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Lord Nelson stood Witness at Traitor’s Trial in 1803


Edward Marcus Despard (1751-1803) was an army officer who struck up a friendship with Captain Horatio Nelson in the jungle of Central America. Unfortunately Despard went on to become a revolutionary and was tried for High Treason, found guilty and he and his co-conspirators received the following chilling sentence: “... to be drawn on a hurdle to the place of execution, there to be hanged by the neck, but not till you are quite dead; then to be cut down, your bowels taken out and cast into the fire before your faces; your heads to be taken off, and your bodies quartered, which are then to be at his Majesty’s disposal and the Lord have Mercy on your Souls.” In the event the King showed mercy and Despard and his companions were hung until dead, left for half-an-hour, taken down, their heads severed, and their bodies returned to their family and friends. It was the last time anyone received the barbaric sentence of being ‘hung, drawn and quartered’. The trial is also notable because Lord Nelson stood as a character witness for Despard who, as a captain of the ‘Liverpool Blues’, accompanied Nelson up the San Juan river in Nicaragua to attack the Spanish fort in 1780. Despard felt let down by authority during the 1790s and his grievances drove him into the hands of both the London Corresponding Society and the overtly revolutionary United Irishmen (Despard was an Irishman himself). He became involved with the United Irishmen and French secret agent William Duckett and planned uprisings both in London and in Ireland in 1798 and was duly arrested. He was released in 1801 and returned to his family’s estate in Ireland but once again became involved in politics and back in London he was arrested once more, this time on charges of High Treason. Despard was executed before a crowd of some 20,000 and gave a rousing speech from the scaffold before being hung along with six co-conspirators. This fourth edition contains an additional appendix with details of the fate of the unfortunate criminals from the passing of sentence to their execution. £250.00

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A Pamphlet from Earl St. Vincent on the State of the Navy in 1804


St. Vincent, in this anonymous pamphlet, examines the state of the Royal Navy the year before Trafalgar and in the light of the sudden change in Administration which of course led to upheaval at the Admiralty. St. Vincent had been under attack in parliament and in the press since 1803 when war was renewed ; accused by Pitt’s supporters of weakening the navy by his dockyard reforms that led to cancelled contracts and other economies that in turn led to slow naval mobilization. Addington’s government resigned in May 1804 and St. Vincent left office later the same month. He examines the all-important naval blockade of French ports, the condition of various ships-of-the-line built in private merchant yards, Nelson and Duncan’s experiences with ships built in private yards and in the King’s dockyards during their victories in 1797-98, ending with the Earl urging co-operation between the merchant and Royal dockyards in order to supply a fleet capable of defeating a formidable enemy. The author’s correspondence is oft quoted.

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Anonymous.  DEBATES, QUESTIONS, &c. ON NAVAL AFFAIRS, IN BOTH HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT, DURING SESSIONS 1 & 2, 1886. (WITH LIST OF ADMIRALTY PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS AND INDICES).  Cornelius Buck & Son, 22, Paternoster Row, E.C., 1st ed., 1886. Xxi + 739 pp. Dark green blind decorated pimple grain cloth ; gold lettering to spine & front cover. 25 x 16cm. Some prelims misplaced but all present ; head of spine chipped o/w bright, tight & V.G.  Signed by Sir Evan MacGregor (1842-1926), Admiralty official related to Mary Charlotte, youngest daughter and co-heir of Admiral Sir Thomas Masterman Hardy. Evan MacGregor entered Admiralty service under his father’s first cousin, Captain the Hon. James Drummond RN., and was imbued with the traditions of the Royal Navy. He became private secretary to successive senior Sea Lords and played a major role in naval administration during the minor naval wars of the 1880s holding office for 23 years. The period from 1884 to 1907 was one of great change with Fisher’s reforms transforming the fleet into the dreadnought era. MacGregor had been a close friend of Fisher since the 1870s. Appointed KCB 1892 ; GCB 1906 ; MacGregor retired in 1907 to Cartmel, Lancashire. There is a memorial to him in Cartmel Priory. (See ODNB).


{5} Adams, Max. ADMIRAL COLLINGWOOD. NELSON’S OWN HERO. 1st ed., 2005. 333 pp. 40 photo & other plates (chiefly cold.) + maps & cuts. D.j., 24 x 16cm. FINE. A biography of Admiral Lord Collingwood, a Northumberland seaman whose life and naval career is closely associated with his friend Horatio Nelson whom he first met in the West Indies. Cuthbert Collingwood spent almost 50 years in the Royal Navy and in this book the author examines the many facets of his character. Lacking Nelson’s fire perhaps, nevertheless Collingwood was a fine seaman and a master of the art of naval gunnery. He was also a devoted family man with a deep love for his wife and daughters whom he saw so little of as duty kept him away at sea. After Nelson’s death at Trafalgar in 1805, Collingwood took command of the fleet and remained on blockade duty for a further five years until his death in 1810. This biography is based on Collingwood’s letters and recently discovered log-books, the first biography of the Admiral for 42 years. (See No. 237) £30.00

{6} Admiralty. STEAM MANUAL FOR HIS MAJESTY’S FLEET, CONTAINING REGULATIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO THE MACHINERY OF HIS MAJESTY’S SHIPS (CORRECTED TO THE 1ST JANUARY 1901). HMSO, 1st thus, 1901. 283 pp. Blue cloth ; gilt ; speckled edges. 27 x 18cm. Some wear & discolouring to spine & marking of boards ; small hole to (blank) rear endpaper. Externally GOOD. Internally V.G. Circular Letter dated Admiralty, 23rd Sept. 1902, from Sir Evan MacGregor (see No. 4 above) relating to an amendment in the Manual, tipped in. A few neat contemporary annotations & marginalia in Appendix. An Admiralty Manual issued at the close of the Victorian era, containing regulations and instructions relative to the steam engines, boilers and machinery of British warships. Covers Compound and Triple Expansion engines, preservation and testing of boilers, the screw and the paddle-wheel, precautions in case of ramming an enemy vessel, steam trials for ships, precautions against fire, gun carriages, barbettes and turrets, precautions when cleaning double bottoms, ships paying-off, Torpedo Boat Destroyers and Torpedo Boats, apparatus for raising steam quickly, stores, coal and coal bunkers, oil and tallow, etc., etc. £60.00

Memoirs of a Trafalgar Captain – with two interesting naval Bookplates

{7} ← Allen, Joseph. MEMOIR OF THE LIFE AND SERVICES OF AD Vice WILLIAM HARGOOD, G.C.B., G.C.H. COMPILED FROM AUTHENTIC DOCUMENTS UNDER THE DIRECTION OF LADY HARGOOD. Printed for Private Circulation Only, Greenwich: Henry S. Richardson, 1st ed., 1841. Xii + 296 pp., guarded engraved portrait frontis + 2 aquatints. Green ribbed cloth; gilt; richly decorated spine in gilt, gilt armorial front cover. Edges uncut. 26 x 17cm. Neatly re-backed with most of the original spine laid down. V.G. Two armorial bookplates, one of Captain Robert Henley Rogers, R.N., of Wisdome, Devon. (Later Rear-Admiral, born August 1783; died 3 January 1857 See O’Byrne, p. 1000, for details of his naval career. He served under Rainer, Byam Martin, etc.). The other bookplate is of Commander R. Jukes Hughes, R.N. An inscription around this bookplates reads: “Lieut. E. G. de S. Jukes Hughes, Royal Navy, 1908. Note: Admiral Sir Wm. Hargood was Godfather to Hargood White, 4th Son of Rear Adml. Thos. White, Gt. Grandfather of E. G. de S. J.H.”. This copy is also inscribed on the title-page: “Capt. Robt. H. Rogers R.N., given him by Lady Hargood.”. The author of this biography, Joseph Allen (1810-1864) is perhaps best remembered for his history of the battles of the Royal Navy and for his biography of Nelson. However, Allen was a fitting choice to record the life of Admiral Hargood as he was no stranger to the survivors of Trafalgar. Hargood was in command of the BELLEISLE on the 21st October 1805, having been born in 1762 and at the age of ten taken out of school to join the
TRIUMPH, 74, bearing the broad pendant of Commodore Maurice Suckling, Nelson’s uncle, under whom Nelson himself had joined a year earlier. It was some years however, before Hargood met Nelson, together with Collingwood, when he was sent out to the West Indies as a lieutenant. Hargood served under Sir Peter Parker in the attack on Sullivan’s Island in 1776 and was captured by the Spanish at Pensacola in 1781. A year later he was fighting under Rodney at Dominica and he was appointed captain in 1790. The height of Hargood’s naval career came when he was given command of the BELLEISLE as part of Lord Nelson’s fleet in 1803, going on to fight at Trafalgar two years later. He rose to become a vice-admiral in 1814, admiral and GCB in 1831, and was in regular correspondence with his old friend from those West Indian days, William IV, during that monarch’s reign. Hargood died at Bath in 1839. In writing this book, chiefly for Hargood's family and friends, Allen received invaluable contributions from, among others, Vice-Admiral Sir Jahleel Brenton and Sir George Westphal – the latter being a midshipman in the VICTORY at Trafalgar, and whom, upon being wounded, had had Nelson’s coat placed under his head as a pillow. For his services at Trafalgar, Sir William Hargood received a gold medal, the thanks of Parliament, and a sword of honour from the Patriotic Fund. (For further details see Mackenzie’s Trafalgar Roll, 1913). The BELLEISLE bore a very distinguished part in Nelson’s last fight. Early in the battle she came under heavy fire and although later completely dismasted and shattered, she remained unconquered. She suffered the loss of 127 killed and wounded and her hull was knocked almost to pieces on both sides; her masts, bowsprit, figurehead, boats and anchors were all shot away. Hargood’s privately circulated Memoirs.

{8} Anderson, Ernest B. SAILING SHIPS OF IRELAND. A BOOK FOR LOVERS OF SAIL, BEING A RECORD OF IRISH SAILING SHIPS OF THE NINETEENTH CENTURY. Dublin, Morris & Co., 1st ed., 1951. Xv + 303 pp., 41 photo-plates. Green cloth gilt. 22 x 14cm. Address stamp to (blank) front free endpaper; slight wear to extremities of binding, o/w V.G. Bookplate. The history, career and fate of Irish square-riggers in the 19th century, a post-war Irish account rich in anecdote and fact. Divided into three parts, Part I covers Shipowners in Sail and includes chapters on Belfast Shipping (with many owners), The Belfast Colonial Clippers, and Belfast Coolie Ships. Also Cory’s “Irish Stars”, Dixon’s “Lord Line”, Samuel Lawther’s Fleet, William Porter & Sons, Dublin Shipping, Dublin Sailing Colliers (many owners). Also Richard Martin & Co., the “Bertie Mills” of Skerries, Cork Shipping (many owners), Cork West Indiamen, and Cork Sailing Colliers; Londonderry Shipping, McCorkell’s Emigrant Ships, Mitchell’s “Foyle Line”, and Dickie’s “Maiden City Line”. The author continues with Waterford Shipping (many owners), Limerick Shipping, Wexford Shipping, Sligo Shipping, and finally Arklow, the last Irish stronghold of sail. Part II covers Paddle Steamer Owners. They include City of Dublin S.P. Co., the Dublin-London route, City of Cork S.P. Co., Drogheda S.P. Co., the Galway Line, and various other Steam Packet Companies. Part III Shipbuilding Companies, covers Irish shipbuilders in Belfast, Cork, Londonderry, and Waterford. Also Walpole & Webb of Dublin, Paul Rodgers of Carrickfergus, and various small craft builders. In addition the appendices list various fleets, plus a list of the last Irish sailing vessels, 55 in all, owned between 1915 and 1945. Illustrated with 41 photographs, this is a detailed account of Irish sailing vessels with, to a lesser extent, the early steam packet companies and Irish shipbuilders.

{9} Atkinson, C. T. A CURTAIL’D MEMOIR OF INCIDENTS AND OCCURRENCES IN THE LIFE OF JOHN SURMAN CARDEN, VICE ADMIRAL IN THE BRITISH NAVY. WRITTEN BY HIMSELF, 1850, NOW FIRST PRINTED
It is customary for a naval officer who has led a brilliant career to write his memoirs in his twilight years, but less so for an officer whose career was “curtail’d”, chiefly due to the loss of his ship in battle. Not that the loss was anything to be ashamed of. John Carden was up against a superior force and fought with great gallantry before having to lower his flag. The Cardens had originated in Cheshire but had moved to Kent and John Surman Carden’s branch had settled in Ireland in the middle of the 17th century. Carden entered the Royal Navy at the age of 17 and after an inactive start in the Portsmouth guardship, spent the next five years on the East Indies station where he saw action against Malay pirates and had an early encounter with the French on the outbreak of the long Revolutionary War. Returning to England in late 1793, he joined the Channel fleet under Lord Howe and fought in the Glorious First of June (1794). His career was varied and active but he just missed Trafalgar although he carried home Collingwood’s dispatches. Carden was in the VILLE DE PARIS at Corunna when Sir John Moore’s army was in retreat, and he was in command of the MARS 74, in the Baltic under Sir James Saumarez. After further active service, Carden found himself in command of the frigate MACEDONIAN during the Naval War of 1812. She fought a bitter engagement with the much larger UNITED STATES and his frigate was reduced to “an unmanageable log on the ocean”, all her masts gone, half her guns out of action, and over 100 of her 259 men killed or wounded. This, together with a quarrel with the powerful Secretary to the Admiralty, Mr. Croker, left his career ‘on the shelf’ after 1812. These and other remarkable incidents in the life and service of Vice-Admiral Carden (he in fact rose to become Admiral in 1855: three years before his death) are fully and candidly described in this book. SCARCE. £200.00


Following the Franco-Prussian War of the early 1870s, some 100,000 Germans emigrated to the New World, by far the largest of any emigrant group. At the same time Germany rapidly expanded its merchant fleet and among the new vessels being built was the steamship SCHILLER, flagship of the Eagle Line, designed to carry passengers across the Atlantic. In May 1875 the ship was bound from New York to Plymouth when she struck a reef near the Bishop Rock lighthouse off the Scilly Isles. In the midst of a raging storm many were trapped below decks including some 150 women and children. There were acts of cowardice and heroism from those on-board as they awaited their fate. Scilly Islanders bravely put to sea in small boats, rowing against fierce seas to attempt a rescue. Over 340 German, American and British souls on board lost their lives and found rest in the graveyard of nearby St. Mary’s. One particular tragic victim was the ship’s much admired captain who lost his life and his reputation as his neglect was blamed for the disaster. FINE copy. £40.00


This keystone biography tells the life of one of the most fascinating figures of the Royal Navy, John Arbuthnot Fisher (1841-1920) affectionately known as “Jacky Fisher”. Born while his parents were living in Ceylon, Fisher entered the Navy in 1854 during the age of sail. He rose to become First Sea Lord (1904-1910, and again 1914-1915) at the height of the
dreadnought era. A controversial character, Fisher was an outstanding administrator, strategist, gunnery expert, seaman and a racy memoir-writer. He introduced the dreadnoughts, scrapped out-dated ships and ideas, and dragged the 19th century Navy into an effective fighting force in time to counter the threat from Germany in 1914. Raised to the peerage in 1909, Fisher did not bring about this revolution without making enemies both inside and outside the Fleet. He was ruthless in his methods and harsh on those he considered neglectful of their duty or inefficient in their profession. The organized opposition he encountered from Admiral Lord Charles Beresford and his supporters is examined here. Fisher resigned in 1915 owing to disapproval of his policy of administration, but undoubtedly his “all big-gun” policy, his painful pre-war reforms, and his great influence, provided Britain with a strong Navy ready to face its greatest challenge since Trafalgar. It was typical of Fisher to swiftly dispatch a powerful squadron to hunt down von Spee and avenge Coronel in 1914, a prime example of his decisiveness - perhaps his greatest strength. The author provides an early assessment of Fisher and his contribution to his country and the Royal Navy, written by a fellow-officer only nine years after Fisher’s death. £150.00


Carl G. Evers was born in Germany and his British father was a marine engineer so he studied art in London and later Sweden before migrating to the United States in 1947. There he began life as a marine artist in earnest and his ship-studies gained him a reputation for accurate detail. This book provides 45 examples of his work, all but one reproduced in colour, they include square-riggers, tugs, warships, yachts, passenger liners, etc. £30.00


A detailed and important study of the capital ship in transition, published for the Society for Nautical Research for whom Admiral Ballard contributed articles and notes from the first issue of The Mariner’s Mirror in 1911 to his death in 1948. He began his research into the Black Battlefleet in 1929 when even then few men were left who could recall the Royal Navy of the mid-Victorian period – the Navy of steam and sail, wooden hulls, muzzle-loaders and primitive ironclads. Illustrated with more than 200 photographs, plans, draughts and diagrams, Admiral Ballard examines such ships as: MINOTAUR, AGINCOURT, NORTHUMBERLAND, ACHILLES, WARRIOR, BLACK PRINCE, BELLEROPHON, HERCULES, LORD CLYDE, LORD WARDEN, MONARCH, CAPTAIN, PRINCE CONSORT, ROYAL OAK, ZEALOUS, HECTOR, DEFENCE, AUDACIOUS, INVINCIBLE, VANGUARD, IRON DUKE, TEMERAIRE, DEVASTATION, ALEXANDRA, etc. The detailed appendices provide information on construction dates, hull dimensions, armour, machinery, dimensions of masts and spars, alterations up to 1870, &c.  FINE copy. £100.00


A unique and remarkable view of the Falklands War in 1982 written by the captain of the Royal Navy’s ice-patrol ship ENDURANCE which had warned Whitehall of Argentina’s invasion plans and was duly ignored. In this book Captain Barker explains why Britain had to fight to recover her territory. The ENDURANCE was then the only British presence in the South Atlantic and the Government, in its wisdom, had decided to scrap her. To the Argentinians this was a clear signal that Britain was no longer interested in the Falkland
Islands and was ignoring the wish of the islanders to remain British. Armed with only two 20mm guns and two Wasp helicopters, ENDURANCE nevertheless took part in the operation to recapture South Georgia. This is one of the most interesting books to emerge from the Falklands War. Captain Nick Barker died, aged 63, the year the book was published. £25.00


For centuries mariners faced natural shipwreck and infamous wreckers around the hazardous and stormy coasts of Scotland, added to which press gangs and privateers were also constant threats. In 1786 the Northern Lighthouse Trust was established and a few years later Robert Stevenson was appointed Chief Engineer. Thus began almost two centuries of family connection which saw the construction of the Bell Rock light, Skerryvore, Muckle Flugga, and in all, ninety-seven lights dotted around the Scottish coast in addition to harbours, roads, bridges and railways. Robert Louis Stevenson also trained as an engineer but was to find his fame in literature. The author traces the remarkable careers of the Stevensons from the first Scottish lights to the last of their keepers. £25.00


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{17} Bennett, A. S. JUNE OF ROCHESTER. TOPSAIL BARGE. FIRST EDITION, Edward Arnold, 1939. 256 pp., frontis + 15 other photo-plates & a map & a plan. Maroon cloth ; blue lettering ; fore & lower edges uncut. 22 x 15cm. Spine & small section of boards faded o/w V.G.

During the 1930s the author and his wife decided to live afloat and so cast about for a suitable vessel. They thought that an old sailing barge would be of the right size and found a vessel at Northfleet called the JUNE which they bought and converted. They describe the work they carried out, the commissioning, and their subsequent voyages under sail on the Thames and up the east coast to the creeks and harbours of Essex and Suffolk. A second edition was published in 1949, this is a copy of the original pre-war edition. £40.00


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Profusely illustrated with photographs and drawings, this is a unique survivor from the golden age of the coastal steamer. FINE copy. £60.00

{19} Blackhurst, Derek. *PHILIP AND SON LTD. SHIPBUILDERS AND ENGINEERS.* Preston, 1st ed., 2001. 160 pp., profusely illustrated with photographs, etc. Pict. laminated boards. 30 x 21 cm. MINT.

Philip & Son Ltd., with their yard situated on the River Dart almost opposite the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, was one of Britain’s most prolific shipbuilders, having completed over a period of 140 years almost 1,500 vessels. These included Mersey ferries, coastal passenger ships, yachts, fishing vessels, lightships, tugs, coastal cargo vessels, harbour pinnaces, air-sea rescue launches and WWII corvettes and minesweepers for the Admiralty. The late Derek Blackhurst, in this profusely illustrated book, chronicles the history of the yard and of the Philips family who built up this west country business. He follows their fortunes through peace and war and lists with full data all known vessels built by the company with career details for all but the most minor craft. An excellent and important work of reference, often cited in our catalogues when listing original specifications for vessels built in this celebrated yard. (See for examples Items 183, 184 & 185 below). MINT copy. £40.00


A behind-the-scenes portrayal of a typical Ship-of-the-Line in the early 19th century. These wooden giants of the sea had 25 miles of rigging and cables, 2 acres of canvas, 1,200 tons of food and stores, and 640 sailors, marines, landsmen and boys – and often a few women – all from perhaps 20 or 30 different countries. All this was contained within a hull 176 feet long and 50 feet wide. The sailing battleship had more firepower than an army and was self-sufficient at sea for months on end. The author takes a fictitious 74-gun ship as an example and recreates what a day in the life of such a ship would have been in 1810 as a unit of the Mediterranean fleet. FINE copy. £45.00


The catalogue of an important and historic sale which saw the collection of Liverpool’s T. & J. Harrison Line go under the hammer. Founded in 1830, the Company kept a small museum in their Head Office in Mersey Chambers overlooking the river and the churchyard of the Seaman’s Church, St. Nicholas. Harrison Line was one of the last of the old Merchant Navy shipping lines to close its doors; once proud owners of square-riggers and steamships. The catalogue, profusely illustrated in colour, contains 233 lots including paintings by artists such as John Stobart, Robert Lloy, Colin Verity, Arthur James Wetherall Burgess, etc; china, furniture, brass door names, silverware, telescopes, longcase clocks, bulkhead clocks, bells, ship models, and other memorabilia. FINE copy. £40.00


In the post-war era, the world’s navies faced a very different threat as it entered the nuclear age. In response the Royal Navy started a construction programme of new types of frigates, including the Type 41 Leopard and Type 61 Salisbury classes. They shared a common hull but were tailored for specific roles within the fleet. The Type 41s took on the names of Big
Cats whilst the Type 61s were given names of Cathedral Cities. Both classes played an important role in the post-war Royal Navy and the author provides details of design, construction and service careers of all these British frigates, plus three Type 41s built for the Indian Navy. Includes a list of commanding officers for each vessel, plus previous ships of the name: SALISBURY, LEOPARD, CHICHESTER, LYNX, LLANDAFF, JAGUAR, PUMA, LINCOLN, BRAHMAPUTRA (ex PANTHER), BEAS, and BETWA. £25.00

{23} Boniface, Patrick. **TYPE 81. A HISTORY OF THE TRIBAL CLASS FRIGATE.** Periscope Pub. Ltd., Penzance. 1st ed., 2012. 197 pp., 6 photo-ills. Pict. c.c., 23 x 16cm. FINE. The Tribal class frigates of the Royal Navy emerged in the early 1960s as a result of design work started towards the end of the Second World War into future surface escort vessels. New technologies were introduced including gas turbine propulsion and anti-submarine helicopters. Seven frigates of this class, not universally liked, were built and served over three decades East of Suez, in the Caribbean, and in Arctic waters during the Cod War with Iceland. The author describes the class from their ordering to their eventual decommissioning, conducting interviews with former crew members. The seven were: ASHANTI, ESKIMO, GURKHA, MOHAWK, NUBIAN, TARTAR and ZULU. £25.00

{24} Borneman, Walter R. **1812 : THE WAR THAT FORGED A NATION.** New York, 1st ed., 2004. Xiii + 349 pp., 16 plates & 10 maps. D.j., 23 x 16cm. FINE. The Naval War of 1812 to Great Britain was an unwanted sideshow; a distraction from the long wars with France and her allies. It came about by Britain’s frequent disregard for the American flag as it stopped US ships to search for deserted British seamen—not always too particular which nation they belonged to—such was the desperate manning situation. For America it was a matter of honour and principle—and free trade—after their repeated protests to London fell on deaf ears. It was still a brave move for the young United States to declare war on Great Britain. In this American view of the conflict the author traces the course of the war at sea, in the Great Lakes, and on land. Ships like the **USS CONSTITUTION** showed that it was more than a match for British frigates. Nevertheless Washington was sent up in flames by Admiral Cockburn, and only a valiant defence at Fort McHenry saved Baltimore from a similar fate. The war has not received the attention it deserves. It had brilliant victories and humiliating defeats on both sides. £30.00

{25} Bouquet, Michael. **NO GALLANT SHIP. STUDIES IN MARITIME AND LOCAL HISTORY.** 1st ed., 1959. 196 pp., frontis + 31 other photo-plates + 13 sketches. D.j., 22 x 14cm. Torn dust jacket (now in protective sleeve) with some loss o/w V.G. The author recalls sailors and sailing vessels from Britain’s harbours, many since vanished, in an age when small self-contained communities built, financed, and manned all kinds of vessels including ketches, snows, schooners, brigs, hoyes and other sailing craft. Harbours like Salcombe, Appledore, Watchet, Porlock, Minehead, Barnstaple, Lewes, Arundel, Littlehampton and many others, all bustled with mast and sail as their seamen crossed the Atlantic for Newfoundland salt cod, or sailed to Scandinavia for timber, or the Azores for fruit. The author speaks from first-hand experience as he himself served in some of the last survivors and describes a way of life that has now disappeared from living memory. Illustrated with 32 excellent photographs and 13 sketches. £30.00

{26} Bowden-Smith, E. C. **LAND HO ! THE LAST OF HER RACE, AND THE CONVOY.** 1st Eng. ed., 1931. Xi + 91 pp. Frontis + 3 other plates. Blue cloth; gilt; large illustrated paper title-piece mounted to front cover. 22 x 15cm. V.G.
This is the story of the famous last full-rigged composite passenger clipper ever launched, the \textit{TORRENS}. The ship was built for the Australian trade at Sunderland in 1875 and was the last word in composite ship construction, skilfully built using only the finest materials. The first part of the book tells of her fast passage from Plymouth to Port Adelaide in 1887-1888 under the command of Captain H. R. Angel who was also the principal owner of the ship. The latter part of the book, \textit{The Convoy}, describes a voyage during the First World War from Port Said to London in convoy from a passenger’s point of view. SCARCE. £60.00

\textbf{A Classic American Manual for Seamen in the days of Sail}

{27} $\leftarrow$ Brady, William. (Sailing Master, U.S.N.) \textit{THE KEDGE-ANCHOR ; OR, YOUNG SAILORS' ASSISTANT. APPERTAINING TO THE PRACTICAL EVOLUTIONS OF MODERN SEAMANSHIP, RIGGING, KNOTTING, SPLICING, BLOCKS, PURCHASES, RUNNING-RIGGING, AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS, APPLICABLE TO SHIPS OF WAR AND OTHERS. ILLUSTRATED WITH SEVENTY ENGRAVINGS. ALSO, TABLES OF RIGGING, SPARS, SAILS, BLOCKS, CANVASS, CORDAGE, CHAIN AND HEMP CABLES, HAWSERS, &c. \&c. RELATIVE TO EVERY CLASS OF VESSELS.} New York, Published by the Author, 8th ed., “improved \& enlarged, with additional matter, plates \& tables”. 1855. 400 pp., 70 engravings + woodcuts, etc. Re-bound in qtr. green morocco ; decorative patterned boards ; raised bands ; gold lettering \& centre-panel motifs to spine. 24 x 15cm. Foxing as usual o/w V.G. + with FINE binding.

