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#### The Royal Marines

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BEADLE, J.C.

The Light Blue Lanyard: 50 years with 40 Commando Royal Marines / Major J.C. Beadle. - Worcester : Square One Publications, 1992. - 411p.: ill., facsims., frontis., maps, plans, ports. ; 24cm. - bibl. p.394 - index.

ISBN 1-872017-52-5

*Our Classification:* 13(41).64 [ Royal Marines, 40 Commando]/1 *Our Accession No.:* 92 / 691

BIJL, NICK VAN DER

The Royal Marines, 1939-93 / text by Nick van der Bijl; colour plates by Paul Hannon. - London : Osprey, 1994. - 64p.: ill. (some col.), ports. ; 25cm. - bibl. p.55 (Osprey military elite series; 57).

ISBN 1-85532-388-5 (pbk.)

*Our Classification:* 06(41).5:13 [ Royal Marines]/1 *Our Accession No.:* 95 / 1894

BLUMBERG, H.E. (SIR)

Britain's sea soldiers: a record of the Royal Marines during the war 1914-1919 / compiled by General Sir H.E. Blumberg. - Devonport : Swiss, 1927. - xxii, 492p., 27 leaves of plates: ill., frontis., plans, ports. ; 29cm.

*Our Classification:* 13(41).6 [ Royal Marines]/3 *Our Accession No.:* 12130

BROWN, GEORGE A.

Commando gallantry awards of World War II / George A. Brown. - [London : London Stamp Exchange], 1991. - 337p.: frontis., maps, plans ; 25cm. - bibl. p.323 - index.

ISBN 0-948130-09-1

*Our Classification:* 24(=41).0/5 *Our Accession No.:* 92 / 1777

BRUCE, COLIN JOHN

Invaders: British and American experience of seaborne landings, 1939-1945 / Colin John Bruce. - London : Chatham Publishing, 1999. - 286p., 8p. of plates: ill. ; 24cm.

ISBN 1-86176-045-0

*Our Classification:* 01/5(1).047-2 *Our Accession No.:* 99 / 1813

BRUCKSHAW, HORACE

The diaries of Private Horace Bruckshaw 1915-1916 / edited and introduced by Martin Middlebrook. - London : Scholar Press, 1979. - xxiii, 229p.: ill., facsims., maps, ports. ; 16cm. - bibl. p.229.

ISBN 0-85967-489-4

*Our Classification:* 23(=41)/3 [ Bruckshaw, Horace]-2 *Our Accession No.:* 80 / 2942

DEAR, IAN

Marines at war / Ian Dear. - London : Ian Allan, 1982. - 128p.: ill., figs., maps, plans, ports. ; 30cm.

ISBN 0-7110-1147-8

*Our Classification:* 13(41).6 [ Royal Marines]/1 *Our Accession No.:* 82 / 2616

EDWARDS, BRIAN

Marines from the Medway: the story behind their memorials in the Medway towns / by Lieutenant Colonel Brian Edwards, Royal Marines. - N.p. : Royal Marines Historical Society, 1998. - 132p.: ill., facsims., maps, plans ; 21cm. - bibl. p.131 (Royal Marines Historical Society special publication; no. 20).

*Our Classification:* 26(=41):13 [ Royal Marines]/1 *Our Accession No.:* 98 / 1811

FRASER, EDWARD

The Royal Marine Artillery, 1804-1923 / by Edward Fraser and L.G. Carr-Laughton. - London : Royal United Service Institution, 1930. - 2 vols.: ill., frontis., maps, plans, ports. ; 26cm. - index.  
*Our Classification:* 13(41).66/1 *Our Accession No.:* 13646

HAMPSHIRE, A. CECIL

The secret navies / A. Cecil Hampshire. - London : Kimber, 1978. - 272p., 16p. of plates: ill., maps, ports. ; 25cm. - bibl. p.261-262 - index.  
ISBN 0-7183-0195-1  
*Our Classification:* 13(41).3/5 *Our Accession No.:* 78 / 1072

JENKINS, W.G.

Commando Subaltern at war: Royal Marine operations in Yugoslavia and Italy, 1944-1945 / W.G. Jenkins. - London : Greenhill Books, 1996. - 184p.: ill., facsim., maps, plans, ports. ; 25cm. - bibl. p.180 - index.  
ISBN 1-85367-231-9  
*Our Classification:* 23(=41)/5 [ Jenkins, William G.] *Our Accession No.:* 96 / 1322

JOHNSON, P.K.W.

