather than focusing on individual national communities except for nonprint material the literature research and sources surveyed are primarily those available in english the volume is aimed at both experts on the war and the general academic community and will also be useful to students and serious laymen interested in the war

The Corps of Engineers

1991

the siege of tobruk was the longest in british military history the coastal fortress and deep water port was of crucial importance to the battle for north africa and the key that would unlock the way to egypt and the suez canal for almost a year the isolated garrison held out against all attempts to take it and in the process tobruk assumed a propaganda role that outweighed its great strategic value becoming a potent symbol of resistance when the war was going badly for the british goebbels referred to the garrison as rats and they proudly adopted the insult as a title and became the rats of tobruk when it finally fell to german tanks on 21 june 1942 with the loss of 25 000 men churchill said it was one of the heaviest blows i can recall during the war william f buckingham s startling account drawing extensively on official records and first hand accounts from both sides is a comprehensive history of this epic struggle and essential reading for anyone with an interest in the western desert campaign

The Ordnance Department

1968

action packed history of the germans in africa in world war ii one of the most famous military units of all time under one of the best commanders the early campaigns in the western desert tobruk el alamein and more

The Ordnance Department: on Beachhead and Battlefront

1955

during world war ii the british formed a secret division the soe or special operations executive in order to support resistance organisations in occupied europe it also engaged in targeted killing the assassination of enemy political and military leaders the unit is famous for equipping its agents with tools for use behind enemy lines such as folding motorbikes miniature submarines and suicide pills disguised as coat buttons but its activities are now also gaining attention as a forerunner to today s extra legal killings of wartime enemies in foreign territory for example through the use of unmanned drones adam leong s work evaluates the effectiveness of political assassination in wartime using four examples heydrich s assassination in prague operation anthropoid the daring kidnap of major general kreipe in crete by patrick leigh fermor the failed attempt to assassinate rommel known as operation flipper and the american assassination of general yamamoto

The Ordnance Department: On beachhead and battlefront, by L. Mayo

2012-11-11

as the japanese fleet prepared to sail from japan to pearl harbor the german army was launching its final desperate assault on moscow while the british were planning a decisive blow against rommel in north africa the british conquered the desert the germans succumbed to moscow s winter and the japanese awakened the sleeping giant of america

Rommel's Desert Warriors

2011-02-17

traditionally the military community held the intelligence profession in low esteem spying was seen as dirty work and information was all to often ignored if it conflicted with a commander s own view handel examines the ways in which this situation has improved and argues that co operation between the intelligence adviser and the military decision maker is vital

Combat and Morale in the North African Campaign

1977

most histories of the u s army in world war ii view the mediterranean theater of operations primarily as a deadly training ground for very green forces where lessons learned on the beaches of oran in the hills of the kasserine pass area and at the collapse of the tunis bridgehead all contributed to later success in western europe steven barry however contends that victory in the mto would not have materialized without the leadership of battalion level commanders they operated at a high level

despite the lack of combat experience for themselves and their troops ineffective leadership at higher levels and deficiencies in equipment organization and mobilization barry portrays these officers as highly trained adaptable and courageous in their first combat experiences in north africa and sicily their leadership he argues brought discipline maturity experience and the ability to translate common operational guidance into tactical reality and thus contributed significantly to battlefield success in north africa and sicily in 1942 1943 to explain how this happened he examines their prewar experiences including professional military education and unit training exercises personal factors such as calmness and physical resilience under fire and the ability to draw upon doctrine creatively apply the resources at their disposal and clearly define and communicate mission goals and means he also reveals how battalion leaders incorporated technological innovations into combined arms maneuvers by employing tank capabilities and close air support doctrine as barry s assessment shows these battalion commanders were not the sole reason for the allied triumph in north africa and sicily but victory would not have been possible without the special brand of military leadership they exhibited throughout those campaigns under their leadership even inexperienced units were able to deliver credible combat performance and without the regular army battalion leaders u s units could not have functioned tactically early in the war one of the few studies to focus on tactical adaptation at the battalion level in conventional warfare barry s book attests to the pivotal value of professional military education and makes an important contribution to today s organizational learning debate while providing an in depth view of adaptation of u s infantry and armored forces in 1942 1943