First published by Taylor \& Clement at New York in 1841 as \textit{The Naval Apprentice’s Kedge-Anchor}, this book was highly successful and quickly went through many editions (the 18th edition was published in 1864). This is a copy of the 8th edition of 1855, published in New York by the author. Divided into eleven parts, the book deals with 544 subjects of interest to young sailors during the era of sail, both for those in the American Navy and for those in the Merchant Service. These range from knots and splices to sails and rigging; from handling a square-rigger at sea to the duties of the crew. The book is profusely illustrated with full-page engravings and charming wood-cuts. It provides a clear and concise source of reference on every aspect of seamanship during this period. Attractive copy. £200.00

{28} Bragadin, Commander (R) Marc’ Antonio. \textit{THE ITALIAN NAVY IN WORLD WAR II.} Annapolis, 1st. US ed., 1957. Xviii + 380 pp., frontis + many other photo-plates, charts \& diagrams. D.j., 26 x 18cm. Torn dust-jacket with small loss (now in a protective sleeve) o/w V.G. Bookplate.

One of the United States Naval Institute publications in a series of historic studies of the navies of World War II, this book (translated from the Italian), is based on Italian and British sources. It was the first history of the wartime Italian Navy to appear after the conflict and it tells the story of the Italian Navy’s activities in the Mediterranean, Black Sea, and on the high seas in general from 1939, presenting a picture of Italy’s naval operations hitherto unavailable to English-speaking readers. Well illustrated with photographs, charts and diagrams; subjects includes an account of the Italian Navy on the eve of war with its fine fleet of modern tonnage; its failure to occupy Tunisia and Malta; the war against Greece; the end of the Navy in the Red Sea; Sirte and the battle against Allied convoys; blockade of Malta; the invasion of Sicily; the destruction of the Italian Fleet by the Royal Navy; the war against Russia; and the final surrender and naval activities thereafter. Appendices include British, German and Italian losses, etc. £75.00

\textbf{BOOKQUOTE} : \textit{“A classic is a book that doesn’t have to be written again.”} W. Du Bois
Signed Presentation Copy from Lord Romilly to Naval Historian Tom Pocock


In September 1803, Midshipman Maurice Hewson was captured off Brest and marched to the fortress of Verdun. Five years later, after suffering many hardships, he and a fellow midshipman made a daring escape and reached Aigues-Mortes in thirty days – only to be recaptured and taken in chains to the dreaded Bitche, the French ‘Colditz’ of the Napoleonic Wars. Hewson, however, escaped a second time, with two other Englishmen, and after a dangerous journey through southern Germany they reached the safety of Austria. This book is illustrated with more than 60 pictures and hand-drawn maps of the escape routes. £40.00

{30} Bridge, Admiral Sir Cyprian. **SOME RECOLLECTIONS.** John Murray, 1st ed., 1918.Xi + 328 + 4 (advt.) pp., cold. port. frontis + 2 photo-plates. Blue cloth ; gilt/black lettering. 22 x 15cm. Binding a trifle worn & lightly marked ; GOOD. Internally V.G.

An autobiographical sketch of the naval career and family history of Admiral Sir Cyprian Bridge (1839-1924), describing life in the Royal Navy in the mid-19th century and an account of the islands in the Western Pacific. Cyprian Bridge entered the Navy in 1853 at the age of 14, having been nominated a cadetship by Admiral Sir Thomas Cochrane to whom his father was Chaplain. He describes his early naval life, his first ship, service in the West Indies, action in the White Sea during the Crimean War, service on the Pacific station, in the East Indies, on the Australian station, around the South Sea Islands and New Zealand. He describes the Bluejackets of the day and their kit, and provides interesting anecdotes of the sometimes obscure corners of the world where the White Ensign flew. This was the era of *Pax Britannica* and the author rose to become C-in-C of both the Australian Squadron and the China Squadron, retiring from the Navy in 1904 after a remarkable career. £40.00

{31} Britannia Royal Naval College. **SEVEN CONSECUTIVE ISSUES OF ‘THE BRITANNIA MAGAZINE’ ; HOUSE-MAGAZINE OF THE ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE, DARTMOUTH : CHRISTMAS 1937, EASTER 1938, CHRISTMAS 1938, EASTER 1939, CHRISTMAS 1939, EASTER 1940, CHRISTMAS 1940.** (Dartmouth, printed in Torquay), 7 issues, 1st eds., 1937-1940. 35, 64, 83, 80, 86, 70 & 77 pp. All illustrated with numerous photographs & drawings. Pictorial c.c. (blue card, all but the last one which is brown) 25 x 19cm. One rear (blank) cover has pencil scribbling, o/w all V.G.

Seven issues of the Dartmouth Naval College’s house-magazine with its striking front cover drawn by the English book illustrator John Bernard Partridge (1861-1945). Contains many articles, notes and letters of naval and maritime interest, plus sporting events, entertainment activities, and lists of Officers and Masters for each term. The magazines are well illustrated with photographs and drawings ; the latter by cadets, and the run between 1937 to 1940 extends to the outbreak and early months of the Second World War. After 1940, wartime austerity measures reduced the magazine to an annual publication. £70.00
The author provides a richly entertaining and often humorous study of naval messages described as “Naval history told solely in the terse language of the signalmen.” Captain Broome begins by describing some special flags and customs of the sea, going on to give by way of example some famous, and not so famous, naval signals from 1779 to 1954. These include the most celebrated signal in history, Nelson’s message as the British fleet bore down on the combined fleets of the enemy at Trafalgar. However the richest source emanates from the Second World War and the author brings to light signals exchanged during events such as the sinking of the SCHARNHORST, on Russian convoy duty, the sinking of the RAWALPINDI, and in the hunt and destruction of the BISMARCK. Illustrated with the author’s celebrated drawings First Edition copy.  

Broome, Jack.  
MAKE A SIGNAL!  FIRST EDITION 1955.  
224 pp., many drawings by the author. D.j., 22 x 14cm. V.G.

Buchheim, Lothar-Gunther.  
Unpaginated, 205 photo-ills. Pict. c.c., 28 x 21cm. V.G.  
First published in Germany in 1976, this pictorial study of Second World War German U-boats comes from the author of the celebrated novel Das Boot. Buchheim describes factual submarine life in the Atlantic from 1939 to 1945, selecting 205 photographs from his unique collection of over 5000 examples. As official artist he was sent to sea in a U-boat to take action-pictures for propaganda purposes and given unlimited film supplies and permission to film whatever he wanted. He was appalled by what he witnessed and captured on film; the harshness of life in a U-boat both in action and during the boredom of long fruitless patrols. He smuggled his photographs to a place of safety when Hitler’s regime fell in 1945.  £30.00

Bulley, Hugh.  
(lx) + 461 pp., 40 cold. plates. D.j., 24 x 16cm. FINE. 
The author grew up in the England of the 1930s, became a naval cadet, and went off to war as a young man. Divided into three parts, Part I: The Headmaster’s Son describes his boyhood at St. Edmund’s, Hindhead, a boy’s preparatory school founded in 1874. Part II: The Making of a Naval Officer recounts the harsh regime at Dartmouth’s Royal Naval College where boys were frequently subjected to the cane. Part III: To War: Behind the Mast is a gripping first-hand account of World War II as seen through the eyes of a young midshipman. Hugh Bulley sailed to Rio aboard the CERAMIC (sunk on her next voyage with only one survivor) to begin his war. He describes the rescue of a torpedoed destroyer from beneath enemy guns at El Alamein; the North African campaigns of Tobruk and Mersa Matruh; the relief of the siege of Malta; fighting a fire aboard an ammunition ship; the D-Day landings seen from the control ship, experiencing at close quarters the worst conventional explosion in the war prior to Hiroshima, and life in the British Pacific Fleet with the relieving of Japanese POW camps at Hong Kong, Taiwan and Shanghai – when the author reached the age of twenty-one. He also describes the sensation of seeing a torpedo heading straight for his destroyer, HMS ERIDGE, which survived the damage and was taken in tow by HMS ALDENHAM, and then repeatedly attacked by German fighter aircraft before limping into Alexandria where they buried their dead. The battle-scarred six-year-old destroyer never went to sea again and was broken up in 1946. SCARCE.  £45.00

Busch, Fritz-Otto.  
THE STORY OF THE PRINCE EUGEN.  
Rep. 1976. 190 pp., 15 photo-plates & 5 maps. D.j., 22 x 14cm. FINE. 
An English translation of a German work first published in 1958, it tells the story of the heavy cruiser PRINCE EUGEN in which the author served during the Second World War. Launched at Kiel in 1938, the cruiser was in company with the BISMARCK but left her side
shortly before the battleship was sunk. Together with \textit{SCHARNHORST} and \textit{GNEISENAU} she made the dash up the English Channel in 1942, and later that year survived a bomb and torpedo attack by British aircraft. At the end of the war she was taken by the British who gave her to the Americans to be used in atomic bomb tests on Bikini atoll in December 1946 when she capsized and sank. FINE copy.


First published in 1916, this is a memoir of a young RNVR officer who came fresh from college to war in the Royal Navy. In 1915 Sub-Lieutenant Tisdall landed from the S/S \textit{RIVER CLYDE} at ‘V’ Beach during the Gallipoli Campaign. He made daring rescues in a boat taking off wounded men under heavy fire, but after several successful round trips he was killed. He received the V.C. posthumously for his outstanding bravery. The book includes his verses and correspondence, together with tributes from those who served with him. £35.00

\{37\} Buxton, Ian. \textit{METAL INDUSTRIES. SHIPBREAKING AT ROSYTH AND CHARLESTOWN.} Kendal, 1\textsuperscript{st}.ed., 1992. 104 pp., profusely illustrated with photographs. Pict. c.c., 24 x 18cm. FINE.

As Britain once built two-thirds of the world’s shipping, it is no surprise that she also had a large shipbreaking industry as this WSS publication clearly demonstrates. Metal Industries was largely created by Robert Watson McCrone who founded the Alloa Shipbreaking Company in 1922. During peace and war, the author describes the firm’s huge operations at Rosyth and Charlestown. Contains many interesting photographs of ships and a list of vessels broken up between 1923 and 1963, both merchant ships and warships. £35.00

\{38\} Cameron, Stephen. \textit{DEATH IN THE NORTH CHANNEL. THE LOSS OF THE ‘PRINCESS VICTORIA’, JANUARY 1953.} Newtownards, Co. Down, Northern Ireland, 1\textsuperscript{st}. ed., 2002. 144 pp., profusely illustrated with photographs, drawings, plans, facsimiles, etc. Pict. c.c., 26 x 21cm. FINE.

The short-sea ferry \textit{PRINCESS VICTORIA} tragically sank off the coast of Northern Ireland on the stormy 31\textsuperscript{st} January 1953, claiming the lives of 134 passengers and crew. Not a single woman or child survived. The vessel sailed from Stranraer into weather that was so severe, that even today it is referred to as the “Great Storm”. Within an hour of sailing the ship was sending out distress calls and those on her bridge battled for five hours as they struggled to reach safety. In the event the wind and waves were too much for the ship which turned over and sank to the bottom of the Irish Sea. Only 44 men survived and the loss of the \textit{PRINCESS VICTORIA} sent shock-waves around the United Kingdom. Illustrated with numerous photographs, drawings, maps, plans, and facsimiles ; the author recalls the tragedy. £25.00

\{39\} Cammell Laird & Co. (Shipbuilders & Engineers) Ltd. \textit{BUILDERS OF GREAT SHIPS.} Birkenhead, Privately Printed, 1\textsuperscript{st}.ed., 1959. 79 pp., 49 photo-ills. Blue cloth ; gilt. 23 x 16cm.
Covers lightly stained o/w V.G+. Bookplate. Two coloured photographs and a cutting tipped in.

Cammell Laird built many ships for the Royal Navy as well as fine merchantmen. The yard was founded by William Laird who came to Liverpool from Scotland in 1810 and eventually crossed the Mersey to build ships at Birkenhead. Famous vessels from this yard include the Confederate raider \textit{ALABAMA}, the ill-fated troopship \textit{BIRKENHEAD}, the cruiser \textit{ACHILLES} of River Plate fame, Cunard’s second \textit{MAURETANIA}, the battleship \textit{RODNEY}, the ill-fated
PRINCE OF WALES, the wartime and post-war carriers ARK ROYAL, Union-Castle’s WINDSOR CASTLE, and the guided missile destroyer DEVONSHIRE. There was both a ‘hard cover’ and a ‘soft cover’ edition of this book produced in 1959; this is the superior hard-back copy. The old company has gone but today some construction and ship repair is being carried out on this historic site on the banks of the Mersey.  £30.00

{40} Capes, Renalt.   POSEIDON. A PERSONAL STUDY OF ADMIRAL LORD NELSON.  Sidgwick & Jackson, 1st ed., 1947. Vi + 206 pp., port. frontis + 5 other plates. D.j. 22 x 15cm. V.G.

A somewhat unusual study in which the author sets out to examine Nelson’s character and the strength and weakness of his nature by removing Nelson ‘The Hero’ to reveal Nelson ‘The Man’. Includes an account of Nelson’s four major battles and a study of his complicated love affair with Emma Hamilton. The author explores the human aspect of Nelson’s character; describing his dual existence at sea and ashore. At sea he was master of his fate; ashore he was at the mercy of his emotions Uncommon in dust jacket.  £25.00


The author had the rare opportunity to acquire first-hand information regarding the last ocean-going square-riggers as he enjoyed friendship with a number of sailors who manned the windjammers, most noticeably Captain Eben Anderson, one of Gustaf Erikson’s masters. As a youth, the author corresponded with Erikson himself, and this led him on to carry out research into the final epoch of deep-water sail and a way of life now beyond living memory. The result is an interesting blend of interviews, diary extracts, and stories, all illustrated with 42 of the author’s beautiful and detailed paintings. He explains why sail managed to survive halfway through the last century, despite its losing battle with powered vessels. He describes the harsh conditions the seamen endured, citing the beauty of sail as the reason so many sailors chose this way of life rather than the more comfortable and better paid berths in steamers. It is the story of about the last 50 years of sail; an era that ended in 1959.  £75.00

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{42} Charnock, John.   BIOGRAPHIA NAVALIS ; OR, IMPARTIAL MEMOIRS OF THE LIVES AND CHARACTERS OF OFFICERS OF THE NAVY OF GREAT BRITAIN, FROM THE YEAR 1660 TO THE PRESENT TIME ; DRAWN FROM THE MOST AUTHENTIC SOURCES, AND DISPOSED IN A CHRONOLOGICAL ARRANGEMENT, WITH PORTRAITS, AND OTHER ENGRAVINGS, BY BARTOLOZZI, &c.  6 Vols., London : printed for R. Faulder, Bond-street, 1st eds., 1794, 1795, 1796, 1797 & 1798.  Vol. I : Xxvi + 440 pp., engrvd. port. frontis + a large engrvd. battle-plan/view (fldg.)  Vol. II : 472 pp., engrvd. port. frontis.  Vol. III : 415 pp., engrvd. medal frontis.  Vol. IV : 440 pp., engrvd. port. frontis.  Vol. V : 516 pp., engrvd. port. frontis. + a battle-list (fldg.).  Vol. VI : 595 pp., engrvd. port. frontis. All bound in original boards, as issued, but not uniform: four volumes are in the usual blue/grey boards; two volumes are in marbled boards. (i.e. These volumes are as issued and were never sent by their original owner, or subsequent owners, to be bound-up). All have attractive uncut edges. All have been tastefully re-backed in matching grey paper in keeping with their original boards; original paper title-pieces (of various sizes) have been laid down. 23 x 14c. Some wear to paper-covered boards with board exposed in places. Virtually no foxing owing partly to the tightness of the uncut edges keeping dust out; partly to the high-quality rag paper used. Externally o/w V.G., internally Nr.FINE. All six volumes have the Reference Library label of the old London booksellers, Francis Edwards.
(when they were located at 83 Marylebone High Street from 1910 until the 1980s). The four volumes with plain boards bear the armorial bookplates of Thomas Fitz Gerald (the two volumes in marbled boards do not, providing evidence that this is a made up set but one put together many decades ago). Thomas Fitz Gerald was a member of an Irish dynasty, the Dukes of Leinster, based at the Castle of Crom in Limerick. Their ancient war cry was “Crom A Boo”, or in Irish “Crom Abu”, meaning “Crom forever”, reflected in the motto on Fitz Gerald's bookplate.

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Nelson’s 1809 Biography Extended to Four Volumes with 517 Extra Illustrations!

Clarke, James Stanier. & M’Arthur, John. THE LIFE OF ADMIRAL LORD NELSON, K.B. FROM HIS LORDSHIP’S MANUSCRIPTS. 2 Vols. extended to 4. FIRST EDITION. 1809. Printed by T. Bensley, Bolt Court, Fleet Street, for T. Cadell & W. Davies, in the Strand. & W. Miller, Albemarle Street. Vol. I (extended to two volumes): XLiv + 375 pp., engrv. frontis + engrv. port., 2 engrv views & vignettes, 2 facsimiles and a double-page family pedigree. Vol. II (extended to two volumes): 511 pp., 3 engrv views, 4 engrv battle-views accompanied by 4 battle-plans, engrv vignette, engrv tail-piece, a facsimile, & engrv plan of a Martello Tower. The Four Extended Volumes contain an additional 517 plates including engraved portraits, views, maps, men-o’-war, etc., – some hand-coloured – & three original manuscripts (including one signed by Lady Nelson). Bound in 1889 in uniform three-quarter blue crushed morocco – marbled boards & endpapers; richly gilt-tooled spines in six compartments each; gilt lettering; raised bands; top edges gilt, others uncut. 34 x 27cm. Slight rubbing to marbled boards; spasmodic foxing; o/w a FINE set. Bookplates of David McNeely Stauffer (1845-1913), a celebrated American designer & engraver of bookplates from the 1870s, railway engineer, collector of early American engravings, (some 14,000 now in the New York Public Library) & prolific author. It was Stauffer who compiled this magnificent copy and had it sumptuously bound in 1889. It would be a near-impossibility to bring together these 517 Extra Illustrations today as some are extremely rare.

