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**Hebridean Gurkha** Neil Griffiths,2005-01-01 Gurkhas are not often seen in the Western Isles perhaps these were the first Hebridean Gurkha tells the tale of what was to be much more than a walking holiday for Neil and five Gurkhas As the boys set off in heavy rain across the low peat bogs of Lewis they were to encounter the rocky hills of Harris before striding along the sweeping white beaches of the Uists under blue skies Then on to the sand ringed Isle of Barra where a boatman took them to their journey s end Barra Head in the far south The wee men from Nepal called it Barra Heaven great Highland pipe a constant accompaniment It involves the search for penguins haggis and the perfect pool table Compton MacKenzie and Bonnie Prince Charlie on the isles where the sea meets the sky and the Hebrides meet the Himalayas It is about marching through some of the most dazzling scenery in the world hearing about its folklore and history while all the time acquiring more and more islander friends The Gurkha penchant for laughter singing dancing whisky and tartan all came together in a land that couldn t be much further from their home

**The Hebrides** Peter Edwards,2015-03-19 This inspirational guidebook describes 50 varied walking and backpacking routes on the Scottish Hebrides islands set out in a larger format and illustrated with a range of stunning photographs The 50 walks are spread across both well known and remote islands from Skye Mull Rum the Uists and Barra Ulva Iona Eigg and Muck and more besides Most of the walks provide a full day for experienced walkers with a few multi day backpacking adventures as well as some shorter routes The walks also include Hebrides classics like the Trotternish Ridge Ben More Skye and Rum Cuillins the Paps of Jura and full circuits of smaller islands Each walk combines clear route description with mapping and spectacular photography while also advising on the route s facilities public transport access length and terrain The result is a collection of the very best walks with which to uncover the wild and rugged beauty of the Hebrides

**Historical Record of The Queen's Own Gurkha Logistic Regiment, 1958-2018** J. R. Cawthorne,2023-01-31 The Gurkha Army Service Corps the predecessor of The Queen s Own Gurkha Logistic Regiment was raised in Singapore in 1958 ten years after the transfer of Gurkha regiments from the Indian Army to the British Army and towards the end of the Malayan Emergency Within four years of being formed it was committed to continuous operations in Brunei and Borneo during Confrontation with Indonesia between 1962 66 It was also redesignated the Gurkha Transport Regiment in 1965 to reflect changes to the Army s logistic structure Between 1966 71 the Regiment was substantially reduced in size along with the rest of The Brigade of Gurkhas as Britain withdrew its forces from East of Suez Concentrated in Hong Kong the Regiment provided transport support to the Garrison for the next 20 years In 1991 a composite squadron was sent to reinforce British Forces in the Gulf War after which in preparation for the handback of Hong Kong to China the Regiment moved to and became permanently stationed in the UK In recognition of its past services it was granted the royal title The Queen s Own Gurkha Transport Regiment in 1992 The following two decades saw it undertake multiple operational tours to the Balkans Iraq Cyprus and Afghanistan as well as providing humanitarian

assistance to the Ebola crisis in Sierra Leone It also expanded both its role to incorporate supply and catering and size which led in 2001 to it being redesignated to its current title The Queen s Own Gurkha Logistic Regiment This history records the events and activities of the Regiment during its first 60 years of service to the Crown While of wider interest to military historians it is principally written for members of the Regiment past present and future *The British National Bibliography* Arthur James Wells,2006 **In Gurkha Company** J. P. Cross,1986 **The Marine Corps Gazette** ,1976 **Captured Memories, 1900-1918** Peter Liddle,2011-02-23 Peter Liddle was a pioneer in the recording of memories of personal experience in the First World War and in the social background of those who lived through those years Later he moved into the recording of men and women for whom the Second World War was the formative experience of their lives In a planned two volume collection of the most outstanding interviews of the four thousand he made for the first volume he has chosen memories which take the reader back as many as a hundred and twenty years to days in sailing ships a Hebridean boyhood suffragist action pre 1914 working class life and work in the North East of England city life in London service in the Boer War pioneering a settlement in Manitoba Canada and the Army s experiments in the use of man lifting kites airplanes and balloons The main focus of the book is upon the First World War with The Western Front battles the Gallipoli Campaign and the Battle of Jutland prominently featured Liddle also represents the Mesopotamian and East African fronts and women nursing under particularly unusual circumstances Several Victoria Cross award winners and a fighter pilot ace appear as do those whose distinction was to come later in their lives like Harold Macmillan Henry Moore Gordon Jacob Emanuel Shinwell Barnes Wallis and Victor Silvester There is even an interview with the first conscientious objector to be court martialled and sentenced to death before commutation of the sentence This book is a veritable treasure trove of the past *Highlanders* James MacKillop,2024-01-04 Rebellion was recurrent in the Highlands because the Gaels Scoti were an often oppressed indigenous minority in the nation Scotland to which they gave their name They spoke a language Gaelic few outsiders would learn and had their own family and social system the clans Warfare was bloody culminating in the catastrophe of Culloden Moor during the doomed quest to restore the Stuart kingship to all of Britain Economic hardship including the near genocidal Clearances in which tenant farmers were replaced with sheep drove the Gaels from the glens and islands so that most today live in the diaspora including millions in North America Although the Gaels lack a single genetic identity they clearly draw from distinct roots in the Irish Norse and Picts Despite their hardship the Gaels are also presented in romantic portrayals by the artistic elite of other nations This book offers ways in which the reader might find roots and ancestry in unfamiliar terrain Chapters discuss the landscape and language of the Highlanders the rise of clans feuds and invasions and eventual emigration *Human Intelligence* Harold John Butcher,1973 Craftsmen of the Army J M Kneen,D J Sutton,1997-01-01 This book tells the story of the Royal Electrical and mechanical Engineers from 1969 to 1992 During this period the army underwent extensive re organisation and the REME had to adapt and innovate in order to provide the engineering support