The story of 46 Commando, Royal Marines / by Captain P.K.W. Johnson; with a foreword by Lieut.-Colonel C.R. Hardy, D.S.O., R.M. - Aldershot : Gale and Polden, 1946. - [10], 56p., 16 leaves of plates: ill., frontis., maps, plans, ports. ; 19cm.  
*Our Classification:* 13(41).64 [ Royal Marines, 46 Commando]/5 *Our Accession No.:* 20691

LADD, JAMES D.

S.B.S. the invisible raiders: the history of the Special Boat Squadron from World War Two to the present / James D. Ladd; with a foreword by Lieutenant-Colonel P.G. Davis. - London : Arms and Armour Press, 1983. - 283p., 16p. of plates: ill., maps ; 24cm. - index.  
ISBN 0-85368-593-2  
*Our Classification:* 13(41).633 [ Special Boat Service]/6 *Our Accession No.:* 83 / 2771

LADD, JAMES D.

Inside the Commandos: a pictorial history from World War Two to the present / James D. Ladd. - London : Arms and Armour Press, 1984. - 160p.: ill., facsim., ports. ; 29cm. - index.  
ISBN 0-85368-660-2  
*Our Classification:* 13(41).64 [ Royal Marines, Commandos]/1-5 *Our Accession No.:* 85 / 101

LADD, JAMES D.

Royal Marine Commando / James D. Ladd; foreword by Lieutenant General Sir Stuart R. Pringle. - London : Hamlyn, 1982. - 176p.: ill. (some col.), facsim., maps, ports. ; 31cm. - bibl. p.173 - index.  
*Our Classification:* 13(41).64/1 *Our Accession No.:* 83 / 13

LADD, JAMES D.

By sea, by land: the Royal Marines, 1919-1997: an authorised history / James D. Ladd. - rev. ed. - London : HarperCollins, 1998. - xvii, 606p., 24p. of plates: ill. (some col.), maps, plans ; 24cm. - bibl. p.585-586 - index.  
ISBN 0-00-472366-X  
*Our Classification:* 13(41).6 [ Royal Marines]/1 *Our Accession No.:* 00 / 15

LOCKHART, ROBERT BRUCE (SIR)

The marines were there: the story of the Royal Marines in the Second World War / Sir Robert Bruce Lockhart. - London : Putnam, 1950. - 229p., 4 leaves of plates: maps ; 23cm. - index.

*Our Classification:* 13(41).6/5 *Our Accession No.:* 25816

MACKENZIE, TONY

44 (R.M.) Commando: Achnacarry to the Arakan: a diary of the commando at war, August 1943 to March 1947 / Tony Mackenzie; with a foreword by Major General J.I.H. Owen. - Brighton : Tom Donovan, 1996. - 170p.: ill., maps, ports. ; 24cm. - bibl. p.168-169.

ISBN 1-87108-533-0

*Our Classification:* 13(41).64 [ Royal Marines, 44 Commando]/5 *Our Accession No.:* 97 / 1244

MCCONVILLE, MICHAEL

Nothing much to lose: story of 2nd Battalion Royal Marines, and 43 Commando Royal Marines, [1940-1945] / text: Michael McConville; maps: Ralph Bazeley. - N.p. : 43 Royal Marines Commando Reunion, 1992. - viii, 138p., 22p. of plates: ill., maps, plans, ports. ; 25cm. - bibl. p.130-131 - index.

ISBN 0-9521241-0-6 (pbk.)

*Our Classification:* 13(41).64 [ Royal Marines, 43 Commando]/5 *Our Accession No.:* 94 / 2429

NEILLANDS, ROBIN

By sea and land: the Royal Marines Commandos: a history 1942-1982 / Robin Neillands. - London : Weidenfeld and Nicolson, 1987. - xviii, 269p., 16p. of plates: ill., 6 maps, ports. ; 24cm. - bibl. p.263-264 - index.

ISBN 0-297-79064-1

*Our Classification:* 13(41).64 [ Royal Marines, Commandos]/1 *Our Accession No.:* 87 / 1546

PARKER, JOHN

SBS: the inside story of the Special Boat Service / John Parker. - London : Headline Book Publishing, 1997. - viii, 311p., 32p. of plates: ill., figs., maps, ports. ; 25cm. - bibl. p.299-300 - index.

ISBN 0-7472-1976-1

*Our Classification:* 13(41).633 [ Special Boat Service]/1 *Our Accession No.:* 98 / 1632

REGISTER OF ROYAL MARINES WAR DEATHS 1939-1945

A register of Royal Marines war deaths, 1939-1945. Parts 1-4 / [compiled by J.A. Good]. - [Gosport, Hampshire: Royal Marines Museum, 1986-87] - 4 pts. in 2 vols.; 30cm. - bibl. p.13.