These two huge and heavy volumes, extended here into four, represent the Official biography of Admiral Lord Nelson, and the list of subscribers includes the names of just about everyone of any significance in Nelson’s family and among his private and professional friends. Published only four years after Nelson’s death at Trafalgar, the work was eagerly awaited by the public – or at least those who could afford to buy such a lavish and expensive work. No rich man’s library worthy of its name would have been without a set. For those unable to afford the publication price, eight guineas for a copy with proof illustrations and six guineas for the ordinary copy (after publication the cost went up even higher. See The Nelson Companion 1995, edited by Colin White, pp. 180-181) the publishers put out an octavo-sized single volume abridgment (with only a portrait of Nelson) in 1810. No expense was spared for the original 1809 edition, illustrated with Richard Westall’s engravings depicting notable events in Nelson’s naval career, and, more importantly, the very fine engraved battle-views of Nicholas Pocock, each accompanied by an explanatory battle-plan. There are also important appendices, various significant letters, orders and correspondence. This unique set, expanded into four volumes in Fine Bindings, contains three original manuscripts. [1] ALS signed by Lady Nelson dated 22 July 1821. [2] a document signed by Sir Hildebrand Oakes, first baronet, (1754-1822), an army officer who fought in the American War of Independence, and served extensively during the Napoleonic Wars. This document was signed in 1808 when Oakes was in command of the Malta garrison. [3] William Anne Villettes (1754-1808), another army officer who, in 1794, commanded a force of 1,200 soldiers which landed, with Captain Nelson and 250 naval gunners and besieged Bastia. Lord Hood bore testimony to Villettes’s good services, and Nelson described him as “a most excellent officer”. Villettes was made Governor of Bastia when the French surrendered and was gazetted Colonel. Other gems among the 517 extra illustrations include many engraved portraits of Nelson, some foreign, some rare; engravings of his monuments (again some rare plates); engraved portraits of many of Nelson’s fellow naval officers; maps & plans (some coloured); folding & double-page engraved views of harbours &c.; aquatints of naval engagements; a number of hand-coloured plates; portraits of Napoleon, plus politicians & royalty who played a role in Nelson’s life; rare hand-coloured engravings of Nelson’s arms; portraits of Sir William & Lady Hamilton; views and scenes associated with Nelson; engravings of men-o’-war; portraits of army officers known to Nelson; rare engravings of his death and funeral, etc. The sheer beauty of the fine bindings and the wealth of extra material cannot be exaggerated or overstated. It is by far the finest set of Clarke & M’Arthur that we have ever handled. David Stauffer spared neither expense nor effort in compiling this magnificent set, even providing an index of the extra plates, and new, highly professional, title-pages for each volume, with his imprint dated 1889. £7,000.00
Clegg, W. Paul. & Styring, John S.  **STEAMERS OF BRITISH RAILWAYS AND ASSOCIATE COMPANIES.**  Prescot, 1st ed., 1962. viii + 140 pp., frontis + many other photographs; map c.p.'s. D.J., 22 x 15cm. Slightly torn d.j. with small loss (d.j. now in protective sleeve) o/w V.G.
The authors begin with brief histories of British Railways passenger and cargo services up to 1962, broken down into the four Regions, together with associate companies such as Associated Humber Lines, Caledonian Steam Packet, Clyde & Campbeltown Shipping, and Atlantic Steam Navigation. In addition there are histories of port maintenance vessels and ferry services. However, the main part of the book is devoted to illustrated Fleet Lists of all these railway steamers together with photograph, data and remarks for each vessel. The appendices provide further information and the book is a useful source of reference on railway steamers in service during the early 1960s. £30.00

For more than 20 years the battlecruiser HOOD was reputed to be the most powerful warship in the world, but this was a myth that was cruelly shattered in May 1941 when shells from the battleship BISMARCK blew the battlecruiser to pieces. She was destroyed in two minutes, taking some 1400 men with her; only three survived, young Ted Briggs was one of them. The authors examine HOOD’S career, look to the reasons why she was overrated, and reveal lesser-known aspects of life aboard and the true state of the ship. Out-of-date as soon as she was launched, there were flaws in her construction and before war came her engines had been worn out by her world-wide voyages as the Navy’s flagship. Her role in the Invergordon Mutiny, her collision with RENOWN, her part in the destruction at Oran, and the private problems of the ship are all described by one of her crew. FINE copy. £30.00

Author/diver Peter Collings has uncovered many previously unknown facts relating to the shipwrecks that dot the hazardous North-East coast of England, around the Farne Islands, and out in the North Sea. Following extensive research he published this fascinating alphabetical record of the loss of some 1,500 of vessels both large and small, from square-riggers and warships to passenger liners and trawlers. The book is illustrated with many photographs including a few figureheads (18 photographs in colour) plus drawings and maps. Each vessel’s name is followed by the location and date of shipwreck, and remarks about the ship and the events surrounding her loss. Includes many 19th century sailing vessels. £30.00

**Printed for Private Circulation – Only Three Copies on COPAC**

Conybeare, Admiral Crawford.  **NAVAL REMINISCENCES 1868-1891. A BRIEF RECORD OF SERVICE BY SEA AND LAND.**  Printed for Private Circulation. 1st ed., N.P., 1930. 240 pp., guarded frontis + 2 other photo-plates. Blue cloth; gilt; lower edges uncut. 22 x 15cm. V.G.+
Memoirs of Admiral Crawford Conybeare describing his life in the Royal Navy from 1868 when he joined BRITANNIA, to 1891 when the author held his last active command - proceeding no further as in 1930 he did not wish to write about people still living. Over the course of five chapters Admiral Conybeare describes his early naval life from 1868 to 1875 which included service in the Flying Squadron (1869-1870). This is followed by his
experience in an Arctic Expedition from January 1875 to December 1877 when, as a sub-lieutenant, he sailed in the DISCOVERY in company with the ALERT. From the frozen seas to a warmer climate, the author’s next appointment saw him joining the Eastern Soudan Expedition (1877-1884) with an account of the Naval Brigade as a lieutenant in HMS EURYALUS landing with a total of 13 officers, 150 seamen, and 6 guns. The years 1884 (May) to 1890 (July) brought service at the Admiralty and command of HMS SCOUT in the Mediterranean. The last chapter covers the author’s final years under review; July 1890 to retirement in 1891 with service at Portsmouth, etc. The three photographs provide a portrait of Admiral Conybeare, the Flying Squadron in Plymouth Sound in 1869, and a group of officers aboard HMS LIVERPOOL in 1870. VERY SCARCE. £200.00

Four Original & Facsimile Files from the Cookson Square-rigger Archive

{49} Cookson, Richard M. BOUND FACSIMILE : THE LIGHTNING GAZETTE, SYDNEY – LIVERPOOL, 1855. N.P., N.D. Photo-copied 48 pp. Qtr. black cloth ; blue boards ; paper title-piece to front board. 29 x 21cm. FINE.
The LIGHTNING was a large clipper built in Boston in 1854 by Donald McKay for James Baines of Liverpool, owner of the celebrated Black Ball Line offering fast passages from the Mersey to Australia. An extreme clipper, her beautiful lines and her speed gained her a popular reputation among Liverpool seamen. She made one passage as a troopship to India in order to speedily bring reinforcements to quell an infamous rebellion there. In October 1869 she was fully loaded at Geelong with wool, copper, wine and tallow ready to sail for Liverpool when she caught fire and had to be scuttled by her crew. During her short but celebrated career, a newspaper called the Lightning Gazette was published on-board, these are hand-written extracts for 1855 whilst on a voyage from Sydney to Liverpool. £80.00

Richard Cookson provides detailed notes on a number of 19th century square-riggers, including their name & subsequent names, tonnage, dimensions, signal letters, first & subsequent owners, builders, official number, yard number, rig, final fate & other information. Twenty-four vessels are given: NORTH RIDING, COIMBATORE, CITY OF BENARES, CHIPPERKYLE, CELTICBURN, BALASORE, ANNA, GLAUCUS, BRABLOCH, BRENDA, BEN LEE, GERS, ERROL, ELVIRA, DUCHALBURN, CROMDALE, COUNTY OF ROXBURGH, COUNTY OF LINLITHGOW, COUNTY OF KINROSS, COUNTY OF INVERNESS, COUNTY OF HADDINGTON, COUNTY OF EDINBURGH, COUNTY OF DUMFRIES, and COUNTY OF CAITHNESS. £100.00

The 4-masted barque LAWHILL was launched at Dundee in 1892 for Charles Barrie and the jute trade. She went to London owners, then to Liverpool owners before being sold to the Finns in 1914. She managed to avoid U-boats and at the end of the war Gustaf Erikson bought her for the wheat trade which occupied her for the next 20 years. In 1941 she was seized by the South African government as a prize of war and was sold to local owners after the conflict. By now, however, she was showing her age and her new owners could not afford to repair her. She was left to rot at anchor in the Tembe River and finally broken up in
1959. Richard Cookson, author of ‘Lawhill’ in the ‘Anatomy of the Ship’ series, visited the barque before the war and recorded her construction in minute detail. Here he records every one of her voyages from 1892 to 1948 of which has been written: “This list of movements is well put together and very informative. Only an historian or a police detective can truly appreciate the enormous amount of library research and expensive correspondence entailed in compiling this summary of the life-cycle of a windjammer, which reflects great credit on the author. To the writer and historian it is invaluable …”  £100.00


The 4-masted barque PENDRAGON CASTLE was built at Workington in 1891 for James Chambers & Co., Liverpool. She made her first voyage from the Mersey that year, bound for Calcutta with a cargo of Cheshire salt. In 1898 she went to German buyers and was renamed LISBETH, registered in Hamburg. She was interned at Iquique in 1914 and returned to sea in 1920 when she was assigned to the French as war compensation. In 1922 she returned to the German flag when Bremen buyers bought her, then sold on to Hamburg owners. She was broken up at Port Glasgow in 1927. Richard Cookson provides a hand-coloured picture of Chambers’s houseflag, and details of her voyages from 1891 to 1914.  £75.00


This was the first complete survey of both Allied and Axis MTBs of World War II; vessels often in close combat with their opposite numbers at high speeds. In the Pacific (where John F. Kennedy was in command of one of these boats) they operated far from the protection of their home bases. In the British raid on St. Nazaire, and during the evacuation of Dunkirk, MTBs closely engaged E-boats in fierce fighting – often at night owing to their vulnerability from air attack. In this account the author includes some excellent photographs to illustrate his text, describing operations in home waters, in the Mediterranean and the Aegean, in the Far East and the Pacific etc. Vessels include Vosper and Fairmile boats as well as American, German and Japanese craft. Illustrated with 30 photographs & 10 maps.  £30.00

{54}  Corbett, Sir Julian S.  ENGLAND IN THE SEVEN YEARS’ WAR.  A STUDY IN COMBINED STRATEGY.  2 Vols., 2nd.ed., 1918. Vol. I: Xi + 476 pp., 10 maps & plans (all cold., 3 fldg.). Vol. II: Vii + 409 pp., 4 maps, charts & plans (3 cold.). Blue cloth; gilt, 20 x 14cm. Some wear to extremities of binding, o/w V.G.

In 1901 the Naval War College was established in Portsmouth (it later moved to Greenwich and remained there until recently) and Corbett joined a year later as Lecturer in Naval History. Following the success of his England in the Mediterranean, he followed it up with this work first published in 1907; a study that grew directly out of the lectures at the College. It established Corbett’s reputation as a great strategic thinker and Mahan referred to it repeatedly in his own lectures delivered at the US Naval War College. Corbett also used this material to make up his Naval Strategy (1911) and takes an intensive and deliberate strategic analysis of the overall conduct of the Seven Years’ War, spoken of as the “Maritime War”; rich in brilliant actions except for the Minorca operation and Byng’s subsequent trial and execution. The Seven Year’s War (1756-1763), was fought between Great Britain, Prussia, and Hanover on the one side; France, Austria, Russia, Sweden, Saxony, and eventually Spain on the other – the first global war. The end of the conflict left Britain
supreme in Canada, India and on the seas, with Prussia in possession of Silesia. This second edition was published towards the end of the 1914-1918 war in two small volumes. £100.00

Presentation Copy from the Author to a decorated Army & Navy Surgeon

{55} Corbett-Smith, A. NELSON : THE MAN. A PORTRAIT STUDY. 1st ed., 1926. Xxxi + 364 pp., frontis. D.j., 19 x 14cm. Some loss to spine-head of uncommon dust-jacket (now in a protective dust-jacket); cloth spine faded beneath d.j., with some staining towards edges of boards. GOOD/V.G. Armorial bookplate of Hugh Wansey Bayly, with neat inscription from the author on opposite free endpaper: “For H. Wansey Bayly : A patriot who does not fear to express his patriotism by deed and word. With the cordial good wishes of A. Corbett-Smith. Christmas, 1940.” Bayly was born at Warminster in 1873 and volunteered for service in the South African War as a trooper in the 47th Company, Imperial Yeomanry. He was offered a commission which he refused, whereupon he was appointed ‘Civil Surgeon’ on the field of battle. He contacted typhoid and was sent to Ceylon to recover, in charge of Boer prisoners. He returned to South Africa and saw further action, coming home to England in 1902 where he worked as a physician in London hospitals and in poor areas of the city. His health broke down and he went to sea with Royal Mail Lines as a surgeon and brought about improvements aboard passenger ships. He served as a surgeon in the Navy at the outbreak of war in 1914 and was at Heligoland and Dogger Bank. In 1915 he transferred to the Army with the rank of Captain and was severely wounded at Flanders. In 1918 he was awarded the M.C. for service at Arras. He remained in medicine after the war and died in Norfolk in 1946.)

A character study of Horatio Nelson examining the man from his desire to go to sea in 1770 to his death at Trafalgar in 1805. Told in narrative form, the author portrays the human side of Nelson’s personality and arranges his study into three periods – Promise 1770-1793. Achievement 1793-1803. And Fulfilment 1803-1805. An unusual book, complete with its uncommon dust-jacket, and originally owned by a distinguished Army and Navy surgeon who saw action during the Boer War and in the First World War. £60.00


Until recent years English marine painting had been surprisingly neglected; the author being among the first to correct this omission. He examines Dutch influence and the gradual growth of the English school from the early era of Peter Monamy and Samuel Scott, through the Romantic Movement and on to the Victorian period. He explores and illustrates the accurate and detailed work of ex-seamen artists like Nicholas Pocock, Dominic Serres, and Clarkson Stanfield who understood every inch of the rigging; as well as the great landscape artists who from time to time turned their attention to the sea – Constable and Turner for example. The author also examines the various painting methods and analyses the special problems of marine painting. Generously illustrated including 19 plates in full colour, this is an excellent introduction to English marine art during its finest years, 1700 to 1900. £50.00

{57} Crabb, Brian James. IN HARM’S WAY. THE STORY OF HMS KENYA, A SECOND WORLD WAR CRUISER. Stamford, 1st ed., 1998. Xii + 238 pp., profusely illustrated with photographs, drawings, maps, etc. Pict. laminated boards. 25 x 19cm. FINE.

The author records the actions of the Fiji class cruiser HMS KENYA and her many exploits during WWII as well as her subsequent service up to 1962 when she was broken up. The cruiser took part in the pursuit of the BISMARCK, escorted many convoys during which she sank two enemy ships, took part in the clandestine raid on Vaagso in Norway, and endured the hardships of the Russian and Malta convoys – including Operation Pedestal where she sustained major damage to her bows. KENYA went on to fight in the Korean War and was decommissioned in 1959. Illustrated with 106 photographs, maps and drawings. £40.00

THE NAGLE JOURNAL. A DIARY OF THE LIFE OF JACOB NAGLE, SAILOR, FROM THE YEAR 1775 TO 1841.


This important journal came to light in a New York auction in 1982. It describes the life of a sailor who spent 45 years roaming the seas in privateers, merchantmen, and in British men-o'-war during the American Revolutionary and Napoleonic Wars. Jacob Nagle sailed to five continents and met some of the leading figures of his day, including George Washington at the Battle of Brandywine, and Lord Howe and Lord Nelson in the Mediterranean under whom he served. Nagle also sailed in the ships of the Hon. East India Company on their long voyages to India and China. After a long and hazardous life facing the perils of both the sea and the enemy for 45 years, he died peacefully at the age of 80 in Canton, Ohio. This book is beautifully illustrated with 20 coloured plates and numerous text illustrations. £60.00

MARINE ART & ULSTER. A CHRONICLE OF SAIL, STEAM & FLAG CODES.


In this book from Dr. Davidson he completes a trilogy providing an integrated, topographical and historical account of the 19th century square-riggers and marine artists of North West Britain – The Mersey, Clyde, and now Northern Ireland. This work includes previously unpublished personal and family details of Joseph Semple of Belfast, with a catalogue raisonné of more than 50 of his paintings. The work of lesser-known marine artists are also covered. The author’s unique account of the evolution and practical operation of the three main mercantile marine Flag Codes, first published in his ‘Liverpool’ work in 1986 and long out of print, is extensively updated here, with illustrative examples being produced in colour throughout the book. Appendices provide a comprehensive key to Watson’s and Marryat’s Ship Numbers (the latter includes a copy of the temporary ‘Supplement’ in the extremely rare 7th edition of 1840) and the book contains a wealth of information for those interested in Flag Codes, marine art, square-riggers and early steamships. MINT Signed Copy. £100.00

JACKS OF ALL TRADES. OPERATIONAL RECORDS OF TON CLASS MINESWEEPERS & MINEHUNTERS.

Ton Class Assoc., Needham Market, Suffolk, 2nd ed., Nov. 2012 (first pub. March that year). (iii) + 134 pp., profusely illustrated with photographs + funnel badges (cold.). Pict. c.c., 30 x 21cm. FINE.

The handsome and efficient minesweepers and minehunters of the post-war Ton class will be familiar to many readers, some of their number were assigned to various divisions of the R.N.R., and they served the Royal Navy well from 1953 to 1993. This book provides a summary of the service of each and every ship of the Ton class, primarily compiled from Ship’s Logs, Navigational Data Books, and Commanding Officers’ Reports of Proceedings. Some of their number were transferred to other navies ; two for example, the former RENNINGTON and LIMINGTON, served in the Argentine Navy until 2003 and were not broken up until 2005. Built of wood, these vessels were notorious sailers and their crews required strong stomachs even in the slightest swell. However, they were sturdy and flexible vessels and their construction meant they could operate with the lowest possible magnetic field whilst carrying out difficult and dangerous tasks hunting and sweeping enemy mines. Profusely illustrated with photographs and 18 funnel badges in colour. This is a companion volume to Last of the Wooden Walls [See No. 106]. SCARCE. £40.00
Sea and Ship Posts as they began in 1886, continue today as a German postal institution, one of three basic ways of handling mail posted on the High Seas. In addition to this UPU-regulated method, a second way, Paquebot Mail, was established in 1894 and is still going strong thanks chiefly to collectors rather than passengers. This is mail posted at sea but without shipboard handling other than to bundle them together and hand them in at a port where they receive the Paquebot cancel. The final way is High Seas Mail by which letters receive a shipboard mark with the ship or line’s name. The author has compiled a fascinating pictorial catalogue and history on German merchant ship posts, profusely illustrated.

Contemporary Account of the Great Siege of Gibraltar 1779-1783 – Fine Binding Copy

Hitler considered his U-boat fleet to be of such importance that he ordered every U-boat loss to be reported to him immediately. In August 1941, however, there was a loss which Doenitz...
could not explain – U.570 had suddenly vanished without trace. Some time later German Naval Intelligence was receiving alarming reports of a “ghost” U-boat operating with her sisters. In fact U.570 had been captured by British aircraft – one of only two U-boats to surrender before they were defeated – and she was now collecting vital intelligence for the Admiralty as HMS GRAPH. On one occasion she even managed to sink an unsuspecting U-boat. This is the first account of this remarkable episode in the war at sea.


Howe’s victory off Brest in June 1794 was the first great naval engagement with France in the long wars ahead (1793-1815). Both the French and the English considered it to be the hardest-fought battle of the 18th century. It was hailed as a British victory, as indeed it was, six French ships-of-the-line lay off Spithead to prove the point, and a seventh had been sunk, but it was a strategic failure inasmuch as the vital American grain convoy the French fleet was escorting managed to take advantage of the confusion and slip into Brest. This is the first notable study since Oliver Warner’s book of the early 1960s, and is based on the proceedings of a bicentennial conference held at Greenwich in 1994, augmented by an extended version of Dr. Duffy’s paper read at the Anglo-French conference at Brest in 1998. The last two chapters are both interesting and unusual as they deal with the battle as seen through contemporary art, theatre, memorials and relics.


A century or so ago a remarkable man, William Henry Webb, founded an equally remarkable institution in the United States – the Webb Institute of Naval Architecture. Webb has been hailed by some as the greatest shipbuilder of the 19th century, an era that saw the development of the clipper ship, the steam-propelled vessel, and the ironclad. On all these types Webb imposed his genius. He gained an international reputation for the number, size and quality of ships that he built at his New York City shipyard, but an even higher name for his innovative designs. This book tells the story of William Webb and the 135 square-riggers and steamers he built. Webb worked as an apprentice shipwright from 1831 to 1840 and became a shipbuilder in the latter year. Of particular interest is the clippers he built between 1850 and 1856, his contribution during the American Civil War 1861-1865, and his early steamers. There is a detailed list of every vessel that was launched from his yard, including pre-clippers (5), extreme clippers (5), medium clippers (7), full-riggers (4), packet ships (45), barques (12), barquentines (1), brigs (5), schooners (5), sloops (2), plus a variety of steamers both merchant and naval. Amongst the 63 illustrations there are coloured plates of the clipper CHALLENGE and the extreme clipper YOUNG AMERICA ; and two folding plans showing the lines of the CHALLENGE and that of the sailing packet YORKSHIRE.


Submarine losses from the Confederate submarine H. L. HUNLEY sunk during the American Civil War and found in 2000, to the Russian nuclear submarine KURSK which exploded and sank in the Barents Sea four days after the remains of HUNLEY were discovered. Submarine
losses in between include the *USS SQUALUS*, *HMAS AE2*, *HMS PERSEUS*, *USS WAHOO*, and *HMS THETIS* etc. The book is beautifully illustrated with a wealth of photographs and artist’s impressions, chiefly in colour, depicting 136 years of submarine events. £35.00

{67} Eames, Aled. **SHIPS AND SEAMEN OF ANGLESEY, 1558-1918. STUDIES IN MARITIME AND LOCAL HISTORY.** The Anglesey Antiquarian Society, 1st ed., Llangefni, 1973. 674 pp., 50 photo-plates, 6 other ills & plans, & 4 maps (1 fldg.). D.j., 22 x 15cm. Spine of dust jacket slightly faded o/w FINE.

The island of Anglesey on the coast of North Wales has a long and interesting association with the sea spanning many centuries. The late Aled Eames examines the Elizabethan and early Stuart merchants and seamen of Anglesey; war off the island’s coast 1642-1660; legal and illegal shipping 1660-1786; the beginnings of a naval tradition during the Nelson era; the firm of William Thomas & Sons of Amlwch; shipwrecks and rescues around the coasts of Anglesey; the fishermen of the island; Anglesey as a playground for yachtsmen; war at sea 1914-1918; etc. The author also recalls merchants and pirates of the 16th century; smugglers and traders of the 17th century; the coastal trade of the 18th century; the deep-sea square-riggers of the 19th century, with maritime activity up to the end of the First World War. Illustrated with rare photographs, plans, and drawings to which are added valuable fleet lists, the book is largely based on hitherto unpublished papers and documents. £65.00

An English Cabin Boy Shipwrecked on the Coast of Madagascar in 1686

{68} Everard, Robert. **A RELATION OF THREE YEARS SUFFERINGS OF ROBERT EVERARD, UPON THE COAST OF ASSADA NEAR MADAGASCAR, IN A VOYAGE TO INDIA, IN THE YEAR 1686. AND OF HIS WONDERFUL PRESERVATION AND DELIVERANCE, AND ARRIVAL AT LONDON, ANNO 1693.** Bound extract from Vol. VI of Churchill’s Collection of Voyages & Travels. N.D. (1746). 26 pp. Qtr. black pebble-grained cloth; marbled boards; hand-written paper title-piece to upper corner of folio board (binding late 19th / early 20th century). 36 x 23cm. Binding V.G., Contents Nr.FINE.

This interesting extract comes from the third edition of Churchill’s *A Collection of voyages and travels, some now first printed from original manuscripts, others now first published in English: In six volumes ...* London: printed by assignment from Messrs. Churchill, for Henry Lintot; & John Osborn, at the Golden Ball in Pater-noster Row [1744-1746] which was first published in 1732. The Everard narrative is obviously not a translation, and there is no evidence that it had previously been published. As far as can be ascertained it was taken from an original manuscript and first published in 1732 and so was probably about 40 years old when it first appeared in print. There is some evidence to suggest that Robert Drury, a specialist in voyages who was intimate with printers and booksellers and whose *Journal* was published in 1729, may have had access to the Everard manuscript. It has been speculated that Daniel Defoe (who died in April 1731 and whose great library went to auction in November that year) may have owned the manuscript and that it only came to print in 1732 owing to his death and the dispersal of his books and manuscripts. No one quite knows where the island of Assada is today, although its name was important in the 17th century as attempts were made to form a colony there. The narrative deals primarily with Everard’s experiences on his voyage, and hangs together very consistently, with numerous references to men, ships and places which check out. Here is an account of a European in distress among hostile savages but it is not a polished, sophisticated account for Everard was a simple cabin boy who found himself shipwrecked on a hostile shore where his presence was
barely tolerated. Everard, as a youth, had sailed in the BAUDEN for India from the Downs, and on his return voyage his ship is lost on or near the coast of Madagascar and he was made a slave. He finally leaves Madagascar after almost three years in an Arabian slave ship and fortunately, at Muscat, falls among Englishmen when he hears his native tongue which he had almost forgotten, and is rescued and eventually arrives home at Blackwall where he is greeted by his father to the great joy of them both. An important and historic account of shipwreck during the 17th century. SCARCE. £100.00

Privately Circulated – Not on Sale to the Public


This book traces the link between German and Swedish submarines, starting in Kiel where the first German submersible was built, extending into a study of the submarines, shipyards, shipbuilding, research and design from the first U-boats to the modern German and Swedish designs built for many foreign navies – Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Denmark, Ecuador, Greece, India, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Norway, Peru, Poland, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, Turkey, Venezuela – in addition to Germany and Sweden themselves. Dealing chiefly with modern submarines, the book provides much detail and data in addition to hundreds of excellent coloured photographs. VERY SCARCE. £60.00


The author produced the Royal Navy’s first human torpedo or chariot which he designed for use against the TIRPITZ which was sheltering in her fortress in occupied Norway. This book tells of his life in British submarines and his wartime career from anti-U-boat patrol off the Irish coast, to the final defeat of the Japanese in the Pacific. Captain Fell’s more sensational exploits included the evacuation of troops from Norway in unarmed fishing boats, and an attempt to sail a 6,000-ton fireship into Boulogne. Essentially it is the story of the development and operation of the human torpedo and its successor, the X-craft or midget submarine. Illustrated with 33 photographs, 5 maps and 2 diagrams. £25.00


Notwithstanding its status as a world port, the coastal trades were important to Liverpool and by the mid-19th century the port handled a third of the goods being shipped by coaster around Britain and Ireland. In addition to Liverpool itself, minor Mersey ports played a significant role – Frodsham, Warrington, Weaver ports, Runcorn, Weston Point, Widnes, Garston, Ellesmere Port, Bromborough, Port Sunlight, etc. In this highly-detailed study the author examines the rise of the steam coaster, the steam and motor vessels of the Mersey, the lure of Liverpool and steam ship building on the Mersey. Profusely illustrated with photographs and 8 pages of flags & funnel colours, he goes on to cover the coaster owners of the region, each with a full and detailed Fleet List. Owners include William Cooper, Joseph E. Fisher, Richard Hughes, Henry Seddon, Zillah, Edward Nicholson, Mountwood Shipping, Manchester, Liverpool & North Wales Steamship Co., etc. The definitive study of the coastal tramp ship owners of the Mersey and their fleets. FINE copy. £45.00

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{74} Forester, C. S. **NELSON.** FIRST EDITION, 1929.