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,1923 Includes Literature     Martial races Heather Streets,2017-03-01 This book explores how and why Scottish Highlanders Punjabi Sikhs and Nepalese Gurkhas became identified as the British Empire s fiercest most manly soldiers in nineteenth century discourse As martial races these men were believed to possess a biological or cultural disposition to the racial and masculine qualities necessary for the arts of war Because of this they were used as icons to promote recruitment in British and Indian armies a phenomenon with important social and political effects in India in Britain and in the armies of the Empire Martial Races bridges regional studies of South Asia and Britain while straddling the fields of racial theory masculinity imperialism identity politics and military studies Of particular importance is the way it exposes the historical instability of racial categories based on colour and its insistence that historically specific ideologies of masculinity helped form the logic of imperial defence thus wedding gender theory with military studies in unique ways Moreover Martial Races challenges the marginalisation of the British Army in histories of Victorian popular culture and demonstrates the army s enduring impact on the regional cultures of the Highlands the Punjab and Nepal This unique study will make fascinating reading for higher level students and experts in imperial history military history and gender history     **British Newsletter**,1966     *Tufala Gavman* Brian J. Bresnihan,Keith Woodward,2002 The stories of thirty eight men and four women

Melanesians Britons French Australia and New Zealanders all of whom played a part in the formative years of what was to become the Republic of Vanuatu     The Clique ,1976     *The Last Big Gun* Brian Lavery,2015-10-19 As she lay in dry dock devastatingly damaged by one of Hitler s newly deployed magnetic mines after barely two months in service few could have predicted the illustrious career that lay ahead for the cruiser HMS Belfast After three years of repairs to her broken keel engine and boiler rooms and extensive refitting she would go on to play a critical role in the protection of the Arctic Convoys would fire one of the opening shots at D Day and continue supporting the Operation Overlord landings for five weeks Her service continued beyond the Second World War both in Korea and in the Far East before she commenced her life as one of the world s most celebrated preserved visitor ships in the Pool of London Her crowning glory however came in December

1943 when equipped with the latest radar technology she was to play the leading role in the Battle of the North Cape sinking the feared German battlecruiser Scharnhorst the b te noir of the Royal Navy In doing so the ship s crew made a vital contribution to what was to be the final big gun head to head action to be fought at sea In The Last Big Gun Brian Lavery the foremost historian of the Royal Navy employs his trademark wide ranging narrative style and uses the microcosm of the ship to tell the wider story of the naval war at sea and vividly portray the realities for all of life aboard a Second World War battleship The book is lavishly illustrated with photographs and illustrations and will appeal to all those with an interest in military history and life in the wartime Royal Navy The illustrious survivor of the last big gun head to head broadside engagement at sea The very first complete biography of HMS Belfast Exhaustively researched from primary sources and interviews and written in the matchless narrative style of the award winning Sunday Times bestselling author Brian Lavery An original work of popular history juxtaposing an in depth technical understanding with an highly evocative use of quote and anecdote Chambers's Journal ,1927 **Musical Colours** Ian Pearson,Jack Kopstein,2022-01-31 On the cover of the 1970 record THE VANISHING REGIMENTS Colonel CH Jaeger OBE made an interesting observation Be it true or not that old soldiers never die but only fade away it is absolutely certain that the music connected with soldiering never does in fact Many famous Regiments in the last few years have passed off the scene others have been amalgamated Much of the music of former Regiments is still in use though the names of the Regiments concerned have vanished perhaps forever Regimental colours are the symbolic spirit of the regiment their marches are the musical spirit Their histories are sometimes older than the regiments themselves and very much guarded and cherished by them When you hear a regimental band play a march why that march This book is an attempt to cover the fascinating histories of military marches how and why regiments adopted them even those that have faded into history It will appeal to those interested in Regimental Marches of Canadian and United Kingdom Armed Forces Over 500 marches are covered with many band photos from across the centuries Also included are narratives of the composers Victoria Cross musicians and even words to many marches So get out the records crank up the volume and listen to the bands play their MUSICAL COLOURS while reading all bout them **Wait for the Waggon** D J Sutton,1998-01-12 The first ever published comprehensive history of the Royal Corps of Transport and its Predecessors relating the proud part played in helping to develop the highly successful logistic system that the British Army now possesses

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