Special Bibliography

1978

a 1960s german perspective of the world war ii battle in libya and how the allied and axis commanders shaped the course of the action the port city of tobruk libya was besieged by german and italian forces in april 1941 following an abortive attempt in june the allies made a second attempt in late november when the eighth army launched operation crusader aimed at destroying the axis armored force then advancing after several inconclusive engagements the british 7th armoured division was defeated by the afrika korps at sidi rezegh erwin rommel was then forced to withdraw his troops to the defensive line at gazala making the operation the first allied victory over german land forces in world war ii this account of the tank warfare during operation crusader in front of tobruk in the fall of 1941 examines the roles of commanders in the battles of operation crusader in particular the part of rommel who achieved some defensive successes during combat as well as examining the part of commanders it discusses the parameters of the battle the terrain weather visibility logistics intelligence and the forces involved it then narrates the course of the battle and the result

Special Bibliographic Series

2012-10-01

the most famous battles of one of world war ii s most legendary commanderstold largely from rommel s perspective using his papers and lettersin a series of battles marked by daring raids and quick armored thrusts against a numerically superior enemy erwin rommel the notorious desert fox and his afrika korps waged one of world war ii s toughest campaigns in the north african desert in 1942 the axis campaign climaxed in june with the recapture of tobruk a triumph that netted 33 000 prisoners and earned rommel a field marshal s baton by fall however after setbacks at alam halfa and the 2 battles of el alamein the afrika korps teetered on the brink of defeat which would come in tunisia 6 months later

Iron Hulls, Iron Hearts

1985

few of the major campaigns of world war ii aroused as much controversy as the war in north africa 1940 1943 figures such as rommel montgomery and eisenhower would become world famous because of the fighting in north africa this book opens with seven historiographical essays that evaluate and critically assess the major

contributions to the literature on the war in north africa it then includes an alphabetically arranged bibliography of the 504 entries cited in the essays the material is easily accessible with cross references between the text and the bibliography and a full index the volume includes chapters on the desert war 1940 42 the axis powers in north africa montgomery alam halfa and el alamein torch the landings in french north africa and the tunisian campaign full attention is given to questions and issues historians have raised on such controversies as the auchinleck montgomery dispute the debate over operation torch and the darlan affair emphasis is on english language works but the most significant italian german and french works are cited and assessed the book has been written for use in public college university and institutional libraries and to serve general readers and military historians

Toward Combined Arms Warfare

2009-05-05

the scottish soldier has been at war for over 2000 years until now no reference work has attempted to examine this vast heritage of warfare a military history of scotland offers readers an unparalleled insight into the evolution of the scottish military tradition this wide ranging and extensively illustrated volume traces the military history of scotland from pre history to the recent conflict in afghanistan edited by three leading military historians and featuring contributions from thirty scholars it explores the role of warfare in the emergence of a scottish kingdom the forging of a scottish british military identity and the participation of scots in britain s imperial and world wars eschewing a narrow definition of military history it investigates the cultural and physical dimensions of scotland s military past such as scottish military dress and music the role of the scottish soldier in art and literature scotland s fortifications and battlefield archaeology and scotland s military memorials and museum collections

Sealing Their Fate

1997-08-21

john ferris work in strategic and intelligence history is widely praised for its originality and the breadth of its research at last his major pioneering articles are now available in this one single volume in intelligence and strategy these essential articles have been fundamentally revised to incorporate new evidence and information withheld by governments when they were first published this volume reshapes the study of communications intelligence by tracing britain s development of cipher machines providing the context to ultra and enigma and by explaining how british and german signals intelligence shaped the desert war the author also explains how intelligence affected british strategy and diplomacy from 1874 to 1940 and world diplomacy during the 1930s and the second world war finally he traces the roots for contemporary intelligence and analyzes intelligence and the rma as well as the role of intelligence in the 2003 gulf war this volume ultimately brings new light to our understanding of the relations between intelligence strategy and diplomacy between the end of the 19th century and the beginning of the 21st century

World War II in Europe, Africa, and the Americas, with General Sources

2008-04-01

1942 british troops are stranded in the desert struggling to hold back rommel s afrika corps hitler s armies have reached moscow and there are murmurs of discontent at home as new doubts emerge about churchill s leadership elsewhere in europe there is chilling evidence of the mounting persecution of the jews stretching from poland to the channel islands for many it seems there is little hope as in their acclaimed bestseller finest hour the authors use the personal testimony of ordinary people in end of the beginning we meet again some of the people first encountered in finest hour and get to know many more troops fighting for montgomery in the desert raf pilots bombing german towns a young jewish woman deported to auschwitz from guernsey the reality of the home front these stories and many more paint a vivid picture of human endeavour in time of war and sixty years on from the battle of alamein end of the beginning tells the controversial truth about one of the most famous battles in history the importance of its lesser known predecessor and the months of bitter in fighting between the allied generals with precision and

compassion phil craig and tim clayton again debunk the myths and explore the realities of a crucial year in the history of britain