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Tiverton, Devon, 1st ed., 1998. 151 pp., profusely illustrated with photographs. D.j., 30 x 21cm.  FINE.

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Geo. R. Reeve, Wymondham, Norfolk. 2nd ed., revised, 1953. Xi + 50 + (iv) + 12 (Supplement) pp., frontis., + 14 other plates + 26 drawings & diagrams (1 fldg.). Blue boards; black lettering. 23 x 15cm. Slight discolouring of binding o/w V.G.

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The author was in command of the destroyer HMS ERIDGE from late 1940 to August 1942. His war began on-board another destroyer however, HMS JAGUAR, and he saw action off Norway, in the North Sea, and during the Dunkirk evacuation when JAGUAR was loaded with troops and was attacked by German aircraft with the loss of 25 men. Given command of the new escort destroyer ERIDGE – her only captain – he was sent to the Eastern Mediterranean to begin 18 gruelling months escorting convoys to Tobruk and Malta under frequent German aircraft attack. “Red Tobruk” was the warning they received from Tobruk radar station to say that attack was imminent. ERIDGE fought off countless assaults and took part in the Battle of Sirte when a powerful Italian fleet was driven off. She also sank U.568 in May 1942. In August that year she was torpedoed by an Italian MTB, towed to Alexandria under constant air attack, but was found to be beyond repair. During this period the author was awarded two DSOs and a DSC. £25.00


Kapitän Hans Langsdorff, in command of the Nazi pocket battleship GRAF SPEE, was 45 years-old when he fought at the River Plate in 1939, a torpedo specialist and a decorated First World War veteran. His opposing number in the battle was Commodore Henry ‘Bobby’ Harwood, aged 51, also a torpedo specialist, as well as being the Royal Navy’s leading theoretical expert on tactics for dealing with enemy commerce raiders. Both men were well matched and fate brought them together in December 1939 in a deadly duel in the South Atlantic. Professor Grove examines why Langsdorff chose to disobey orders and engage Harwood’s force of three British cruisers ? Mauled and out-maneuvered, why did Langsdorff seek shelter in British-friendly Uruguay, instead of German-friendly Argentina only a few miles distant ? And the ultimate question. Why did the German captain not attempt an escape across the La Plata estuary under the cover of darkness instead of scuttling his ship in full view of the watching world ? The author examines the evidence and reaches some intriguing conclusions. Illustrated with a number of interesting contemporary photographs. £40.00


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gunboats following further unrest in China and the invasion by the Japanese, co-operation between the Royal Navy and the U.S. Navy including the sinking of the American gunboat USS PANAY after being bombed by Japanese aircraft in 1937. Contains some remarkable photographs of the rapids on Chinese rivers, plus historic views of gunboats including GANNET, SANDPIPER, COCKCHAFER, GNAT, MANTIS, BEE, LADYBIRD, APHIS, SCARAB, CRICKET, etc. A Near-FINE copy. 

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Sea-going Experiences of Midshipman Basil Hall between 1802 and 1811

{87} Hall, Captain Basil.  THE MIDSHIPMAN ; BEING AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF HIS OWN EARLY CAREER, FROM FRAGMENTS OF VOYAGES AND TRAVELS BY CAPTAIN BASIL HALL, R.N., F.R.S.  Bell & Daldy, 1862.  Xvi + 414 + 4 (advt.) pp. Re-bound in red faux leather; original morocco title-piece to spine; t.e.g., other uncut. 14 x 9cm. Binding: FINE. Internally Nr.FINE. Pictorial bookplate of A. Eterman. (A galleon at sea).

Captain Basil Hall, Royal Navy (1788-1844) was a naval officer, author and traveller who entered the Navy in 1802 aboard the LEANDER (50 guns), then fitting for the flag of Sir Andrew Mitchell as commander-in-chief on the North American station. He was present at the LEANDER’S capture of the VILLE DE MILAN on 23 February 1805, and continued in the ship until the admiral's death in the spring 1806. Sir George Berkeley, who succeeded to the command, shortly afterwards, transferred his flag to the LEOPARD, taking Hall and other officers with him. In March 1808 the LEOPARD returned to England, and Hall, after passing his examination, was promoted on 10 June to lieutenant of the INVINCIBLE, from which he was very shortly moved at his own request into the ENDYMION, one of the finest British frigates – under the Hon. Thomas Bladen Capel – which in October was sent to Corunna, conveying reinforcements for Sir John Moore. The author continued afloat, almost without intermission, till 1824. He thereafter wrote numerous books and papers and died at Haslar Naval Hospital in 1844. This book concerns his early life as a midshipman and lieutenant, describing his meeting with Lord Duncan, the midshipmen’s berth in the LEANDER, cockpit discipline, Bermuda in peacetime, anecdotes of Lord Nelson and Lord St. Vincent, old midshipmen, mast-heading, New York, loss of the ATALANTA, a naval engagement, prize money, appointment to INVINCIBLE, life aboard ENDYMION, Sir John Moore’s death, Peninsula campaign, etc., etc. An attractive copy and a vivid account of a young officer’s lot during the Napoleonic War.

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{88} Hall, Keith.  H.M.S. DEFIANCE. DEVONPORT'S SUBMARINE BASE.  The History Press, Stroud, 1st ed., 2008.  96 pp., profusely illustrated with photographs & plans. Pict. c.c., 24 x 16cm. FINE.

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{94} Haws, Duncan. MERCHANT FLEETS (16) : ELLERMAN LINES. Hereford, 1st ed., 1989. 203 pp., profusely illustrated with scale line drawings. Pict. c.c., 23 x 15cm. Covers slightly faded o/w Nr.FINE.

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{97} <> Hezlet, Vice-Admiral Sir Arthur. BRITISH AND ALLIED SUBMARINE OPERATIONS IN WORLD WAR II. Royal Navy Submarine Museum (Gosport), 2 vols., 1st ed., 2001. Of this Edition only 200 copies have been printed. This is No. 96, signed by Cmdr. Jeff Tall, OBE, RN., Director of RN Submarine Museum. Vol. I : (vi) + 393 pp., many photo-plates, etc. Vol. II : (i) + 198 pp., profusely illustrated with maps & tables (cold.), photographs & drawings. Both volumes in blue cloth ; gilt ; pictorial slipcase: 31 x 22cm. FINE. Obituary of Vice-Admiral Sir Arthur Hezlet (1914-2007) tipped in.

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I have written the tale of our life for a sheltered people’s mirth, in jesting guise – but ye are wise, and ye know what the jest is worth. – Kipling. Evelyn Honeywill. Girle Gander.” (Kipling’s quote is from Departmental Ditties and other Verses (1886).
Based on her father’s diaries, the author graphically describes four years of her childhood spent in infamous Japanese prison camps during the Second World War. Girlie Gander was the 17-year-old daughter of a senior British Customs Official living in Shanghai when she fell in love with a Welsh sailor. Seriously wounded, Jack Honeywill managed to escape from his sinking river gunboat, *HMS PETEREL*. The Japanese invasion brought them together, then tragically separated them. It was forty years before they found each other again. This autobiography recalls the harsh and brutal life under the Japanese, and the high collective morale that sustained the inmates during four years of Tenko-type incarceration in the notorious Far East Civilian Assembly Camps. After the war the author went to live in California, but in the 1960s she returned to England and met and married the former sailor she had fallen in love with in Shanghai. FINE, Signed Presentation Copy. £35.00

{104} Hood, Jean. *MARKED FOR MISFORTUNE. AN EPIC TALE OF SHIPWRECK, HUMAN ENDEAVOUR, AND SURVIVAL IN THE AGE OF SAIL.* 1st ed., 2003. Xv + 288 pp., 18 plates & 5 maps. D.j., 20 x 14cm. FINE. During the night of the 19th August 1792, the East Indiaman *WINTERTON* struck a reef off Madagascar. The ship broke up and sank, taking her cargo of silver dollars with her; her passengers and crew struggling to survive on makeshift rafts. Some reached land after several days and one of the surviving officers, John Dale, set out with a few hands in the ship’s one remaining boat, heading towards the Mozambique mainland and hoping to return in a few weeks with a rescue party. Months later, after a terrible ordeal on sea and land, John Dale returned alone. Climate and fever had taken their toll on those left behind but this was only the start of their ordeal. The author describes their attempt to reach Calcutta, made more complicated by the fact that Britain and Revolutionary France were now at war. £25.00

{105} Hooke, Norman. *MODERN SHIPPING DISASTERS, 1963-1987.* Lloyd’s of London Press, 1st ed., 1989. Ix + 539 pp. D.j., 25 x 19cm. FINE. Bookplate. Designed as the sequel to Charles Hocking’s celebrated *Dictionary of Disasters at Sea* which listed the great majority of shipping casualties between 1824 and 1962, Hooke covers a further 25 years with meticulous detail and information on all naval and merchant ship losses, as well as constructive total losses over 500 tons between 1963 and 1987. In addition there is information on smaller vessels down to 100 gross registered tons, where loss of life was reported to exceed 15. The ships are arranged alphabetically as well as being indexed by year of loss in an appendix. The author also analyses the loss of life at sea during this 25-year period, including vessels trapped in the Suez Canal and the casualties of the Falklands and Gulf Wars. The book lists all known specifications and history of losses in a precise form, covering more than 6,000 ships. An extremely useful source of reference. £65.00

{106} Hoole, Rob. (Ed.). *LAST OF THE WOODEN WALLS. AN ILLUSTRATED HISTORY OF THE TON CLASS MINESWEEPERS AND MINEHUNTERS.* Halsgrove, Wellington, Somerset, 1st ed., 2012. 160 pp., profusely illustrated with photographs, maps, etc. D.j., 30 x 22cm. FINE. At the end of the Second World War it was generally accepted that the emphasis on mining had shifted from deep-sea to shallower waters in the approaches to ports and harbours. Between 1947 and 1949, a design team came up with two designs which were further developed after the experience of the Korean War. The wooden Ton class was born; a handsome and popular class of minesweeper and minehunter although they were said by their crews to roll, even on wet grass! The Tons saw action at Suez (twice), Cyprus, Indonesia, Persian Gulf, and Northern Ireland. They also saw service as patrol craft, fishery
protection vessels; counter piracy, illegal immigration, and anti-terrorist gun-running duties; diving tenders, gun platforms, and the mainstay of the Royal Naval Reserve. [See also No. 60]. Profusely illustrated, this book tells their distinguished story.

First Edition ‘Three-Decker’ of 1836 of Howard’s Rattlin the Reefer


Edited by Captain Frederick Marryat but written in a different style by his friend Edward Howard (1793-1841) biographer of Admiral Sir Sidney Smith. The author served in the Royal Navy and was shipmate of Marryat and followed him ashore to begin a new career in literature. Sub-editor of the Metropolitan Magazine, Howard produced a number of books, Sir Henry Morgan and Rattlin the Reefer being the most successful. This is a ‘three-decker’ set of the First Edition of 1836. For several generations many people thought that this naval yarn was the work of Marryat, it was thought to be that good. Partly autobiographical, it follows the fortunes of the ‘hero’ from his youth to his entry into the Navy during the Nelson era, and the life of a midshipman aboard a wooden man-o’-war at sea, in the West Indies, etc. Illustrated with nine engravings and bound in contemporary half-calf.

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The standard history of the American clipper ship published in two handsome volumes by the Marine Research Society of Salem during the mid-1920s. American shipbuilders built some of the finest clipper ships in the world and gave Great Britain stiff competition in the trades between Europe and America to China and Australia during the mid-19th century. In these two volumes the authors arrange alphabetically every American clipper from the first ship built on clipper lines that could be called large: the ANN McKIM launched at Baltimore in 1833 and in her prime considered to be the fastest merchant ship afloat. The authors assert confidently that all American-built ships which might fairly be classed as of sharp or clipper models, are mentioned in these books, while, per contra, there may appear some vessels called mediums which were ordinary cargo carriers. Except in a few instances no vessels are described that were built later than 1858. The authors drew on original contemporary sources (as early as 1877 research work had begun in San Francisco which was still underway in 1926). The volumes are illustrated with 2 coloured and 112 black & white plates.

£175.00

{109} Hutchings, David F. RMS QUEEN ELIZABETH : FROM VICTORY TO VALHALLA. Southampton, 1st ed., 1990. 108 pp., profusely illustrated with photographs, maps, etc. Pict. c.c., 27 x 22cm. FINE.

A photographic history of Cunard’s great liner QUEEN ELIZABETH from her launch, on to her wartime missions, and then the role for which she was designed - as a luxury Atlantic liner. The author tells her remarkable story and wartime career to her tragic end when she was destroyed by fire in Hong Kong harbour in 1972. This tribute to the largest passenger
ship in the world of her day contains numerous historical photographs and internal and external views. FINE copy. £25.00

{110} Hyde, Francis E. BLUE FUNNEL. A HISTORY OF ALFRED HOLT AND COMPANY OF LIVERPOOL FROM 1865 TO 1914. Liverpool University Press, 3rd impression, 1957 (first pub. 1956). Xvii + 201 pp., frontis + 13 other photo-plates ; map e.p’s. D.j., 24 x 16cm. A couple of minor closed tears to edges of d.j., small name stamp & signature on f.f.e.p., o/w Nr.FINE.

The bulk of the records of the Ocean Steamship Company were destroyed when India Buildings was bombed during an air raid on Liverpool during the Second World War. Other records held in their London office went the same way, as did those in Shanghai and Singapore at the destructive hands of the invading Japanese. Professor Hyde salvaged what he could from the ravages of human conflict and combined them with the memories of men who served Blue Funnel. He describes the origins and early history of Alfred Holt & Co. Ltd., and traces the Holt family from their Rochdale and Liverpool roots, examining along the way their ventures into cotton and their move into shipping with the founding of the Ocean Steam Ship Company (1866-1875). He examines the development of both fleet and trade and the early voyages out East during the 19th century : the years of fierce competition (1876-1885) : the losses at sea, the shipping depression, and the first China Conference (1879-1898). He continues with the founding of the China Mutual Co., the history up to the First World War, the polices of Richard Holt, Dutch competition, and the opening of the Manchester Ship Canal. Finally he examines developments in the Pacific and in Australia, the new and expanding Blue Funnel fleet, and a study of Alfred Holt himself. In addition there are 4 appendices including details of Holt vessels 1865-1914 and a family tree. £45.00

Controversial First Edition of 1968 – Recalled & Withdrawn from Circulation

{111} Irving, David. THE DESTRUCTION OF CONVOY PQ.17. FIRST EDITION, Cassell, 1968. Xiii + 337 pp., photographs & other ills. D.j., 22 x 14cm. Nr.FINE.

A controversial account of one of the most infamous and tragic convoys of the war – PQ.17. This convoy consisted of 35 Allied merchantmen bound for Russia in 1942 with a close escort of 19 Royal Navy vessels including 6 destroyers. In addition the convoy was covered by Admiral Hamilton’s Anglo-American force of 4 cruisers and 3 further destroyers, and in the background steamed Admiral Tovey’s powerful battle-fleet. Yet only 11 out of the 35 merchantmen reached Russian ports owing to an Admiralty order instructing the convoy to scatter in the false belief that a German capital ship was heading straight for the convoy. The bitter controversy over the fate of PQ.17 has raged ever since, and this book, first published here in 1968, became a victim itself. Captain Broome (author of Make a Signal, etc.) was in command of the destroyer escorts. In 1970 he brought a libel action against David Irving and his publishers, with the result that Captain Broome received damages amounting to £30,000 in the High Court, and the Court ordered this book to be withdrawn from circulation. A witness in the case was Sir Rodger Winn, himself a Lord Chief Justice of Appeal, who as Captain Winn, RNVR, had a distinguished wartime career in Naval Intelligence. At the time of the convoy he was in charge of the U-boat tracking-room at the Admiralty. His brother, the radio broadcaster Godfrey Winn, was serving on the ‘lower deck’ in the convoy and wrote his own account shortly after the war. A second edition of Irving’s book appeared in 1980 when the author was forced to remove the offending passages. £45.00

BOOKQUOTE: “A book worth reading is worth buying.” John Ruskin

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Jacobsen, Anita. **FREDERIC COZZENS. MARINE PAINTER.**


Frederic Schiller Cozzens (1856-1928) was born in New York and died in Livingston, Staten Island. As a painter he worked in watercolour and was frequently commissioned by New York’s finest yachtsmen to execute portraits of their vessels. Although yachting scenes are what he is best known for, this was by no means his only maritime subject. His work included deep-sea square-riggers like the British ship MOUNT STEWART; 19th century American warships; lifeboats going to the rescue of stranded ships; tugs and pilot-boats etc. These are all captured and reproduced in colour in this handsome book. The paintings by Cozzens of ocean yachts under full sail, including America’s Cup Races, are particularly fine. It was upon such scenes that he built up his reputation. The author traces the chronological development of the work of this marine artist from his earliest watercolours executed while at college in the 1860s, down the years to his death in 1928. He covered the closing years of sail – square-riggers and all types of sail was his passion – but he did not ignore the era of steam. Includes a catalogue raisonné. £100.00

James, Admiral Sir W. M.  **THE LEES KNOWLES LECTURES ON MILITARY HISTORY FOR 1947 : THE INFLUENCE OF SEA POWER ON THE HISTORY OF THE BRITISH PEOPLE.**


Admiral Sir William James requires little introduction, he was author of a number of fine books including biographies of Nelson and St. Vincent, and was C-in-C Portsmouth during the German bombing raids on the city and dockyard during World War II. Here he borrows his title from Mahan to give three lectures at Cambridge, concentrating on one of the mainstays of naval strength – its seamen. In the first of his lectures for 1947 he traces this pattern in British naval history up to the French Revolutionary War in 1793. His second lecture is a personal study of Nelson during which he examines the chief qualities of Nelson’s character. The third lecture brings his historical survey down through two world wars to D-day, June 1944. An interesting and oft overlooked study. £30.00

The First Post Great War Edition of Jane’s Fighting Ships Published in 1919

Jane. (Surgeon-Lieut. O. Parkes, R.N., & Prendergast, Maurice. Eds.) **JANE'S FIGHTING SHIPS, 1919.** FIRST EDITION 1919. 161 + 635 pp., profusely illustrated with photographs, silhouettes, flags, maps & drawings. Green cloth ; gilt ; professionally re-backed. Publisher’s blue order forms still bound in and remaining intact (uncommon for these to be present). 32 x 20cm. Some light staining to original covers & shelf-wear to edges of same; first couple of advertisement leaves creased with small tears; o/w clean, sound & V.G.

An important issue of Jane’s *Fighting Ships*, being the first to appear after the end of the First World War and containing a large amount of information withheld during the conflict. Conditions in Russia at this time were chaotic; the surrendered German Fleet in Scapa Flow had just scuttled itself; and the fleets of Hungary, Austria, Bulgaria and Turkey had all been interned. Five years had passed since illustrations of British warships had been allowed to be published and war had changed ships dramatically from their 1914 appearance. A final summary of naval losses is given, including the circumstances and dates of the destruction of German U-boats. The frontispiece is a photograph of the Royal Navy’s new battle-cruiser HMS HOOD, and the book is illustrated with hundreds of other photographs, silhouettes,
drawings, maps and flags. Every warship in the world is fully described - only one page from the previous issue of 1918 left unaltered. £300.00

The First Post Second World War Edition of Jane’s Fighting Ships Published in 1946

{115} Jane. (Francis E. McMurtrie, Ed.). JANE’S FIGHTING SHIPS, 1944-45 (CORRECTED TO APRIL 1946). 1st ed., 1946. 78 (advt.), xxx, 36, & 636 pp.. Profusely illustrated with photographs, profile drawings, etc. Blue cloth ; gilt. Some wear to extremities of binding & colour a little washed but o/w V.G. The 48th issue - 1944-45 (corrected to April 1946) - of Jane’s Fighting Ships, notable for its immense amount of fresh information and photographs. It is also one of the most important editions as it marked the termination of hostilities with Germany and Japan following their surrender in fairly quick succession and the rapid programmes of demobilization that came in their wake. Attempts were made to compile a list of German, Italian and Japanese war losses and to make them as complete as circumstances would allow. The remains of the German fleet had been distributed among the Allies as indicated in a Addenda here, and what remained of the Japanese fleet was likely to be scrapped or exposed to atom-bomb tests along with the ex-German PRINZ EUGEN. Former enemy ships were found to have displacements considerably greater than had been thought - all going to show the fallacy of pre-war naval limitation treaties. Details of the new British battleship HMS VANGUARD are published here for the first time, and plans for the construction of four new battleships of the Lion class abandoned. These and every other warship in the world at this historic period are described in detail together with a wealth of photographs and drawings. £100.00

Events between 1847 and 1971 form the chronological book-ends of this history of the famous Clydebank shipbuilder, John Brown & Company. This was the era of Britain’s world leadership in shipbuilding, a position she maintained for over a hundred years before the sudden and rapid decline struck the industry. Profusely illustrated with photographs, facsimiles, prints, yard plans, etc., the book is arranged in seven chapters: Set in Motion 1847-1870. Relocation & Expansion 1871-1899. Forging Ahead 1900-1913. The Great War 1914-1918. An Empress, Two Queens and a Duke 1919-1938. The Second World War 1939-1945. Post-war Boom and Bust 1946-1972. John Brown built a great variety of warships and merchant ships. The more famous names among them include SERVIA, 1881; CITY OF NEW YORK 1888; HMS TERRIBLE 1895; CARMANIA 1905; LUSITANIA 1907; AQUITANIA 1913; HMS REPULSE 1916; HMS HOOD 1920; EMPRESS OF BRITAIN 1930; QUEEN MARY 1936; HMS VANGUARD 1946; QE2 1969; etc. Includes a list of every vessel built. The photographs have been reproduced to a high standard. £45.00

By the early 1950s it was clear that the days of the Thames sailing barges were numbered but the author was determined to fight for the vessels he loved. In 1954 he founded the Thames Sailing Barge Trust and 16 years later its successor, the East Coast Sail Trust. As a result two of the finest coasting barges ever built, the THALATTA and SIR ALAN HERBERT, are preserved and used as adventure training ships. Illustrated with 40 photographs, this book
tells the story of the twilight years of these old Thames working-horses and the new life as schoolships of the fortunate survivors.  