*Our Classification:* 25(=41):13 [ Royal Marines]/5-2 *Our Accession No.:* 87 / 834

SAMAIN, BRYAN

Commando men: the story of a Royal Marine Commando in World War Two / Bryan Samain. - [new ed.]. - London : Greenhill Books, 1988. - xiii, 190p., 12p. of plates: ill., maps, ports. ; 23cm.

ISBN 0-947898-89-1

*Our Classification:* 13(41).64 [ Royal Marines, 45 Commando]/5 *Our Accession No.:* 92 / 85

SMITH, PETER C.

The Royal Marines: a pictorial history 1664-1987 / Peter C. Smith, Derek Oakley; foreword by Lt.-Gen. Sir Steuart R. Pringle. - Tunbridge Wells, Kent : Spellmount, 1988. - 256p., 8p. of plates: chiefly ill. (some col.), facsim., frontis., ports. ; 28cm. - bibl. p.247 - index.

ISBN 0-946771-32-4

*Our Classification:* 13(41).6 [ Royal Marines]/1-5 *Our Accession No.:* 88 / 2604

THOMPSON, JULIAN

No picnic: 3 Commando Brigade in the South Atlantic: 1982 / Julian Thompson. - rev. ed. - London : Leo Cooper, 1992. - 173p., 8p. of plates: ill., maps, plans, ports. ; 24cm. - index.

ISBN 0-85052-304-4

*Our Classification:* 23(=41)/7 [ Thompson, Julian] *Our Accession No.:* 93 / 51

THOMPSON, JULIAN

The Royal Marines: from sea soldiers to a special force / Julian Thompson. - London : Sidgwick and Jackson, 2000. - xv, 699p., 24p. of plates: ill., maps, plans, ports. ; 24cm. - bibl. p.641-644 - index.

ISBN 0-283-06315-7

*Our Classification:* 13(41).6 [ Royal Marines]/1 *Our Accession No.:* 00 / 815

TRENDELL, JOHN

Operation music-maker: the story of Royal Marines bands / written by John Trendell. - Southsea, Hampshire : Royal Marines Museum, 1982. - vi, 199p., 12p. of plates: ill., figs. ; 21x30cm.

*Our Classification:* 13(41).699 [ Royal Marines Band]/1 *Our Accession No.:* 82 / 3140

TRENDELL, JOHN

A life on the ocean wave: the Royal Marines Band story / John Trendell. - [Deal, Kent] : Blue Band Magazine, 1990. - iii, 140p.: ill., facsim., ports. ; 30cm. - bibl. p.138.

*Our Classification:* 13(41).699 [ Royal Marines Band]/1 *Our Accession No.:* 90 / 1549

WALL, P.H.B.

The Royal Marine pocket book / by Major P.H.B. Wall, M.C., R.M. and Lieutenant G.A.M. Ritson, R.M.. - Aldershot : Gale and Polden, 1945. - 4 pts. in 1 vol. (ca. 410p. in various pagings), 16p. of plates: ill. (some col.), figs., frontis. ; 19cm. - index.

*Our Classification:* 13(41).6/5-0 *Our Accession No.:* 24894

WITH FULL AND GRATEFUL HEARTS

With full and grateful hearts: a register of Royal Marines deaths 1914-1919 / [compiled by the Royal Marines Historical Society]. - [Eastney] : Royal Marines Historical Society, 1991. - 101-462p. ; 30cm.

*Our Classification:* 25(=41):13 [ Royal Marines]/3 *Our Accession No.:* 92 / 629

YOUNG, DAVID

Four five: the story of 45 Commando, Royal Marines, 1943-1971 / by David Young. - London : Leo Cooper, 1972. - xiv, 463p.: ill., maps ; 23cm.

ISBN 0-85052-093-2

*Our Classification:* 13(41).64 [ Royal Marines, 45 Commando]/1 *Our Accession No.:* 64376

The Department of Printed Books also holds a near complete run of the regimental journal of the Royal Marines, *The Globe and Laurel* from 1915 (some years are missing so please check first if you only want to see the issues from a single year).

If you are tracing an individual who served in the Royal Marines, our free leaflet on **Tracing Royal Navy Ancestry** may prove helpful. A more detailed 72 page book **Tracing Your Family History: Royal Navy** can be purchased for £5.50. The book includes a number of useful addresses and websites, including that of the **Royal Marines Museum, Eastney, Southsea, Hampshire PO4 9PX** (<http://www.royalmarinesmuseum.co.uk>).