Tobruk

2010-03-23

this is the first comprehensive study based on a detailed textual analysis of the classical works on war by clausewitz sun tzu mao tse tung and to a lesser extent jomini and machiavelli brushing stereotypes aside the author takes a fresh look at what these strategic thinkers actually said not what they are widely believed to have said he finds that despite their apparent differences in terms of time place cultural background and level of material technological development all had much more in common than previously supposed in fact the central conclusion of this book is that the logic of waging war and of strategic thinking is as universal and timeless as human nature itself this third revised and expanded edition includes five new chapters and some new charts and diagrams

Das Afrika Korps

2015-09-28

a genuinely new second world war story the 21 escapes of It alastair cram by david m guss is a riveting account of the wartime exploits of the scotsman it is a tale of courage in the face of extraordinary odds and a testament to one man s dogged determination never to give up the greatest serial escaper of the second world war the times endlessly fascinating cram s story sizzles with adventure giles milton sunday times in november 1941 It alastair cram was taken prisoner in north africa as a devastating tank battle unfolded as operation crusader struggled to relieve tobruk his capture began a four year long odyssey as he passed through twelve different pow camps three gestapo prisons and one asylum determined to regain his freedom he became a serial escapee fleeing his captors no fewer than twenty one times the most dramatic of these attempts was from gavi the italian colditz this maximum security prison built inside a thousand year old stone fortress was for the pericolosi those classified as the most dangerous prisoners due to their unrelenting desire to escape it was here that alastair met david stirling the legendary founder of the sas and cooked up the plan for the cistern tunnel one of the most audacious but little known mass escape attempts of the entire war fascinating daily express an enthralling portrait of true courage sunday express s magazine

Killing the Enemy

2010-06

free libya was the chant heard throughout libya during the arab spring revolution that ended with the death of colonel gadaffi in october 2011 the story is about british involvement in libya since the first treaty signed with the rulers in tripoli in january 1692 the book is divided into four eras the first covers the period up to the italian invasion in 1911 the second covers the first world war and italian pacification the third covers the western desert campaign and the final part brings the reader up to date with recent events in the words of the foreign secretary edward grey the 1911 italian invasion of libya led straight to the catastrophe of 1914 using memoirs of politicians and correspondents from both sides of the conflict the author pieces together british involvement shedding new light on the senussi campaign and the duke of westminster s rescue of 100 british pows at bir hakkeim as well as the story of colonel milo talbot who did as much as te lawrence to establish british influence with arab leadership but was never rewarded for his work even though hundreds of books have been written about the western desert campaign this book includes much unpublished material in addressing the contentious issues and explains why general brian horrocks wrote command in the desert was regarded as an almost certain prelude to a bowler hat the final part of the book begins with britain s operations to establish libya as an independent kingdom and the rise of nationalism that led to gadaffi s coup in 1969 the story of the tense relationship with the brotherly leader during the line of death era and subsequent rapprochement precedes an authoritative account of the 2011 revolution the final chapter brings the reader up to date with the current conflict as well as the migration crisis and the manchester arena bombers

Sealing Their Fate (Large Print 16pt)

2013-09-13

field marshal sir claude auchinleck was born in india and raised in conditions of near poverty yet his talent ensured his career flourished despite his indian army background and he was the first commander of 8th army in north africa despite great political interference he stopped rommel s afrika corps at 1st alamein only to be sacked by churchill after a spell in the wilderness he became c in c india during the dark period of partition and ironically had to preside over the destruction of his beloved indian army a private man of great humour and integrity he refused to be drawn into discussing or criticising his tormentors be they churchill montgomery or mountbatten he always argued that history would be his judge this is a super piece of military biography by one of the most respected post war military historians

Intelligence and Military Operations

2013-05-23

from a systematic point of view all intelligence work can be studied on three levels acquisition analysis and acceptance the author focuses on the third of these levels studying the attitudes and behavioural patterns developed by leaders during their political careers their willingness to consider information and ideas contrary to their own their ability to admit mistakes and change course in the implementation of a failing policy and their capacity to cooperate

Battalion Commanders at War

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