£40.00

{118} Kitson, Frank.  
Halsgrove, Wellington, Somerset, rep. 2008 (first pub. 2007). 112 pp., profusely illustrated with photographs & reproductions (chiefly cold.). D.j., 26 x 24cm. FINE.  
Henry Kitson entered the Royal Navy as a youth in 1891 and left it at the age of sixty-five in 1942. During that period he rose to flag-rank and from his earliest days he displayed a formidable talent as an artist. This book describes his naval career and is illustrated by his paintings and by photographs from his own albums. The book is divided into three chronological sections. The first, 1891-1910, begins with Kitson’s entry as a cadet aboard BRITANNIA, still a floating school comprising of two veteran wooden walks. His remarkable paintings depict the battleships, cruisers, etc., he served in, and the scenes and vessels he saw, up to the time of his return from the East Indies. Part Two, 1910-1921, see him as a first lieutenant aboard a flagship, and soon after a commander and executive officer. This period includes his war service – the Dardanelles being of particular importance and his paintings and sketches at the time of particular interest. Finally Part Three, 1921 to his death in 1952. Includes his time as captain of RODNEY, his promotion to flag-rank, and the 1942 raid on St. Nazaire – his final major naval operation before his retirement. His paintings are truly outstanding and the addition of his photographs add much to the beauty of the book.  £45.00

{119} Knollys, Lt.Col. & Elliott, Major.  
HEARTS OF OAK EXPLOITS.  
Dean & Son, 1st ed., N.D. (c.1902). 341 pp., port. frontis + many other cuts (some double-page) & vignettes. Red/green cloth ; gilt. 19 x 13cm. Leaves browned, chiefly to edges ; prize presentation stamp (1902) to f.f.e.p. o/w V.G.+.  
A biography of Lord Cochrane, the controversial Tenth Earl of Dundonald, whose extraordinary life reads like a fast-moving novel. As captain of the SPEEDY, Cochrane drove fear into the hearts of the Spaniards during the Napoleonic Wars. He placed before a startled Admiralty a number of inventions, way ahead of their time, not to mention a plan to assassinate Napoleon. At the Basque Roads he sailed his fireships into the French fleet, but never far from controversy, he crossed swords with Gambier, his superior officer. Embroiled in a Stock Exchange swindle, Cochrane went to prison, was stripped of his honours, removed from the Navy List, and exiled overseas. Here he helped South American countries to drive the Spanish from their shores, and led the Greek Navy to victory during their struggle for independence. Eventually allowed to return home, his honours restored along with his place on the Navy List, he settled in his native Scotland as an Earl and wrote of his remarkable naval life and exploits. An Edwardian study with many wood-cuts.  £35.00

{120} Kohn, Roger.  
Privately Printed, 1st ed., 1970. 80 pp., 13 photo-plates (2 cold.) + maps. Green cloth ; white lettering & ‘palm’ motif to front cover. 22 x 14cm. Some mottling to covers o/w Nr.FINE.  
With the shortage of tonnage following the heavy losses sustained by the Merchant Navy during the Second World War, Liverpool shipping lines trading with West Africa were forced to continue a joint service thrust upon them by the requirements of the conflict. Out of this situation emerged a new shipping company – Palm Line – a fleet that consisted of fifteen ships when it was formed in 1949. Published 21 years later as Palm Line “comes of age”, the author celebrates its success in the West African trade that was to witness a remarkable boom during the 1970s when oil was discovered in Nigeria, but was sadly to decline during the 1980s with the demise of Palm Line and its partners in the West African trade.  £35.00

When war broke out in 1939, Canada’s warships could be counted on both hands but by the end of the conflict they had a fleet of hundreds of escorts and had played a major role in the Battle of the Atlantic. The Royal Canadian Navy had to quickly learn the art of anti-U-boat warfare from the Royal Navy but their dedicated amateur crews learnt quickly – many of them were still in their teens – even the commanding officers were only in their mid-twenties. This is the first full account of Canada’s valuable contribution, told by an ex-corvette officer who recalls instances of tragedy, courage and humour as these small ill-equipped escorts battled the stormy Atlantic, fought a ruthless enemy, and protected vital Allied convoys.


Between the end of the Napoleonic Wars in 1815 and the building of Britain’s first ironclad in 1860, the construction, hull design, armament and propulsion of the battlefleet changed beyond all recognition. This is the first book to study the advances upon ship design over this period and to analyse their importance in international politics. Many of the author’s conclusions challenge the accepted view and Dr. Lambert throws new light on many aspects of the subject. He examines the sailing battlefleet of 1815-1847, the new steam battlefleet and the Crimea, and the alarms and emergencies of 1858-1861 that sparked off the first ever arms race. Profusely illustrated with photographs and plans, the tabular-appendices detail for the first time all the wooden steam battleships built or converted in the world’s fleets.

THE KING’S SHIPS THROUGH THE AGES. Langmaid, Lt.Cmdr. Rowland. Portsmouth, 1st ed., 1937. Unpaginated. 31 cold. plates (all tipped in). + 3 b&w plates of silhouettes. Qtr. dark blue goat; blind decorated front blue cloth board; gold lettering; marbled e.p’s. 26 x 19cm. Neatly re-backed; some shelf wear to extremities of boards & slight foxing as usual, o/w V.G.+

A very attractive work containing, among other illustrations, 31 coloured, tipped-in plates, by the author/artist recording the evolution of British warships from the oared galleys of King Alfred to the powerful battleships of the 1930s. Ships include: REVENGE (1588), PRINCE (1672), Anson’s CENTURION (1744), two views of Nelson’s VICTORY, the famous paddle-steamer GORGON (1837), AGAMEMNON (1852), WARRIOR (1860) now preserved at Portsmouth; MINOTAUR (1867), THUNDERER (1872), BENBOW (1885), MAJESTIC (1895), DREADNOUGHT (1905) and later warships of the 20th century including IRON DUKE, QUEEN ELIZABETH, NELSON, HOOD, etc. There are also plates of cruisers, destroyers, submarines, aircraft carriers and fleet auxiliaries of the inter-war era. Lt.Cmdr. Rowland Langmaid, R.N., (1897-1956), was a marine artist with exceptional talent who was a student of W. L. Wyllie - and Wyllie’s influence is clearly seen in Langmaid’s work. The author served in the Royal Navy in both World Wars and later lived in Spain on doctor’s orders. He died at Malaga in 1956. His only other book, The Med. (1948) provides a record of his work under Cunningham as Fleet Artist during the war. The beautiful tipped-in coloured paintings in this his first work, give witness to the tremendous talent and eye for detail that Langmaid exhibited as a marine artist.
On the whole the Korean War has been largely neglected and the small number of books available tend to concentrate on the actions of British, Commonwealth and American soldiers. However, both the Royal Navy and the U.S. Navy played a major role in the war, and on the British side the Fleet Air Arm was particularly active but their deeds have been largely overlooked. This book redresses the balance. The author served with the FAA aboard the carrier HMS GLORY that fought in the war alongside the carriers HMS TRIUMPH, THESEUS, OCEAN, UNICORN & HMAS SYDNEY. The author provides an historical perspective of the period leading up to the conflict and the definitive account of the sea and air operations of the Fleet Air Arm in South East Asia from 1950 to 1953. All Royal Navy, Commonwealth and United States Navy ships involved are mentioned, and all the carriers that saw action are described in detail. Illustrated with many photographs, etc. FINE copy of the original edition ; a second edition was published in Cheshire in 1997. £45.00

The correspondence and papers of Admiral Lord Barham provide valuable insights into the naval actions, policies and administration of the Royal Navy in the latter half of the 18th century, during the Napoleonic Wars, and during the Nelson era. Born Charles Middleton, he made captain in 1758 (the year Nelson was born) and rear-admiral in 1787. Middleton was created Lord Barham in 1805 and although he only held office as First Lord of the Admiralty for nine months, this covered the crucial period when Trafalgar was fought. Barham had entered the Navy as far back as 1740 when Anson was setting out on his great circumnavigation, and he had obtained considerable experience both in action (chiefly against privateers) and in naval administration. He was one of the wisest and most knowledgeable officers of his generation. These three volumes contain correspondence between Barham and Lord Nelson, Lord Collingwood, Sidney Smith, ‘Nauticus’, Sir John Orde, Admiral Duckworth, Admiral Villeneuve, Prime Minister Pitt, Cornwallis, Strachan, Lord Keith, Sir Robert Calder and many other leading naval figures and political personalities of the period. Original editions in three volumes. £200.00

This is the first book devoted to the subject of the workmanlike and adaptable smacks and bawleys which could once be counted in their thousands but today only a handful have been preserved. The author describes their evolution down the centuries and illustrates his book with 104 photographs and old prints. Includes vessels that worked between Greenwich and Gravesend, on the Medway, the oyster dredgers of Whitstable, the Leigh bawleys, the Cocklers of Leigh, smacks, and the vessels of Harwich. He also covers the oystermen of the
Crouch and Roach, Maldon, Tollesbury, West Mersea, Rowhedge, Wivenhoe, Brightlingsea, as well as the salvagers. FINE copy.

£30.00


This is generally acknowledged to be the author’s finest work, written after his time as Professor of History at the Royal Naval College in Greenwich. He brings his considerable knowledge to bear on the social aspects of naval life during the Napoleonic Wars. Divided into four main parts, the first examines the origins, social and geographical background of the Quarter Deck and Lower Deck – parentage and social class – and geographical distribution of home life. The second part covers entry into the Navy and the problems of recruitment. The author examines the manning of the Lower Deck, the volunteers, pressmen, and the quota system. In the third part he considers the Navy as a profession; its prospects, conditions of service and rewards. He examines the hierarchy of the Royal Navy, rank and appointments, prize money, and freight. The final part looks at ‘The Price of Admiralty’: naval actions, accidents and disease. He examines the cost in terms of ships – British and foreign – the cost in terms of lives both from the violence of the enemy and from the perils of the sea. In addition there are three interesting appendices. (I) Enemy casualties in the six major battles of 1793-1815. (II) The Anglo-American Impressment controversy. And (III) Hodge’s estimates of British casualties in the wars of 1793-1815. The book is illustrated with interesting plates, instructive tables, a map and a graph.

£75.00

The Unsung Achievement of the Blockade of Brest – Gerald Yeo’s Copy

{128} Leyland, John. *DISPATCHES AND LETTERS RELATING TO THE BLOCKADE OF BREST, 1803-1805.* Navy Records Society, 2 Vols., 1st eds., 1899 & 1902. Vol. I: Lxvi + 370 pp., guarded port. frontis., + 2 maps (1 fldg.). Vol. II : Lv + 390 + 3 pp., plan frontis (fldg.) + 1 other plan (also fldg.) & 2 maps (both fldg.). Both volumes bound in blue/white buckram ; gilt. 23 x 16cm. From the library of Westfield College, University of London, presented by the National Central Library in September 1952. With Westfield’s bookplate, presentation & accession labels, plus small rubber stamps. (No external markings). V.G.+. Armorial bookplate of Gerald Francis Yeo (1845-1909), physiologist, born in Dublin. Yeo was appointed professor of physiology in King’s College, London in 1874, and in 1877 assistant surgeon to King’s College Hospital, but resigned his clinical appointment in 1880 in order to devote his time to physiology, achieving much alongside Professor David Ferrier. He was elected FRS in 1889, resigned his chair at King’s in 1890 and retired to Devon.

An early and important study from the NRS with papers and documents that form an essential complement to Nicolas’s *Dispatches & Letters of Lord Nelson* published in seven volumes during the mid-1840s. As Leyland points out in his lengthy Introduction, hitherto our understanding of the conditions of the great blockade of Brest between 1803 and 1805 - culminating in the Battle of Trafalgar - has been partial and imperfect. While the Mediterranean theatre has been fully examined, the achievements of Cornwallis and his captains have received little attention and yet their work was more important and more successful than that of Nelson for the same period. The tenacity of Cornwallis made Trafalgar possible (a point fully appreciated by Nelson) and drove Napoleon to those continental complications which led to his downfall at Waterloo. Through these letters and manuscripts the reader is able to examine the strategical plans of politicians and naval commanders, and to understand the arduous tactics pursued and the quiet gallantry displayed in maintaining a blockade in all weathers and in all seasons. They not only take the English view but also highlight French evidence of the time as the besieged looked out from Brest and Rochefort day after day and saw the mastheads of British men-o’-war maintaining their relentless watch. Although the papers deal mainly with Cornwallis’s operations off Brest,
they also cover L’orient and Rochefort, the French at Ferrol, operations generally in the Bay of Biscay, and the cruisers stretching to the West. The operations of Lord Keith, Sir James Saumarez and Sir Sidney Smith are also briefly described. Cornwallis was a life-long friend of Nelson, and Mahan pays him and his captains this wonderful tribute: “Those storm-beaten ships upon which the soldiers of the grande armee never looked, stood between them and the dominion of the world.” A total of 609 papers are presented within these two volumes, accompanied by a portrait of Cornwallis, plus maps and plans.

£250.00

{129}  **Lloyd, Robert.**  
**THE BRITISH MERCHANT NAVY: IMAGES AND EXPERIENCES. PAINTINGS BY ROBERT LLOYD, DESCRIBED BY ROY FENTON, DRAWING ON THE EXPERIENCES OF BRITISH MERCHANT SEAMEN.**  
Preston, 1st ed., 2002. 112 pp., profusely illustrated with photographs & full-page cold reproductions of the artist’s paintings. D.j., 31 x 22cm. FINE.

Robert Lloyd spent his early years on the Wirral Peninsula and was inspired by shipping on the nearby Mersey. He is now recognized as one of the UK’s leading marine artists and his paintings are eagerly sought by shipping lines and ex-seafarers. Roy Fenton, also a native of the Wirral, complements the paintings in this book by providing ship-histories. Those who remember the 1950s and 1960s look back upon it as a golden age of the Merchant Navy when Britain had the largest merchant fleet in the world. Robert Lloyd’s paintings are accompanied by experiences of seamen who sailed in these ships during this period. The paintings show vessels in rough seas, in port or in rivers. They include ships owned by Bank Line, Bibby, Blue funnel, Blue Star, Booth, British India, BP, Brocklebanks, Canadian-Pacific, Clan, Cunard, Elder Dempster, Ellermans, Federal, Furness Withy, Glen, Harrison, British & Burmese Steam Navigation, Houlder, Lamport & Holt, Manchester Liners, NZSC, Orient, P&O, PSNC, Palm, Port Line, Royal Mail, Shaw Savill, Union-Castle, etc.

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{130}  **Lloyd’s.**  
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The author, a descendant of Owen Stanley, draws upon family papers in this biography of a 19\textsuperscript{th} century naval officer. Stanley is an important figure in Australian history. In 1838 he took part in an expedition to found the ill-fated settlement at Port Essington, and ten years later took command of \textit{HMS RATTLESNAKE} in support of Edmund Kennedy’s overland expedition to Cape York. Stanley also took part in a number of exciting voyages into the South Pacific and Arctic regions. He was a proficient draughtsman and water-colourist and many of his works are reproduced in this book. Part One begins with an account of the Stanleys of Alderley, a prominent Cheshire family. Parts Two to Five describe Owen’s life aboard \textit{H.M. Ships TERROR} (1831-1837), \textit{BRITOMART} (1837-1843) and \textit{RATTLESNAKE} (1846-1850). Attractively illustrated with 35 plates, 4 text figures and 2 maps.

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First published in November 1902, this is one of the many books on sailing ships written by Basil Lubbock (1876-1944). Born at Seaford in Sussex and educated at Eton, Lubbock left England for Canada in 1897, going in search of gold in the Klondyke by way of the Chilcotin trail. When he became tired of this venture he made his way to San Francisco and there signed on “before the mast” in the four-masted barque \textit{ROYALSHIRE} of Glasgow. His voyage home gave him a lifetime’s love of the sea. A book long been considered a classic, ranking alongside Dana’s account of a voyage round the Horn during the 1830s.

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{135} McCart, Neil. \textit{DARING CLASS DESTROYERS.} Liskeard, 1\textsuperscript{st} ed., 2008. X + 230 pp., profusely illustrated with photographs. D.j., 25 x 20cm. FINE.

The handsome post-war Daring class of destroyers served both the Royal Navy and the Royal Australian Navy well from the 1950s to the 1980s, operating in every theatre from Arctic waters to South-East Asia. They represented the ultimate design based on extensive wartime experience and requirements, capable of carrying out duties previously assigned to light cruisers. The author traces their fortunes from the late 1940s to the last of their number – \textit{HMAS VAMPIRE} preserved as a museum ship in Sydney Harbour. Each vessel of the class is covered in turn: \textit{DARING} 1952-1971; \textit{DIAMOND} 1952-1981; \textit{DUCHESS} 1952-1964;

{136}  McCart, Neil.  COUNTY CLASS GUIDED MISSILE DESTROYERS.
Liskeard, 1st ed., 2014. X + 270 pp., profusely illustrated with photographs. D.j., 25 x 20cm. FINE.
During the 1960s a whole new type of destroyer was introduced into the Royal Navy – a far cry from the Daring Class of the post-war era – these powerful ‘Super Destroyers’ were the size of former cruisers and ushered in a revolutionary type of naval warfare, the first to be armed with guided missiles – the Sea Slug, medium-range ship-to-air missile, and Sea Cat, a short-range ship-to-air system designed to replace the Bofor 40 mm gun. Each destroyer of the class is treated in turn : DEVONSHIRE 1962-1978 ; HAMPSHIRE 1963-1976 ; KENT 1963-1997 ; LONDON 1963-1982 ; FIFE 1966-1987 ; GLAMORGAN 1966-1986 ; NORFOLK 1970-1982 ; & ANTRIM 1970-1984. Appendices cover Sea Slug and HMS GIRDLE NESS ; Sea Cat, Exocet MM38, and County Class technical data. The book is profusely illustrated with photographs.

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{138}  McLellan, R. S.  ANCHOR LINE, 1856-1956.
Privately Published, Glasgow, 1st ed., 1956. 184 pp., frontis., + 51 other photo-plates. D.j. 23 x 14cm. Dust-jacket spine faded, marked & with small loss o/w a clean, bright & sound copy : V.G.
The centenary history of a Scottish shipping line, owners of a fine fleet of passenger and cargo ships, founded in 1838 by two brothers, Nicol and Robert Baird Handyside who set up their shipbroking and merchant trading company in Glasgow. They began by trading with Russian and Baltic ports, and towards the end of 1852 Thomas Henderson joined the firm and led the brothers into ship-owning. Henderson was an experienced shipmaster but his last command, the ORION, on a voyage between Glasgow and Liverpool, was wrecked off Portpatrick in 1850 with heavy loss of life. The second mate who was on watch was deported for seven years, and Henderson’s reputation as master suffered. He focused his mind on forming the Anchor Line and this book describes its first hundred years. Anchor’s associations and varied trade routes are also covered, including their celebrated Indian Ocean and Atlantic trades where their majestic passenger liners and cargo ships operated to the
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{139} MacAlindin, Bob. NO PORT IN A STORM. Whittles Pub., Caithness, 1st ed., 1998. Xii + 146 pp., profusely illustrated with photographs & reproductions. Pict. c.c., 24 x 17cm. FINE. Complete with Errata slip taped into p. 31. A chain of incidents taken from the 250-year history of the lightship as their crews, always in danger of being run down by larger vessels, manned their stationary craft in all weathers in order to guide the mariner to safety. Includes LS 83 (Blunt's Reef); LV COMET (Daunt Rock); LV 90 (South Goodwin); BF 7 (Ruytingen 1938); the lightships of Channel Rock, Falls, and the Yangtze River; the German lightship ELBE 1 that disappeared with all hands in front of the horrified eyes of a British captain during a fierce storm in 1936 off the mouth of the River Elbe. These and other true stories are recalled in this illustrated study. £20.00

{140} Macdonald, Rod. FORCE Z SHIPWRECKS OF THE SOUTH CHINA SEA. HMS PRINCE OF WALES AND HMS REPULSE. Whittles Pub., Caithness, 1st ed., 2013. Xx = 156 pp., profusely illustrated with photographs, drawings, maps, etc. (come cold.). Pict c.c., 24 x 17cm. FINE. The tragic loss of PRINCE OF WALES and REPULSE, sunk by 85 Japanese aircraft in 1941, stunned the world. Force Z had only arrived in Singapore eight days earlier, and both ships took a huge number of sailors with them to the bottom. This book is the first to examine the wrecks of these two capital ships, told against the background of the Japanese advance across South East Asia. The author dived upon the wrecks in the South China Sea, and reveals their state as they are today in coloured photographs. £25.00

{141} Macintyre, Captain Donald. JUTLAND. Batsford, 1st ed., 1957. 212 pp., frontis., + 19 other photo-plates; map e.p’s. D.j., 23 x 16cm. V.G. With the pencil signature of A. B. Sainsbury. (Captain A. B. Sainsbury, MA, VRD and Bar, RNR, 1925-2010, naval historian). Even by 1957, the controversy surrounding the Battle of Jutland in 1916 could still arouse strong passions among students of naval strategy. The author, one of the Royal Navy’s Ace U-boat killers during the Second World War, casts a sailor’s eye over the events that led up to Jutland, the battle itself, and the controversy that followed in its wake. He describes the early skirmishes between the two fleets, from the German bombardment of Scarborough and Hartlepool, to the Dogger Bank when the battle-cruiser BLUECHER was sunk. He brings into sharp focus the leading characters of the drama: Churchill, Prince Louis of Battenberg, Beatty, Jellicoe, Hipper and Scheer. Captain Tony Sainsbury’s copy. £35.00

{142} Macintyre, Donald. THE BATTLE FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN. 1st ed., 1964. 216 pp., 51 photo-plates. D.j., 23 x 15cm. Some pencil markings o/w V.G. With the signature of “A. B. Sainsbury, 22. 2. 64”. (The late Captain Tony Sainsbury, RNR, 1925-2010; his copy with his pencil markings & newspaper reviews, tipped in.) One of Batsford’s ‘British Battles’ series with its attractive dust jacket, Captain Macintyre provides an authoritative account of the struggle to control the Mediterranean basin during the Second World War. This was a struggle that lasted for almost three years from Italy’s entry into the war in June 1940, to the surrender of the Axis forces in Tunisia in May 1943. Upon the outcome of this campaign depended the fate of North Africa and Britain’s vital supply of oil from the Middle East. The author describes Taranto and its aftermath, the intervention of the Luftwaffe which forced the Allies to evacuate Greece and Crete, the British submarine strikes at Rommel’s lifeline from Malta, the massacre on the Libyan supply route, the siege of Malta, Rommel’s fatal blunder at Tobruk, and the final surrender of the Italian Navy. Illustrated with 51 photographs. Captain Tony Sainsbury’s copy. £35.00
Macintyre, Donald.  
176 pp.  D.j. 22 x 14cm.  Small stain upper front corner of dust jacket, o/w Nr.FINE.  
First published twenty years earlier in 1956, this is the author’s own personal account of his experiences during the greater part of the Battle of the Atlantic during which he commanded British Escort Groups and hunted down U-boats. Captain Macintyre was awarded the DSO on no less than three occasions and also the DSC. The ships he commanded destroyed seven enemy submarines and his groups escorted and protected scores of merchant ships to safety. This is his tribute to those who manned British destroyers during the Second World War, keeping the vital sea lanes open to commerce and supplies. £20.00

Maclay, Edgar Stanton.  
**A YOUTHFUL MAN-O’-WARSMAN …**  
201 + 13 (advt.) pp., frontis. + 15 other plates. White buckram ; black lettering ; yellow lines &c., t.e.g. 19 x 13cm. Old price in red on (blank) e.p., advert pages at rear torn with loss, o/w V.G.  
The full sub-title of this book describes its contents: “From the diary of an English lad (a protégé of the duchess of the fifth Duke of Marlborough) who served in the British frigate MACEDONIAN during her memorable action with the American frigate UNITED STATES; who afterward deserted and entered the American Navy, was recaptured by the British and confined in a South African prison and, on being released, again enlisted in the United States Navy.” This is the story of Samuel Leech and his adventures and misadventures at sea before and during the Naval War of 1812. Includes Leech’s own account of the dreadful carnage during the engagement of the two frigates, and his time as a POW after being captured by the British. Fearing death for desertion, his mother, through the influence of Lady Churchill, secured a protection for him and Leech was able to return to England and sailed for Liverpool in 1821. He died, back in America, in 1848. This book is dedicated to the memory of “Rear Admiral Sir Edward Chichester, R.N. As an Expression of American Appreciation for His Very Handsome Conduct in Manila Bay, May 3 to August 14, 1898.” When US ships were threatened by a German squadron in Manila Bay, Chichester, in a subtle manner, made it clear to the Germans that the Royal Navy would not stand idle if the American ships were attacked. His actions defused a dangerous situation. £50.00

MacRae, J. A. & Waine, C. V.  
**THE STEAM COLLIER FLEETS.**  
Wolverhampton, 1st ed., 1990.  226 pp., profusely illustrated with photographs, drawings, plans, sketches, etc., (some cold.).  D.j., 30 x 21cm.  FINE.  
Most of the beautiful non-photographic illustrations in this book were drawn by C. V. Waine who is also the publisher. His co-author, the late Captain MacRae, carried out 20 years of research into the history of the collier fleets while master of the Thames up-river collier HACKNEY. The result is a comprehensive study of the old steam fleets of Newcastle, River Tyne, Shields, Blyth, Amble and Warkworth Harbour, Sunderland and Seaham, West Hartlepool and the Tees, Goole, London, Newport, Barry, Penarth, Port Talbot, Porthcawl and Briton Ferry, Swansea, Llanelli and Burry Port – as well as vessels of North Wales and Lancashire, Isle of Man, Cumberland, Ireland and Scotland. There are descriptions of the collier fleets in both World Wars and in between; the flat-irons; the effects of nationalization; Thames pilotage; the closing of the staiths and the end of the steam colliers. Complete with index of ships and owners, profusely illustrated with photographs, drawings, plans and sketches. FINE copy of the First Edition. £35.00

Macandie, G. L.  
**THE GENESIS OF THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY.**  
Sydney, 1st ed., 1949.  349 pp., frontis + 79 photo & other ills., + 3 maps (all fldg.).  D.j., 25 x 16cm.  Torn d.j with much of the rear cover lost; some staining round edges of front cover; o/w clean & sound & V.G.

£40.00

{147} Maguglin, Robert O.  **THE QUEEN MARY. THE OFFICIAL PICTORIAL HISTORY.** San Diego, California, 1st ed., 1985. 120 pp., profusely illustrated with photographs (some cold.). Pict. c.c., 30 x 23cm. Nr.FINE.

Cunard White Star Line’s transatlantic liner QUEEN MARY enjoyed a long and distinguished career in both war and peace. Without her and her sistership the Second World War would undoubtedly have been prolonged. During a career spanning 31 years, she sailed some 3 million miles carrying both passengers and Allied troops. In 1967 she was saved from the breakers when the City of Long Beach bought her for $3.45 million. She left Southampton for the last time to begin her final 14,559-mile voyage around Cape Horn to Long Beach where she was greeted by 5,000 vessels. In this pictorial tribute, the photographs follow her career from construction on the banks of the Clyde, through the dark days of war, her heyday on the Atlantic during the 1950s, and her final berth as a floating hotel.

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{148} <> Mahan, Captain A. T.  **THE LIFE OF NELSON, THE EMBODIMENT OF THE POWER OF GREAT BRITAIN.** 2 Vols., FIRST EDITION, Little, Brown & Co., Boston, 1897. Vol. I: xxvii + 454 pp., guarded sepia. Port. frontis., + 9 other plates & 10 maps & battle-plans. Vol. II: xix + 427 + 2 (advt.) pp., guarded port. frontis., + 8 other plates & 10 maps & battle-plans (some fldg.). Both volumes bound in full dark blue levant morocco ; raised bands ; gilt ; t.e.g., richly gilt tooled inner dentelles. (“Extra Illustrated by Goodspeed, Boston” in gilt on lower paste down of both volumes). Binding by Riviere, England, for Goodspeed of Boston, EXTRA ILLUSTRATED with 5 ORIGINAL AUTOGRAPHS OF NELSON’S CONTEMPORARIES ; 10 ENGRAVED VIEWS (1 double-page & hand-coloured) ; 88 ENGRAVED PORTRAITS : plus 14 ENGRAVED PORTRAITS OF NELSON HIMSELF (1 double-sided ; 2 hand-coloured). 23 x 16cm. Spines slightly darkened with age, minor rubbing & edge wear to extremities of binding ; both volumes have been expertly repaired at the joints during their history – an almost invisible repair done in levant morocco ; o/w a clean crisp & Near-FINE set. Red Calf oval Bookplates of Henry Pomeroy Davison (1867-1922) Partner of the American Financier, J. P. Morgan – see below. In addition to the illustrations above, a small (13 x 9cm) but curious original pen & ink drawing is tipped in. This appears to be early and apparently shows Nelson moving two large obelisks across the room (symbolic of the Battle of the Nile in 1798). One picture on the wall depicts the pyramids of the Nile. Lady Hamilton (?) sits at her dressing table in an example of rearpotraiture. (See illustration below).

Captain Alfred Thayer Mahan wrote what undoubtedly remains one of the finest, most comprehensive, and most accurate biographies of Lord Nelson ever written. He began his daunting task in 1893 and in the year that followed he was forced to continue his writing at sea aboard the USS CHICAGO. Fortunately, his duty carried him to many ports closely associated with Nelson, and he also came into friendly contact with a number of Nelson’s
descendants. This was Mahan’s first full-length biography and it was a brave and ambitious project to attempt the definitive ‘life’ of what was to the biographer, a foreign national hero. The task proved to be far more difficult than he had anticipated and it led to some severe bouts of depression. However, encouraged by his friends, he persevered and enjoyed the support of the Third Earl Nelson, Nelson Ward (one of Horatia’s sons), Professor John Knox Laughton, and Professor Thursfield – the two latter being among the most prominent British scholars and naval historians of the day. Mahan also received the support of Admiral James de Saumarez who opened up his family archives on Guernsey and kindly put the author in touch with other English naval families. When Mahan finally completed the work it was published in Boston and London at the same time. It was very warmly received on both sides of the Atlantic and enjoyed extremely favourable reviews from all quarters – no small achievement to gain such sincere approval from critical and professional historians like Laughton, Thursfield, Sydenham Clarke, and others. This superb and unique copy was originally owned by Henry Pomeroy Davison, Sr., born in Troy, Pennsylvania, 12th June 1867. Following his education he joined a bank managed by one of his relatives, and at the age of 21 he gained employment in a bank in Bridgeport, Connecticut, where he met his future wife. Three years later he moved to New York and was employed by the Astor Place Bank, eventually becoming president of the Liberty National Bank. In 1909 he became a senior partner at J. P. Morgan & Company, and in 1910 took part in a secretive meeting that is thought to have led to the creation of the Federal Reserve; a matter of much speculation ever since. When the US entered the war in 1917, Davison was made chairman of the War Council of the American Red Cross, raising four million dollars for Red Cross ambulances on the Western Front. For this he was awarded the DSM by the British, one of the few civilians so honoured. After the war he played a major role in bringing together the Red Cross societies of Great Britain, France, Japan, Italy and the United States. The Red Cross League was founded in 1919 with Davison as its chairman. That year he had published *The American Red Cross in the Great War*. He died on the operating table in 1922 in an attempt to remove a tumour from his brain. A bibliophile of some standing, Davison purchased this set from the celebrated firm of booksellers, Goodspeed of Boston. Goodspeed had collected these engravings over a period of time – a number of them rare – and together with this first American edition of Mahan’s great biography of Lord Nelson, sent them to be bound in England by one of the most distinguished bookbinders in the world, Riviere. Goodspeed’s shop was opened in Boston in 1898 and quickly acquired an international reputation. Sadly the shop closed in 1995. This beautifully bound set is extra illustrated with five original signatures of Nelson’s contemporaries: Codrington, St. Vincent, Hood, Keith and de Saumarez; fourteen engraved portraits of Nelson (1 double-sided; 2 hand-coloured) including a couple of rare examples;
eighty-eighty engraved portraits of naval officers and other figures associated with Nelson’s life; and ten engraved views, including one early (1805) rare hand-coloured plan of the Battle of Trafalgar. Among the eighty-eight portraits – early 19th century engravings – there are likenesses of Lady Hamilton, Sir William Hamilton, a particularly rare portrait of Captain Riou; St. Vincent, Howe, Sidney Smith, Collingwood, de Saumarez, Hood, Hyde Parker, Maurice Suckling, Peter Parker, Duke of Clarence, George Rose, Sir John Stuart, Sir John Moore, Napoleon, George III, Calder, Earl Spencer, Lord Barham, Troubridge, Hoste, Berry, Orde, Queen of Naples, Czar of Russia, General Suvarrow, Keith, Duckworth, King of Naples, Kléber, William Beckford, Lord Chatham, Lord Melville, Radstock, Cornwallis, Bickerton, Keats, etc., etc. In addition there is a curious 19th century original pen & ink drawing of Nelson moving two obelisks, tipped in. This is by far the finest set of Mahan’s Life of Nelson we have handled in over thirty years in business.


{149} Manning, Captain T. D. & Walker, Commander C. F. BRITISH WARSHIP NAMES. 1st ed., 1959. 498 pp., several drawings. D.j., 22 x 13cm. Nr.FINE.
An authoritative work of reference written by two naval officers who served on the Admiralty’s Ships’ Names Committee from 1940 to 1945. They open their study with a history of ship-naming from earliest times and this is followed by the main section of the book which provides a comprehensive dictionary of ship names of the Royal Navy with every warship of any importance. In addition the origin of each name is explained and a list of each vessel’s Battle Honours up to the 1950s. A very useful source of reference. £40.00

From the author of such magnificent works as British Destroyers, Sailing Trawlers, and Sailing Drifters comes this detailed study of British coastal craft powered by sail and oar. Scores of picturesquely-named craft built to suit local conditions worked out of ports, harbours, tiny inlets and off the beaches around the coasts of Britain. These two books examine the vessels and describe the men who built and manned them. Much of the material comes from interviews with seamen of the 19th century. All the many different types of craft are fully described, their methods of construction, rigs, handling qualities, fishing gear, how man and boat lived and worked, etc. The first volume spans the coastline from the north of Scotland to the Thames Estuary. It describes the heavy sixerns of the Shetlands, the scaffies, fifies and zulus of the Scottish coasts, the cobles of Northumberland and Yorkshire, the gold dusters of the Humber, the wolders, crabbers, spratters and shrimpers of the East Coast, and the yawls of Yarmouth. Also the long pilot gigs and smacks of the Essex rivers, and the bawleys, Peter boats and dobles of the Thames. The second volume covers the coastline from Kent to Cornwall and continues up the West Coast of England to Scotland. Here we find the Kentish herring punts, the luggers and galleys of the Deal beach, Hastings luggers, Brighton hoggies, Itchen Ferry boats, Portsmouth wherries, the lerrets of Portland, the Beer luggers and Plymouth hookers, the gaffers of Polperro, Falmouth Quay punts, gigs of the Scilly Isles, Bristol Channel pilot cutters, Liverpool pilot schooners, Morecambe Bay prawners, Isle of Man bark-yaws, and the legendary skiffs of the Clyde. Illustrated with 119 photographs and 66 drawings, these two volumes record a lost way of life around our coasts. £150.00
{151} Masefield, John.  

**THE WANDERER OF LIVERPOOL.**  
New York, FIRST AMERICAN EDITION, 1930. Xi + 139 pp, cold. frontis by Spurling; + 38 photo-plates & 4 plans (3 fldg.).  
Green cloth; gilt; 22 x 18cm. Spine slightly faded o/w V.G. Postcard of a model of the WANDERER tipped in.  

First published in England in the same year, the US edition contains a coloured frontispiece by Jack Spurling, 23 photographs, and 4 plans (3 folding) in addition to the illustrations appearing in the English edition. The famous barque WANDERER was built in Liverpool by W. H. Potter & Co, who had established their yard in Queen’s Dock in 1860. In 1886 Potter built the full-rigger WAYFARER, followed in 1888 by the four-masted barque SEAFARER. These vessels met with great success and so the yard followed up with WANDERER in 1890 – a vessel incorporating several new and important experimental features. To many seamen of the day, Potter had built the finest, strongest and most beautiful sailing vessel afloat. This is her story with an account of her ten voyages out of Liverpool until she was lost in 1907 after a collision – all hands were fortunately saved.  

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Fine Copy of a Scarce Japanese Book on Two of its Second World War Battleships

{152} Matsumoto, Kitaro.  

**DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE BATTLESHIPS YAMATO AND MUSASHI.** Haga Publishing Co. Ltd., Tokyo, FIRST EDITION, October 1961. 360 pp, + 10 plans & 1 table (all fldg.) + 62 photo-plates (4 fldg.; 4 double-page) & 15 line drawings; + figures in text D.j., 23 x 16cm. A few minor marks to blank endpapers o/w FINE.  

A few copies of this Japanese book were imported into the United States by the Japan Publication Trading Company, fifty-five years ago, and today, even in America and Japan, the book is very scarce. Much of the text is in Japanese although there are spasmodic English captions, etc., but much of the joy of the book lies in its 62 photographic plates – 4 of which are folding plates, and four are double-page plates; its 15 line drawings of the ships; its 10 detailed folding plans and 1 table at the rear of the book; and the numerous figures and diagrams in text. The YAMATO and MUSASHI were the heaviest battleships ever built and the most heavily armed. In fear of American submarines, they spent much of the war in their bases, with occasional forays, but they ventured out in earnest to take part in the Battle of Leyte Gulf in October 1944. MUSASHI was sunk by US aircraft during the battle; YAMATO was sunk during an air attack in April 1945 during Operation ‘Ten-Go’ – also known as the Battle of the East China Sea. FINE copy of a scarce book on these two naval giants.  

£200.00  

{153} Maxtone-Graham, John.  

**LINERS TO THE SUN.**  
New York, 1st ed., 1985. Xv + 495 pp., profusely illustrated with photographs, etc; map e.p’s. D.j. (opening out into a chart, cold.). 24 x 17cm. FINE.  

From the author of The Only Way to Cross comes this detailed account of the great cruise ships past and present (up to 1985) with details of their conversions, design and construction, and the pleasures and occasional perils of life on board. Illustrated with some 250 photographs and drawings (plus a coloured ship-chart on verso of the dust jacket), the author traces the dramatic rise in the fortunes of the cruise ship, replacing the passenger liner that was itself ousted from its prime position by jet aircraft. Includes the cruise ships of the 1930s as well as their counterparts up to the mid-1980s. FINE copy.  

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**BOOKQUOTE:**  “There is a great deal of difference between an eager man who wants to read a book, and a tired man who wants a book to read.”  

G. K. Chesterton
A Late Victorian Mercantile Navy List for 1895

{154} Mercantile Navy List. **THE MERCANTILE NAVY LIST AND MARITIME DIRECTORY FOR 1895. COMPILED FROM OFFICIAL AND OTHER SOURCES BY J. CLARK HALL, ESQ., REGISTRAR-GENERAL OF SHIPPING AND SEAMEN.** 1st ed., 1895. Xxxii + 748 + 38 (advt.) pp. Blue diced cloth; gilt; neatly re-backed with original spine laid down; blind armorial & lettered cover; speckled edges. 24 x 16cm. Some shelf-wear to extremities of binding; some staining to a few prelims/advert leaves; corner torn (without loss of text) to ffep & title-page & some closed tears, o/w V.G. A scarce edition of the Mercantile Navy List published towards the end of the 19th century when vast fleets of square-riggers still competed with steamers for cargoes. The main part of the book contains an Alphabetical List of British Registered Steam Vessels (pp. 1 to 338), and an Alphabetical List of British Registered Sailing Vessels (pp. 339 to 732) down to the time of going to press. Also a List of Sailing Vessels whose Registers were received late. Data on the thousands of ships listed include: Official Number, Name of Ship, Port and Year of Registry, Rig, When & Where Built, International Code Signal, Registered Tonnage, Dimensions, Material, Engines & Owner/Manager. In addition the book contains other information on Agents, Trinity House Vessels, Training Ships, Public Offices, etc. A prime source of reference on the vast fleets of British-registered steamers and square-riggers of 1895. Original Victorian editions for the late Victorian era are SCARCE. £40.00

{155} Mersey Docks & Harbour Board. **THE PORT OF LIVERPOOL (ELEVENTH EDITION OF THE PORT'S HANDBOOK, 1947-8).** Liverpool, 1st ed. Thus (11th issue), 1947. 87 (advt.) + 118 pp., aerial view of the port (cold. & fldg.) ; frontis., + numerous other sepia photos & reproductions. Pict. c.c., 23 x 17cm. V.G. The first handbook in this format for the Port of Liverpool was published in 1911. In 1947 the port was emerging from six long years of war when Liverpool was on the front line with regard to vital foodstuffs and war materials coming into Britain from North America and elsewhere. This was the first post-war handbook; the previous, tenth issue, had appeared ten years earlier. The book covers all the varied aspects and duties of the Mersey Docks & Harbour Board, including Dock Masters, Traffic Department, Graving Docks, Pilotage, Buoying, Lighting, Dredging, etc. The book also covers its Railway links, its Warehouses, the Landing Stage, Mersey Tunnel, Trade Associations, Insurance Companies, Exchanges, Canals, etc. During the war the Port withstood 68 bombing raids between 29th July 1940 and 10th January 1942. The destruction in the docks was enormous – Huskisson Branch Dock No. 2 was completely destroyed when Brocklebank’s MALAKAND, with 1,000 tons of shells on board, received a direct hit (as photographed here). Despite all this – and the destruction to the town and to the homes of dockers near by – Liverpool dealt with 120,000,000 tons of ocean-going shipping and 23,000,000 tons of coastwise shipping; vessels dodging mines and U-boats in the approaches to the Mersey. An Important post-war issue. £40.00

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{163} Muhlhauser, Lt. G. H. P. SMALL CRAFT. 2nd ed., 1924. Xiv + 268 pp., frontis. + 45 other photo-plates. Fawn cloth ; black lettering. 19 x 13cm. Some foxing o/w V.G.

First published in 1920, this is the story behind a branch of the Royal Navy during the First World War of which the public knew little. The author describes the operations of the Q-ships RESULT and TAYNE, the steam yachts ZAREFAH and SAGITTA, and various armed smacks and hydrophone trawlers. These vessels quietly and secretly went about the business of making safe German mines, hunting U-boats, and capturing or destroying enemy surface ships. The author (famous for his circumnavigation in the yawl AMARYLLIS) served in this branch of the Navy during 1917 and 1918.

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{164} Murray, Marischal. SHIPS AND SOUTH AFRICA. A MARITIME CHRONICLE OF THE CAPE WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO MAIL AND PASSENGER LINERS FROM THE EARLY DAYS OF STEAM DOWN TO THE PRESENT. WITH A FOREWORD BY GENERAL THE RT. HON. J. C. SMUTS. Oxford University Press, 1st ed., 1933. Xxvi + 360 pp., frontis + 325 other photo-plates. Blue cloth ; girt. 26 x 19cm. V.G.

The author, who went on to write the Union-Castle Chronicle in 1953 (see below) produces here a pre-war account of the mail and passenger liners associated with South Africa and the Cape from the earliest days of steam covering in much detail the ships of Union, Castle, and Union-Castle Lines as well as other companies. Part I has 18 chapters: Pioneers (1825-1850). The First Steam Coaster & Mail Steamers (1836-1856). New Steamship Services: Australia & the Cape (1852-1857). Union Line and its first Rivals (1857-1871). Further Rivalry: enter Donald Currie (1870-1872). General Events (1863-1881). Competition & Cooperation (1872-1886). Castle v. Union (1876-1900). The Boer War and After (1899-1904). The Union-Castle Line (1900-1914). The Great War and its effect on South African Shipping (1914-1915). Ditto (1916-1917). Ditto (1917-1918). Post War (1919-1933). Shipwrecks & Disasters (I & II), ‘Ships and Ways of other Days’. ‘The Cape Liners’. Part II is divided into two sections, the first tells the story of the shipping lines associated with South Africa – British, foreign and local coasting concerns at the Cape. The second deals with the ships of Union-Castle from 1853 to 1933. In addition there are six appendices, a general index and an index of ships’ names. Illustrated with 326 photographs and other plates of ships. £200.00

{165} Murray, Marischal. UNION-Castle Chronicle, 1853-1953. 1st ed., 1953. Xvii + 392 pp., frontis, + 137 other b&w plates, 4 photogravure portraits, & 6 cold. plates. Blue cloth ; girt. 24 x 16 cm. V.G.

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{166} Navy List.  THE NAVY LIST, CORRECTED TO THE 20TH
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{167} Nelson, Horatio, Third Earl.  THE NELSON WHOM BRITONS LOVED.
An interesting account of Nelson’s life written by the Third Earl Nelson (1823-1913) which includes Nelson’s ‘autobiography’ and extracts from his correspondence. There are also many illustrations – including pictures of a number of items from Trafalgar House near Salisbury – an Edwardian poem about HMS VICTORY, and a list of leading events appertaining to the author’s illustrious forebear. Horatio, Third Earl, was the most fortunate of the family as he lived a long and comfortable life on the estate given to Nelson’s elder brother by a grateful nation after Trafalgar. This sought-after book is hard to find in either this original edition or the second edition of 1911. SCARCE. £100.00

{168} Nelson Society, The.  THE BICENTENNIAL EDITION OF THE
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{169} Newall, Peter.  MAURETANIA. TRIUMPH AND RESURRECTION.
Preston, 1st ed., 2006.  136 pp., profusely illustrated with photographs, etc., (some cold, some sepia) + a large gatefold cut-away diagram of the liner.  Pict. c.c., 29 x 21cm.  FINE.
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{170} Norton, Peter. SHIPS’ FIGUREHEADS. Newton Abbot, &c., 1st ed., 1976. 144 pp., profusely illustrated with photographs & drawings. D.j., 24 x 17cm. FINE. The author traces the origins and history of perhaps the most evocative part of a sailing ship, her figurehead. Carved with loving care, painted and maintained by their proud crews as a symbol of their ship and the location of its very soul, the figurehead has featured from earliest maritime civilizations down to a less romantic century when steam and steel had no place for such feelings and craftsmanship. Particular attention is paid to the 19th century and includes the last naval figureheads of men-o’-war, as well as their merchant ship counterparts in the old square-riggers which carried the tradition on to a later era. The book is richly illustrated with photographs and drawings. FINE copy. £30.00

{171} O’Brien, Patrick. MEN-OF-WAR. New York, 1st US ed., 1995. 95 pp., many ills (some col’d). D.j., 24 x 16cm. FINE. First published in England in 1974, this is an early and factual study of 18th century men-o’-war from the pen of the late Patrick O’Brien who came to fame with his naval fiction. Here he looks at the guns, ship’s company, life at sea and the songs which would have resounded around the wooden timbers of the ships of Nelson’s day. Patrick O’Brien provides the perfect introductory work to the ships and social conditions at sea during the age of fighting sail ; the world he chose as the setting for his highly successful novels. FINE copy. £35.00

{172} O’Kane, Rear-Admiral Richard H. WAHOO. THE PATROLS OF AMERICA’S MOST FAMOUS WORLD WAR II SUBMARINE. Presido, Novato, California, 1st ed., 1987. X + 345 pp., many photographs, drawings, & charts. D.j., 24 x 16cm. FINE. The wartime career of the USS WAHOO and its sinking of Japanese tonnage is legendary in American submarine circles. The author served as her executive officer before becoming a submarine ace himself, and is best placed to tell the full story of the WAHOO for the first time. From her birth in early 1942, the submarine’s mission was to conduct unrestricted submarine warfare on a ruthless enemy who had launched an unprovoked attack on the US fleet at Pearl Harbour a few months earlier. Soon under the command of Dudley W. Morton, daring new tactics were employed and the enemy was sought out no matter where it was located. He made a remarkable “down the throat” attack against an attacking Japanese destroyer, and several surface-running gun attacks. He formed a ‘commando’ unit to land in rubber-boats to assault the Japanese, and WAHOO sank a four-ship convoy in one day. Her story is told up to the time her luck ran out and she became one of the 37 US submarines lost with all hands. FINE copy. £30.00

{173} O’Neill, Richard. SUICIDE SQUADS OF WORLD WAR II. New York, 2nd ed., 1988. 296 pp., profusely illustrated with photographs, maps, drawings, diagrams & tables. D.j., 24 x 16cm. FINE. First published in 1981, this is an account of the men, weapons and missions of the ‘Special Attack’ units of the Imperial Japanese Navy and Army, described together with those of the Royal Navy, Italian Navy, Germany’s Kriegsmarine and Luftwaffe’s Rammjager aircraft, etc. Much of this material will be unfamiliar to readers, most notably a first-hand description
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{178} Parsons, Richard. **THE STORY OF KINGS. C. J. KING & SONS 1850 TO THE PRESENT DAY.** Bristol, 1st ed., 1988. 120 pp., profusely illustrated with photographs, facsimiles, drawings, etc. D.j., 21 x 20cm. V.G.+

During the 1840s Christopher King left his native Wiltshire village to seek work in Bristol. By 1850 at the age of 23 he was established as a master stevedore and had laid the foundations of a family business that would dominate stevedoring and towing in Bristol City Docks for the next century. The author recalls the fortunes of this famous tug company from its first wooden tug MERRIMAC of 1859, to its latest vessel, the diesel tug SEA ENDEAVOUR of 1980. Illustrated with many photographs, facsimiles, drawings, etc. £25.00


The author’s research has produced two attractive, well illustrated, and fascinating volumes on the square-riggers owned by Wilfrid and Alfred Hine of Maryport, on the Cumberland coast. The first volume describes in detail their early vessels when based in Liverpool from 1860 to 1873. Most of the Hine vessels were deep-sea, but from 1873 to c.1883 they also operated coastal sail out of Maryport. These are described before returning to the Hine barques in the deep-sea trades between 1868 and 1891. Addenda in this volume lists vessels, captains and their families. The second volume concentrates on four of their celebrated barques: EDEN HOLME 1875-1907; BRIER HOLME 1876-1904; MYRTLE HOLME 1875-1907 (1915); and CASTLE HOLME 1875-1908 (1924). Further details of vessels, captains, family, etc., are given in the Addenda. Two highly detailed volumes. £100.00

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The biography of Admiral Sir William Penn (1621-1670) who, after service on the Irish coast, was engaged in the pursuit of Prince Rupert in 1651-52. He later served under Blake in the Dutch War and at the battle off Portland in 1653 – Penn rescuing Blake and saving the day. At the end of that year Penn was appointed c-in-c of a fleet sent against the Spanish West Indies and although he failed in his attack on St. Domingo he did capture Jamaica. On returning to England he was imprisoned in the Tower, ostensibly for returning without leave, but released a few weeks later when he retired to his estates in Munster where he remained in secret correspondence with the royalists until the eve of the Restoration. At that period he was knighted and made a Commissioner of the Navy. As Pepys’s superior officer, he came in for a good deal of abuse in the famous ‘Diary’. In 1655 Penn accompanied the Duke of York in the fleet sent against the Dutch and was thought to have drawn up the Duke of York’s Sailing and Fighting Instructions for the Battle of Lowestoft that year. This was to be Penn’s final service afloat but he continued with the Navy Office to his death. He was also the father of William Penn (1644-1718) the Quaker who founded Pennsylvania.

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Based on recently published Soviet documents, German archives, and the growing scholarship with regard to both navies, this book examines the naval relationship that existed between Soviet Russia and Germany during the inter-war years. Both Stalin and Hitler sought to build fleets beyond their defensive needs and in breach of the naval treaties. The author uncovers the lessons both Germany and Russia learnt from the Great War; lessons that shaped their respective pursuit of naval supremacy and their individual ambitions to wrestle Neptune’s trident from the Royal Navy. He analyses Russo-German naval relations
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{183} Philip & Son Limited.  MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT & SPECIFICATION OF A STEEL SCREW TUG FOR THE AMAZON RIVER STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (1911) LIMITED : THE “ARARY”.

Not Published.  N.P. (Dartmouth) ; 1st ed., 1912.  15 pp (typescript) with Philip & Amazon River S.N. Co. stamps & 2 original signatures from Directors from both firms (twice, once over a stamp) ; red wax seal.  Hand-written c.c., sewn. 33 x 20cm.  V.G.

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{184} Philip & Son Limited.  SPECIFICATION OF A STEEL SCREW DIESEL THAMES BARGE TUG FOR UNION LIGHTERAGE CO., LTD. YARD NO. 1241 : THE “HEMBO”.

Not Published.  N.P. (Dartmouth) ; 1st ed., N.D. (c.1951).  47 (out of 48) pp.  P.c., 33 x 20cm.  Rusty staples ; lacks final leaf & (blank) rear cover, o/w.  V.G.

Detailed specifications covering every aspect of construction for the tug HEMBO, Yard No. 1241, built on the River Dart in 1951 for work on the Thames under the flag of the Union Lighterage Company. (Blackhurst, p.p. 132/133 with photo of vessel). Ordered in 1951 and launched in 1952, this tug served her owners well until 1975 when she was sold to S. B. Towage Ltd., Gravesend. She was sold again in 1979 to Frank Pearce (Tugs) Ltd., of Poole, and renamed PULLWELL ZULU. About 1980 she was laid up at Poole following engine damage and used as a source for spare parts. In 1985 her owners ceased trading.

{185} Philip & Son Limited.  SPECIFICATIONS OF TWO COAL BURNING SINGLE-SCREW STEEL TUGS FOR THE STATE OF MORVI, KATHIAWAR, INDIA, NOS. 786/7 : THE “GANGA” AND THE “JUMNA”.

Not Published.  Dartmouth ; 1st ed., 1930.  2 + 32 + 1 + 1 (MS.)  P.C. with ink title.  33 x 20cm.  Rusty staples o/w V.G. (Includes Philip’s notepaper).

In 1930 two tugs were launched on the River Dart for Sir A. Gill and for service in Morvi States, British India. The GANGA and JUMNA were both shipped out east aboard the S.S. BELDIS and registered in Navahki. (Blackhurst p. 100). Morvi or Morbi is a city and a municipality in Morvi district in the Indian state of Gujarat. It was a Princely State ruled by the Jadeja clan of Rajputs until Indian independence in 1947. It is situated on the Kathiawar peninsula. These specifications cover every aspect of the vessel’s construction including hull, machinery, fittings, gear, etc., plus details of trials etc.

{186} Plevy, Harry.  DESTROYER ACTIONS : SEPTEMBER 1939 – JUNE 1940.


The human aspect of the destroyer battles during the first eight months of the Second World War, based on material hitherto unpublished. The author explains the political, strategical
and tactical background to the naval operations in which British destroyers played a pivotal role. While the RAF and the Army struggled to get their act together during the so-called 'Phoney War', the Royal Navy's destroyers were kept busy defending shipping routes, attacking U-boats, rescuing British POWs, fighting fierce battles at Narvik, and evacuating British and French troops from Dunkirk. Their crews lived a harsh existence in the hostile waters of the North Sea and Atlantic. The author draws on eye-witness accounts and British, German, Polish, French and Norwegian sources. Two relevant obituaries tipped in. £25.00

[187] Pocock, Rev. Lovell. WITH THOSE IN PERIL. A CHAPLAIN’S LIFE IN THE ROYAL NAVY. Privately Published by the Author, Upton-upon-Severn, 2nd ed., 1989 (first pub. 1986). 316 pp., several photo & other ills. D.j., 24 x 16cm. Upper corner of front board bumped, o/w Nr.FINE.
The Reverend Lovell Pocock, OBE, MA, RN (Retd.) recalls his wartime experiences as a naval chaplain. In 1939 he was a young chaplain serving aboard HMS CERES, one of the ships of the Eleventh Cruiser Squadron on the Northern Patrol based at Scapa Flow and Sollum Voe. In 1940 he went out to Singapore and in 1942 evaded capture by the Japanese when Singapore fell. He returned home aboard Bibby Line's SS. STAFFORDSHIRE. After the war he continued to serve in the Royal Navy and in 1948 was chaplain aboard the cruiser HMS LIVERPOOL, Mountbatten’s flagship, and went on to 1963 in HMS SISKIN, HMS HERON, and the Royal Marine School of Music at Deal. £30.00

The author’s account of his varied experiences as a naval officer during the Second World War. He took part in North Atlantic convoy operations and was present at the seizure of French ships in Portsmouth. He served aboard the battlecruiser REPULSE and was a survivor from her sinking by Japanese aircraft off the coast of Malaya. He witnessed the short and disastrous Malayan campaign which led to the fall of Singapore. In February 1942, in the final evacuation, he sailed out of Singapore leading two Fairmile Motor Launches with high-ranking officers but was intercepted by Japanese warships and driven ashore. He lived on the desert island for 4 months before, with others who had survived the ordeal, he escaped in a native fishing boat. Eventually he was captured by the Japanese and spent the rest of the war on the infamous Burma railway across the River Kwai. FINE copy. £35.00

Dudley Pope meticulously researched the story of the bloodiest mutiny in the history of the Royal Navy – the butchering of the officers aboard His Majesty’s Frigate HERMIONE 32 guns, in the West Indies in 1797. The captain of the frigate, Hugh Pigot, was a brutal and sadistic commander who flogged his men mercilessly and drove them beyond the limits of endurance. However, nothing could excuse the slaughter of guilty and innocent officers alike as the mutineers went wild and committed crimes beyond anything Pigot could have dreamt up. Not content with murder, they took their ship into an enemy port and gave her up to the Spaniards who, unaware of the true facts for some time, nevertheless greeted them with the contempt they deserved. The Spanish took the ship into their service but due to an amazing episode of red tape and internal wrangling, never actually got the frigate to sea. Meanwhile the Royal Navy relentlessly hunted down the mutineers over the next ten years and of the 33 either caught or who gave themselves up, 24 were either hanged and hung in chains upon gibbets, or transported for life. A few managed to escape justice by fleeing to America. The
author describes these events which end with the daring re-capture of the HERMIONE under the guns of Spanish forts, with Captain Edward Hamilton leading 100 English sailors aboard six open boats in one of the most brilliant cutting-out expeditions in naval history. £35.00

The old pre-dreadnought battleship HMS FORMIDABLE became the first British battleship to be sunk by a German U-boat. She was sunk off Lyme Regis on the Dorset coast on the 1st January 1915 by U.24. 547 officers and men lost their lives. Very few details concerning the incident appeared in post-war books on the war; this is the first detailed account; a tragic story packed full of incidents, heroism, heartache, self-sacrifice, leadership and survival. Includes as full a Roll of Honour of those lost. FINE copy. £25.00

Wooden sailing frigates in their original form existed for about a century from c.1750 to 1850 and were employed as fast scouting cruisers for the battle fleet. Nelson described them as the “eyes of the fleet” but they were also fighting ships in their own right and they fought many epic single-ship actions. Frigate Captains were also a special breed; dashing and daring by reputation, it was an essential command for any young captain on the ladder to flag rank. In this book the author concentrates on the Napoleonic Wars and gives an account of some of the more outstanding engagements: the INDEFATIGABLE v. DROITS DE L’HOMME, the infamous HERMIONE affair - one of the bloodiest mutinies in naval history (see No. 189 above) - and the frigate actions of the celebrated Edward Pellew. Also the deeds of Cochrane in the PALLAS, the rise and fall of the Captain of the IMPERIEUSE, Nelson and the famous AGAMEMNON, Hoste at the Battle of Lissa in 1811, and the frigate actions during the War of 1812. £25.00

Published by the Tees Towing Company, this book tells the story of their tugs and towing operations from 1880 to 1983. Divided into two parts, the first deals with the firm’s history; the life of William Henry Crosthwaite; the Constituent Companies 1909 – 1919; the early years of the Amalgamation 1920 – 1925; the Depression 1926 – 1931; the first experiment with Diesel Propulsion 1932 – 1939; World War II; post-war developments and the building of the modern tug fleet. The second part provides a pictorial Fleet List of the 80 tugs owned by the company during this period. FINE copy. £40.00

The controversy surrounding the role of the S/S CALIFORNIAN in the TITANIC disaster has rumbled on since 1912 and fascinated the author from that period to his death in 1989. The question still arouses endless speculation and argument the world over. Could the CALIFORNIAN have gone earlier to the rescue of the stricken liner? Leslie Reade, an
Oxford graduate, began his own long, meticulous investigations in the early 1960s to discover the truth about the ship and her master, Captain Stanley Lord. This book is the result of that research and includes examination of all the prime documents, interviews with key figures, and what he claims to be conclusive evidence and the most probable solution as to what happened on that fateful night. Illustrated with 78 photographs and other plates, 16 diagrams and 4 maps. FINE copy.

{194} Rees, John S. HISTORY OF THE LIVERPOOL PILOTAGE SERVICE, MENTIONING THE LOCAL LIGHTHOUSES AND LIGHTSHIPS. Southport, 1st ed., 1949. 219 pp., frontis. (fldg.) + 25 other plates. Green cloth ; gilt. 22 x 14cm. Gilt dull as usual o/w V.G. Written almost seventy years ago, this is the history of Liverpool’s Pilotage Service covering some 170 years of activity. The author examines the Mersey pilots before 1766, the names of licensed pilots and their vessels at the time of the first Liverpool Pilotage Act (1766), the disaster to pilot boats in 1770, and the approaches to the Mersey and the river itself. He also describes the lighthouses at Hoylake, Leasowe, Bidston, New Brighton, Formby and Crosby. Other topics include pilots and privateers, the loss of No. 1 Pilot Cutter GOOD INTENT in 1833, sailing ships in tow of Mersey tugs, the purchase by MD&HB of the Pilot Service, and the first steam pilot boat. Also the loss of No. 1 Pilot Boat S/S ALFRED H. READ, the disaster that befell No. 1 Pilot Boat S/S CHARLES LIVINGSTON, list of pilots in 1808, and the Roll of Honour of the Liverpool Pilot Boats. There are also many other aspects of Mersey pilotage and shipping during times of war and peace. Illustrated with a folding frontispiece and 25 other plates. SCARCE.

The Law of Storms in 1841 – Complete with Scarce Atlas

{195} Reid, Lt.Col. W. AN ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP THE LAW OF STORMS BY MEANS OF FACTS, ARRANGED ACCORDING TO PLACE AND TIME ; AND HENCE TO POINT OUT A CAUSE FOR THE VARIABLE WINDS, WITH THE VIEW TO PRACTICAL USE IN NAVIGATION. ILLUSTRATED BY CHARTS AND WOOD CUTS. SECOND EDITION, WITH ADDITIONS. ACCOMPANIED BY THE ATLAS. 2 Vols., Book : John Weale, 59 High Holborn, 2nd ed., 1841. Viili + 572 pp., diagrams, woodcuts & charts (some fldg.). Later blue cloth with blind indented ‘head’ to front covers re-backed in lighter blue cloth; gilt; edges uncut. 26 x 16cm. White figures to front cover ; corners of original boards worn ; some flaking in fore-edges of leaves ; red ‘cancelled’ stamp of the Athenaeum Library to title-page ; o/w V.G. Atlas : 9 charts & a page of graphs. Qtr. maroon calf ; limp brown cloth ; calf title-piece ; gilt. No longer sewn (covers & all pp loose) ; all edges frayed & chipped but no loss to actual charts, etc. POOR. Designed to accompany the atlas volume which is rarely present but present in this case, the text and atlas combine to form an important and historical study. It examines storms and hurricanes to point out a cause for variable winds which concerned sailing ships at sea. Includes accounts of Franklin’s storms, waterspouts, Redfield’s storms of the 1820s and 1830s, the Barbados hurricanes of 1831 and 1835, the Antigua hurricane of 1837, wreckers in the Gulf of Florida, Pacific hurricanes, disastrous storms for East India fleets under convoy in 1808 and 1809, typhoons in the South China Sea and the Bay of Bengal, the Bermuda hurricane of 1839, Captain Beaufort’s scale, the fall of fish on land, rollers at St. Helena, etc., etc. SCARCE.

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{196} Roberts, A. W. COASTING BARGEMASTER. 1st ed., 1949. 192 pp., 18 drawings by Archie White + map e.p.’s. D.j., 22 x 15cm. V.G. A post-war account of the Thames sailing barges with their typical sprit-sail rig - the last survivors of the coastal wind-driven trading ships that once sailed our coasts in their
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With a Foreword by Alexander Kent (Douglas Reeman), the author describes the boy sailors of the Napoleonic Wars who followed a long-standing British tradition of sending boys to sea to assist in the fighting of the country’s enemies. Boys as young as eight or nine fought alongside men and gave good account of themselves. They “fought like young Nelsons” remarked the schoolmaster of the MARS after Trafalgar.

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In November 1918, Germany surrendered and under the terms of the Armistice the High Seas Fleet sailed over to Scotland and was escorted by the Royal Navy to Scapa Flow for internment. There, in the following June, 11 capital ships, 13 cruisers, and 50 torpedo boats were scuttled by their German crews. The author served in torpedo boat B110 and was one of those interned. Following Jutland in 1916, Admiral Ruge gives a detailed account of the mutiny of the High Seas Fleet and its surrender and internment in 1918. He describes the harsh conditions for those on board, the order to scuttle, his experiences in a British POW camp, repatriation to Germany, and the successful British salvage operations. Contains interesting appendices and 17 illustrations.

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In August 1808 Robert Fulton demonstrated the power of his steamboat NORTH RIVER on the banks of the Hudson in front of a sceptical crowd of bemused spectators. The author provides a biography of the remarkable man behind the project, from 1765 to 1815, and his vessel that would help transform shipping and nineteenth century America. He attempted to sell many of his amazing inventions to the navies of Britain, France and America; inventions from rope-making machinery to submarines and proto-torpedoes.

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Captain Nash DeCost was an American shipmaster in the days of the Western Ocean sailing packets out of Boston, New York and other American East Coast ports, bound away for Liverpool from around 1800 to 1840. Captain Nash DeCost was born in 1783 and by 1803 he had become master and part-owner of the ship JOSEPH. He married in 1805 and, as was often the custom in those days, he took his bride to sea, in the ship AVERICK, just launched at Westport. In Liverpool his bride bought a handsome Liverpool ware pitcher with a picture of her husband’s ship which is preserved in America today. Illustrated with photographs and facsimiles. Includes voyages of EUPHRATES (1809-1818) & CORTES (1821-1826).

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BOOKQUOTE: “I cannot sleep unless I am surrounded by books.” Jorge Luis Borges
A French work translated into English gathering together the reminiscences and accounts of 29 French masters of square-riggers who braved the hazards of Cape Horn on passage to the Pacific coasts and the gold fields of California. The author describes the ships and how they sailed; the economic conditions which kept them hard-pressed in competition with fast steamers; and something of the seamen themselves who endured indescribable hardships. Illustrated with 50 photographs, drawings and maps.

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{202} Schaeffer, Heinz. **U-BOAT 977.** 3rd ed., 1952 (first published only the month before). 207 pp., frontis + 8 other photo-plates + 2 illsd. c.p.’s. D.j., 22 x 14cm. V.G.
This book went through three editions in two months and was republished again in 1955. The author covers the years 1938 to 1945 during which time he rose from naval cadet to command of a submarine – U.977. This English edition contains a preface by Admiral-of-the-Fleet The Earl of Cork and Orrery, and a foreword by Nicholas Monsarrat who fought the U-boats in the Atlantic for five years. Apart from Prien, who lost his life in the early days of the war, no other U-boat commander had written of his experiences until Schaeffer. This was partly because he was not writing from Germany but rather from Buenos Aires where he had taken U.977 at the end of the war on an incredible 3 ½ month voyage with his crew on the verge of mutiny. He surrendered his boat to the Argentine Navy and was held aboard the cruiser BELGRANO (sunk in 1982 by a British submarine with a power beyond Schaeffer’s imagination). It was believed that U.977 had carried Hitler to safety before the Russians finally produced evidence that he had perished in Berlin. This is the remarkable story of one wartime U-boat and its resourceful commander.

£25.00

{203} Schom, Alan. **TRAVALGAR. COUNTDOWN TO BATTLE, 1803-1805.** 1st ed., 1990. X+ 421 pp., 54 plates, 3 maps & 10 line drawings. D.j., 24 x 16cm. FINE.
This is a modern assessment of not only the Battle of Trafalgar itself when the combined fleets of France and Spain met the British fleet on the 21st October 1805, but the entire campaign with events leading up to battle from 1803 onwards. One of the strengths of this study is that the author feels equally at home among French archives as he does among English, resulting in a well-balanced account drawing on hitherto unpublished material. The author explains the political background to the campaign and examines the vast and intricate French plans to build a viable invasion force to cross the Channel and land on British soil. Napoleon’s dream – all but given up as lost by the 21st October – was removed beyond the bounds of possibility by Nelson’s decisive victory off Cape Trafalgar. The battle itself is fully described: the climax of a long and bitter ‘cat and mouse’ struggle to gain control at sea. Appendices provide a useful chronology and biographical sketches and the book is illustrated with 54 plates, 3 maps and 10 line drawings. FINE copy.

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until civil war broke out. As a Southerner he stood firm with the South and at first was given command of the CSS SUMTER whose adventures are described in this book, first published in 1868. Semmes had a profound effect on the early development of the Confederate Navy and left Birkenhead in command of the ALABAMA when she made her dash from the Mersey before officials could stop her. A full description of her two-year cruise is given. During this time she ran amok among Northern shipping until, worn out from continuous sea-duty, she met her end under the guns of the USS KEARSARGE off the coast of France, her survivors being rescued by an English steam-yacht.

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{205} Sibley, David. THE BEHAR MASSACRE. THE EXECUTION OF 69 SURVIVORS FROM THE BRITISH MERCHANT SHIP “BEHAR” IN 1944 BY THE IMPERIAL JAPANESE NAVY. Stockport, Cheshire, 1st ed., 1997. 118 pp., frontis., + 1 other facsimile + a map. C.c. with photograph of the ship. 21 x 14cm. Nr.FINE.

The first full account of a Japanese war crime, based on the trial papers exposing the capture of 104 people following the sinking of a British merchant ship in March 1944 – and the execution of 69 of them at sea aboard a Japanese cruiser. The BEHAR was owned by the Hain Steamship Company and built only a year before in 1943 for government account. In March 1944 the ship was crossing the Indian Ocean from Melbourne, bound for Bombay and Calcutta with 18 British officers, 61 Indian and 2 Chinese seamen, 17 DEMS crew (naval and army men) to man the guns and 4 Royal Navy ASDIC operators plus 2 other personnel. The BEHAR was attacked and sunk by the Japanese cruiser TONE and survivors were taken onboard the enemy ship. What happened afterwards is the subject of this book and led to the trial of the Japanese admiral who issued the execution order. He was hung for his crimes. The book is dedicated to the memory of those seamen who lost their lives while in Japanese hands “No one is forgotten. Nothing is forgotten”.

£20.00

{206} Simonsen, Gerhard. REISE OHNE WIEDERKEHR. DIE GESCHICHTE DES DEUTSCHEN SEGELSCHULSCHIFFES “ADMIRAL KARPFANGER”. Herford, (Germany), 1st ed., 1991. 64 pp., profusely illustrated with photographs, maps, etc. Pict. c.c., 27 x 20cm. Neat non-associated inscription o/w FINE.

The four-masted barque ADMIRAL KARPFANGER was formerly the Belgian L’AVENIR launched by Rickmers in 1908. In 1932 she was sold to Gustav Erikson and sailed under the Finnish flag until 1937 when she was sold to Hamburg America Line and renamed ADMIRAL KARPFANGER. In 1938, now a German schoolship, she sailed from Australia bound for Hamburg with a cargo of wheat. She disappeared, probably around the hazardous waters off Cape Horn in March that year, all 60 members of her crew, including 33 cadets aged between 15 and 18, were lost. Two British vessels on the same course neither saw her or received any radio calls from her, although they did report icebergs in the area. The Argentines and HAPAG both launched searches but neither wreckage nor survivors were found. This book tells her story in words (German text) and photographs.

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Since the war there has been a growing interest on both sides of the Atlantic in preserving or restoring old sailing vessels and reviving the construction of extinct boat types. This book covers many of these vessels and in the second part provides a gazetteer listing over 250 surviving sailing vessels from four-masted barques to Essex coast smacks, each with its history, constructional data, and an extensive number of photographs from the author’s collection. FINE copy.

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The author reveals the history of how the best timber from the vast forests of Speyside were used to build over 80,000 tons of shipping. He describes the ships and shipbuilders of this Scottish region from 1784 to 1908 with a description of Speyside at the end of the 20th century. Appendices include a list of Speyside-built ships, annual tonnage built, the principal shipbuilders, etc. The book is profusely illustrated with photographs, drawings and facsimiles with a special appendix of maps. Vessels include barques, barquentines, three-masted schooners, etc. A second edition was published in 1995; this is a FINE copy of the original edition.

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{209} Skelton, R. A. **CAPTAIN JAMES COOK AFTER TWO HUNDRED YEARS.** British Library, 1st ed., 1976. 32 (text) pp., cold. port. frontis., 1 other cold. plate + 24 b&w plates. D.j., 22 x 14cm. FINE.

Captain Cook was as much a legend in his own time as he is today, undoubtedly one of the greatest maritime explorers of any age. This book contains the address delivered by the author before the Hakluyt Society at the University of London in 1968, forming part of the bicentenary exercises commemorating the sailing of Cook’s first circumnavigation in 1768, drawing a broad picture of Cook the man. Illustrated with 26 plates.

£25.00

{210} Smith, C. Fox. **OCEAN RACERS.** 1st ed., 1931. X + 245 pp., frontis., + 11 other photo-plates, etc. Blue cloth; gilt. 23 x 15cm. V.G. Bookplate.

A study of fast sailing ships in which the author brings together accounts of some of the principal races between square-riggers from roughly the 1840s to the early 1900s. Includes the Baltimore clippers, clippers serving the Californian and Australian gold rushes, British tea clippers, the clippers of the Australian and New Zealand wool trade, and accounts of fast sail in the post-clipper era. The author recalls the passages of *AYACUCHO, ANN MCKIM, RAINBOW, RORY O'MORE, SOVEREIGN OF THE SEAS, THOMAS HANFORD, ECLIPSE, MARCO POLO, LIGHTNING, RED JACKET, JAMES BAINES, CAIRNGORM, CUTTY SARK, WILD DEER, MIAKO, STAR OF PEACE, BEN VOIRLICH, LIGHT BRIGADE, OTAKI, LOCH AWE, THREE BROTHERS, CEDRIC THE SAXON, GULF STREAM, FALLS OF GARRY, LOCH TORRIDON, WENDUR* and many other great ships both familiar and less familiar. Illustrated with 12 photographs and other plates.

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{211} Smith, Peter C. **BATTLESHIPS AT WAR : HMS ROYAL SOVEREIGN AND HER SISTER SHIPS.** Barnsley, 1st thus, 2009. 217 pp., 52 photo-plates. D.j., 24 x 16cm. FINE.

First published in 1988, this book tells the story of the battleship *ROYAL SOVEREIGN* (which first saw service during World War I) and her sisters, *REVENGE, RAMILLIES, RESOLUTION* and *ROYAL OAK*. The *ROYAL OAK* met an early and tragic end in Scapa Flow in 1939, but *ROYAL SOVEREIGN* and her remaining sisters proved to be lucky ships and survived the actions they each fought in. *ROYAL SOVEREIGN* herself battled her way through Atlantic convoy duty, the war in the Mediterranean including the Battle of Calabria, service in the Indian Ocean and off the coast of West Africa, etc. In 1944 she was loaned to the Soviet Navy and grudgingly returned in 1949 only to be sent to the breakers. The class played a full part at Norway, bombarding the German invasion fleet in the Channel; at the occupation of Madagascar and at Normandy. With the aid of many men who sailed in this battleship, the author reconstructs her career and that of her sisters.

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{212} Somner, Graeme.  

**BEN LINE.** Ships in Focus, Preston, 1st ed., 2009.  
236 pp., profusely illustrated with photographs (some cold.). Pict. laminated boards. 30 x 22cm. FINE.  
Several books have been published over the years describing different periods in the history of Ben Line, but now that the fleet has all gone it has enabled the author, well known for his WSS publications, to write the definitive history of Ben Line from its inception in 1839, and a Fleet List of its many ships during almost 160 years. Includes owned vessels, managed vessels, ships owned by W. A. C. Thomson, and Ben Line’s involvement in oil exploration. The book is profusely illustrated with hundreds of photographs, some in colour. The Fleet List begins with their early square-riggers and ends with their container ships. £40.00

{213} Sotheby’s.  

**SOTHEBY’S AUCTION CATALOGUE : NELSON – THE ALEXANDER DAVISON COLLECTION. THE PROPERTY OF AN OVERSEAS FAMILY BY DIRECT DESCENT FROM THE ESTATE OF ALEXANDER DAVISON, ESQ. LONDON, MONDAY, 21 OCTOBER 2002.** 1st ed., 2002. 228 pp., profusely illustrated with photographs, &c., (chiefly cold.). Pict. boards with red silk bookmarker attached. 28 x 22cm. FINE. Card with estimated prices tipped in.  
In 2002 Sotheby’s held one of the most important Nelson sales for decades – and one of the most remarkable in terms of items under the hammer and the high prices realized. They produced this lavish catalogue to accompany the auction. The success of this sale was largely absent in the subsequent saleroom auctions held during the Nelson bicentenary in 2005. This beautifully produced illustrated catalogue of the ‘Davison Sale’ is a valuable item in itself; a unique record of the manuscripts, medals, swords and pistols, china, jewellery and other relics once owned by Nelson’s close friend and prize agent, Alexander Davison. One of the highlights of the sale was Nelson’s purse containing the gold coins in his possession aboard *VICTORY* when he was killed. The estimate for this item was £60-£80,000 but it went under the hammer at £240,000. This superb catalogue describes in detail all 93 items, the lowest selling for £600 and the highest for £300,000 – Lord Nelson’s famous scimitar. £100.00

{214} Stammers, Michael.  

**CHARLES COOPER, THE LAST EMIGRANT SHIP.** NMGM., Liverpool, 1st ed., 2003. 54 pp., profusely illustrated with photographs, drawings, reproductions, etc. (Cold. photos on inside covers). Pict. c.c., 28 x 21cm FINE.  
The late Michael Stammers provides an illustrated study of the full-rigger *CHARLES COOPER* of 1856, a packet ship sailing between Antwerp and New York with many European emigrants seeking a better life in the ‘New World’. After 1859 the ship made ‘tramping voyages’ around the world, ending her days in 1866 at Port Stanley in the Falkland Islands, abandoned and condemned as being unseaworthy. This last surviving emigrant ship was used as a storage hulk and so has survived to this day. The author describes her history and examines and photographs her decaying timbers in recent years. £25.00

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[215] Stanfield, Clarkson. **STANFIELD’S COAST SCENERY. A SERIES OF VIEWS IN THE BRITISH CHANNEL, FROM ORIGINAL DRAWINGS TAKEN EXPRESSLY FOR THE WORK.** Smith, Elder & Co., Cornhill, Booksellers to their Majesties, 1st ed., 1836. Vi + 128 pp., + frontis, vignette, & 38 other guarded engraved plates. Bound in full morocco ; richly gilt-tooled spine (with fouled anchors, shells, crown, dolphins, etc.) ; richly gilt-tooled front & rear boards with centre device (entwined dolphins around a trident, surrounded by oak leaves) & flower & leaf corner pieces ; inner gilt dentelles ; all edges gilt. 24 x 17cm. Some foxing as usual & some rubbing of joints o/w a tight, sound copy in an exceptionally Fine Publisher’s Binding in Nr.FINE condition.

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[217] Stopford, T. P. **ADMIRALTY SHIPS BADGES. ORIGINAL PATTERNS, 1919-1994. VOLUME ONE : ABDIEL – LYSANDER. VOLUME TWO : MACKAY – ZULU.** 2 Vols., Stone Frigate, Rochester, 1st ed.s., 1996. Vol. I: Vi + 238 + xiv pp. Vol. II: Vi + pp. 239-486 + x pp. Both vols profusely illustrated with badges (cold.). D.j.’s, 28 x 22cm. FINE. Both volumes signed by the author, Tim Stopford; Volume Two has Addendum (7 pages, 16 cold. ills) tipped in. Bookplates. A complete record of Admiralty Ships Badges, original patterns, for Royal Navy ships between 1919 and 1994, the result of five years painstaking research. Hundreds of badges, delivered over two volumes are reproduced in full colour to a high standard. The author also explains the meaning of each warship’s name, with a heraldic description for each badge. The Ship’s Badge, with its link to the Coat of Arms, has replaced the warship figureheads of old in being the focal point for pride and professionalism by ships companies. No less than 1,713 badges are illustrated here. The illustrated Addendum is also present. Signed. £250.00
**[218] Stout, Neil R.**


The first separate study of the role played by the Royal Navy during the events surrounding the American War of Independence, and a study of the Navy as an instrument of British colonial policy during the years 1760-1775. Thirteen of England’s American colonies resisted that policy and led them to fight for independence. Includes a look at relations between the Navy and Colonies up to 1760; trade with the enemy and the beginning of naval enforcement; the various Acts – Sugar, Stamp and Townshend; the Royal Navy and the Revolution; etc. The author also provides a valuable bibliography and copious notes on sources. Includes an account of the destruction of *HMS GASPEE.* £35.00

**[219] Sullivan, Sir Edward. & Pritchett, R. T. &c., &c.**


**[220] Sunderland, Port of.**


Sunderland is situated at the mouth of the River Wear and is the chief seaport for the County of Durham. It comprises of a harbour and a North and South dock system and a Corporation Quay. In 1953 the port handled 635,312 tons of imports and exports of general goods, and 236,034 tons of oil. Sunderland also had ship-repair facilities and a history of shipbuilding going back to 1346. This official handbook describes the thriving port over 60 years ago with photographs of shipping, conventional cargo handling, and quayside scenes. £25.00

**[221] Sutherland, Iain.**


The story of the rise and fall of the great herring industry on the north coast of Scotland – Wick being the first Scottish port to realize the potential of the trade at the end of the 18th century. The author’s interesting narrative is accompanied by a wealth of historic photographs from the Johnstons; three generations of a local family of photographers. Their cameras captured the characters in their studios who made their living from the sea –
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{222} Syrett, David. (Ed.).  **THE SIEGE AND CAPTURE OF HAVANA, 1762.**  NRS, 1st ed., 1970.  Xxxv + 355 pp., 9 plates & 2 maps (both fldg.). Blue buckram ; gilt. 23 x 15cm.  FINE.

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{223} Szymanski, Hans.  **DEUTSCHE SEGELSCHIFFE. DIE GESCHICHTE DER HÖLZERNEN FRACHTSEGLER AN DEN DEUTSCHEN OST-UND NORDSEEKÜSTEN, VOM ENDE DES 18 JAHRHUNDERTS BIS AUF DIE GEGENWART.**  Berlin, 1st ed., 1972.  168 (text) + 92 (plate) pp., 160 photographs etc, + 93 drawings & plans in text.  D.j., 27 x 17cm.  Nr.FINE.

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{224} Taffrail (Captain Taprell Dorling, DSO, RN).  **BLUE STAR LINE. A RECORD OF SERVICE, 1939-1945.**  1st ed.  Privately Printed, 1948.  159 + xiii pp., 5 photo-plates & 2 maps (1 fldg.).  Blue cloth ; gold lettering & gold/cold. houseflag to front cover.  22 x 16cm.  Head of spine worn o/w V.G.

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{227} Tennent, A. J. *BRITISH MERCHANT SHIPS SUNK BY U-BOATS IN THE 1914-1918 WAR.* Newport, Gwent, 1st ed., 1990. 258 pp., cold. frontis. C.c., .21 x 15cm. FINE.
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{232} Vian, Admiral of the Fleet Sir Philip.

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{236} Walter, Richard.  
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{238} Washington-Metcalf, Thomas.  
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{239} Watts, Cliff.  
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{240} Wemyss, Commander D. E. G.  
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{246} Woollard, Cmdr. Claude L. A. (Ed.). THE LAST OF THE CAPE HORNERS. Ilfracombe, 1st ed., 1967. 303 pp., 64 photo & other plates. D.j., 22 x 14cm. FINE. Bookplate. In this book, published after the author’s death, Commander Woollard provides in Part I, an account of his own three voyages round the world aboard the three-masted barque PENRHYN CASTLE. In Part II, he presents 10 epic stories of life under sail, contributed by members of the Association of Cape Horners. These include: The tragic end of two Scottish sailing ships. Wrecked off Cape Horn. War time sailing ship losses in the South Pacific and Cape Horn. Two adventurous voyages in the BLACKBRAES. Dismasted off Cape Horn in the DYNOMENE. The life and untimely end of the DALGONAR. An unlucky captain – the foundering of the EIVION and CRICCIETH CASTLE. Illustrated with 64 plates and published in Devon some 50 years ago. FINE copy ; SCARCE. £50.00

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{247} Woodman, Richard. DECISION AT TRAFALGAR. 1st ed., Walker, New York, 1985. 209 pp., 1 map. Black boards ; gold lettering to spine. 22 x 14cm. FINE. Signed Presentation Copy from the author to the late Tom Pocock, naval historian and Nelson biographer, inscribed : “To Tom, with very best wishes, Richard.” One of Woodman’s successful naval works of fiction featuring his ‘hero’, Captain Nathaniel Drinkwater R.N., with this story, divided into three parts concerning the blockade of the French coast, the break-out of the French fleet and its dash to Cadiz to join forces with the Spanish; Calder’s action, and finally Nelson’s success in bringing the combined enemy fleet to action 20 miles from Cadiz off Cape Trafalgar on the 21st October 1805. £25.00

{248} Woodman, Richard. & Wilson, Jane. THE LIGHTHOUSES OF TRINITY HOUSE. Thomas Reed, Bradford-on-Avon, 1st ed., 2002. 256 pp., profusely illustrated with photographs & period reproductions (chiefly cold.). D.j., 30 x 24cm. FINE. The history of Trinity House is a long and chequered one and down to the present day they are respected and appreciated by mariners of all nations. The lighthouses they maintain, their history, construction, equipment and keepers, form the subject of this beautifully presented and profusely illustrated study. The lighthouses are arranged in eight separate areas around the coasts of England and Wales: The Northeast of England, The East Anglian Coast, The
Strait of Dover, The South of England, The Channel Islands, Devon & Cornwall, The Bristol Channel, and North Wales and the Irish Sea. The photographs and other illustrations, chiefly in colour, are reproduced to a high standard. FINE copy. £60.00

{249} Wurtzburg, C. E. RAFFLES OF THE EASTERN ISLES. Edited by Clifford Witting. 1st ed., 1954. 788 pp., port. frontis., + 19 other plates & map e.p’s. Black cloth ; gilt. 23 x 15cm. Old tape marks on pastedowns and tiny reference number on lower spine o/w Nr.FINE. The stamp of Glen Line on verso of frontis ; their copy.

The author, Charles Edward Wurtzburg, was born in 1891 and after leaving Cambridge he served with the Liverpool Rifles (T.F.) during the First World War and was awarded the Military Cross. In 1920 he went out to Singapore where he became chairman of Mansfield & Co. Ltd., chairman of the Straits Steamship Co. Ltd., and an unofficial member of the Legislative Council of the Colony. In 1937 he returned to England as managing director of Glen Line and chairman of McGregor Gow & Holland. He went on to hold important posts both during and after the war, and died in April 1952. During his time in Singapore he inevitably became focused on Sir Thomas Stamford Raffles.

He found the Victorian biographies were not entirely satisfactory and so set about collecting every detail he could in order to produce one of his own - this is the result - brought to press after the author’s death. It is a detailed account of the life of Raffles from 1781 to his untimely death at the age of 45 in 1826. In 1795, at the age of 14, Raffles obtained employment with the East India Company in London, and first went out to the Far East aboard the WARLEY, escorted by HMS BLenheim, arriving in Penang in 1805. The author then describes in detail the remarkable career of Stamford Raffles in Penang, Malacca, Calcutta, Java, Bencoolen and Singapore up to his return to England in 1824 ( when his ship caught fire ) and his death two years later. The book is illustrated with 20 plates and also contains six appendices including : Olivia Mariamne Raffles. Chairmen & Deputy Chairmen of the East India Company. Dutch Governors-General of Java. The Raffles Family. Rulers of Rhio-Johore and Singapore. Etc.

Raffles assisted in the reduction of Java and was appointed its lieutenant-governor until Java was restored to the Dutch in 1815. During his time in the Far East he acquired an immense scientific, historical and philological knowledge in regard to the local islands, which he embodied in his History of Java published in 1817 - the year he was knighted. From 1818 he resided chiefly in Bencoolen to which he was appointed governor by Lord Minto. In 1819 he persuaded the East India Company to acquire the island of Singapore. An excellent biography of a remarkable man ; Glen Line’s own copy. £100.00

Four Etched Plates Signed by W. L. Wyllie

{250} <> Wyllie, W. L. & Hopwood, Rear-Admiral Ronald A. FOUR ETCHED PLATES BY W. L. WYLLIE, R.A., ILLUSTRATING THE POEM ‘OUR FATHERS’ BY REAR-ADMIRAL RONALD A. HOPWOOD. Robert Dunthorne, London & Liverpool, 1st ed., N.D. (c.1917). 4 tissue-guarded, cream wove paper mounted, etchings numbered I to IV, each Signed in pencil by W. L. Wyllie, 37 x 26 (14 ½” x 10 ¼”); overall (with mount) 44 x 31cm (17 ¼” x 12 ½”); contained in their original quarter black cloth portfolio ; boards ; vignette by Wyllie & lettering on paper mounted to front board ; portfolio tied with black ribbon. Portfolio size : 45 x 32.5cm (17 ¼” x 12 ½”). Corners of portfolio worn ; spasmodic foxing to portfolio, mounts & tissue-guards – the latter serving their function well as the plates are clean, crisp & fox-free ; o/w FINE.

William Lionel Wyllie (1851-1931) requires no introduction and remains one of the most popular British marine artists of the late 19th / early 20th centuries. During his younger days when he was studying art, he examined closely the history of shipbuilding which was to prove invaluable to him in later life. He was influenced by Henry Moore, Whistler and Turner, and from 1883 he produced etchings for Robert Dunthorne of the Rembrandt Gallery

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(the publisher of these four etchings) who had galleries in Vigo Street, London; & Castle Street, Liverpool. Around 1917 Wyllie produced four etchings entitled: *Our Fathers, To the Memory of the nameless Killed and Wounded*. These were designed to accompany a poem by Captain (as he then was) Ronald A. Hopwood, R.N., (1868-1949) who, during the naval manoeuvres of 1913, wrote a poem entitled *The Old Way*, within which *Our Fathers* appeared, and Wyllie, much taken by the latter poem, agreed to illustrate it. Following the Battle of Jutland in 1916 when Britannia failed to produce the great victory that the country expected, *The Times* reproduced Hopwood’s poems, and Dunthorne published Wyllie’s etchings a little time later, probably 1917. The etchings trace man’s endeavour at sea from the Armada to the arrival of the ‘Hyper-Super Dreadnought’; accompanied along the way with everything from galleons to sea-planes; Nelson’s ships-of-the-line to First World War submarines; all illustrating Hopwood’s epic poem. VERY SCARCE. £500.00

**Military Books**

![Illustration](image)


By the summer of 1941 Erwin Rommel seemed to be unbeatable on the battlefield so the British planned to kill him through Operation Flipper. On the eve of the next British offensive, Operation Crusader, a specially trained commando team landed by submarine behind enemy lines. Marching deep into the desert they attacked Rommel’s headquarters. At the same time, in its first ever combat mission, the newly created SAS parachuted sabotage teams close to the German airfields to knock out the enemy air forces on the ground. The author reveals how these daring raids were effectively a suicide mission and the tragic Geoffrey Keyes was awarded a posthumous VC for leading the operation. Poor planning and incompetence in high places was matched by fantastic bravery and improvisation that enabled a handful of the survivors to escape back to British lines to tell their story. £20.00
Athawes, Peter D.  

Most people have heard of the Yeomanry and Volunteers and it is well known that it succeeded in the creation of a huge reserve army based on the part-time principle. From its small beginnings with the 1794 Volunteer Act, when the notion that this should include cavalry and even artillery was viewed at that time with extreme misgivings by the military professionals, it expanded and flourished. Firstly it acted as a police force, then as mounted riflemen in the Boer War and eventually took over a major portion of the cavalry encounters of The Great War and The Second World War. This detailed history includes a wealth of photographs as well as some attractive coloured plates.  
£35.00

Austin, Paul Britten.  
1812 : THE GREAT RETREAT.  

This book is complete in itself but follows on from the author's two previous works 1812: The March on Moscow and 1812: Napoleon in Moscow. It tells of the 800 mile retreat from Moscow concluding the most famously disastrous campaign in history. Forced to turn back in the face of winter's onset, almost nothing of the drastically reduced French army lived to re-cross the Niemen River. Using the words of 160 of the participants, many published in English for the first time, the author brings unparalleled authenticity and immediacy to his unique account of the end of Napoleon's dramatic and tragic 1812 campaign. The book follows the army as it crossed the horrific relics of the Borodino battlefield, fighting its way through the Russians' successive attempts to cut it off, and winning, against overwhelming odds, the three-day battle of the Berezina crossing. The first-hand narratives describe Marshal Ney's astounding achievement in holding together the rearguard until he himself, musket in hand, was the last man to cross the Niemen into Poland.  
£25.00

Beauchamp, Pat.  
FANNY WENT TO WAR.  
1st ed., 1940.  Ix + 240 pp., frontis., + photo-plates.  D.j., 19 x 12cm.  Tape repairs to d.j., o/w V.G.

The First Aid Nursing Yeomanry, popularly known as the “Fanys” during the Great War of 1914 – 1918 was a corps of women, more particularly those of sporting proclivities, that had been formed in 1909. Many men had died during the Boer War through lack of care and the difficulties of transport, which gave rise to the idea of a band of experienced first aid nurses who could ride anywhere and by whose timely aid lives could be saved which would otherwise have been lost. This book tells the history of the “Fanys” from their formation to 1940, the bulk of the story dealing with the First World War. VERY SCARCE in the RARE DUST-JACKET.  
£60.00

Beevor, Antony.  

When the first version of this book was published in 1982 under the title, The Spanish Civil War, Gerald Brenan described it as ‘by a long way the best, and fairest and the most accurate book upon it.’ Over the intervening years, a huge amount of new material has appeared in Spain and from documents finally emerging from Russian, German and other archives. This edition takes advantage of the new information and reinforces it with new research. The author charts not only the course of the war in a fresh light, but illuminates the vicious infighting on both sides. Illustrated with photographs and maps.  
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Using the most up-to-date scholarship and research and writing with clarity and compassion, the acclaimed author of this history of the Second World War assembles the whole picture in a gripping narrative. Moral choice forms the basis of all human drama and no other period in history has presented greater dilemmas both for leaders and ordinary people, nor offered such examples of individual and mass tragedy, the corruption of power politics, ideological hypocrisy, the egomania of commanders, betrayal, perversity, self-sacrifice, unbelievable sadism and unpredictable kindness. All is expertly conveyed in this mammoth study.

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Many recent studies have covered aspects of the military intelligence available to Britain and her allies during the Second World War, but until now no succinct survey of the whole field has existed. By the end of 1942 Ultra had become the richest and most reliable of the many different sources, but the relation between their individual contributions requires analysis. This authoritative book provides that survey and offers an analysis. Ultra won the Battle of the Atlantic, driving the U-Boats back to coastal waters by June 1943. A lower grade code gave Montgomery the vital first news of the whereabouts of the German tanks as he planned the breakthrough at Alamein. This book investigates the reasons why only ‘Bomber’ Harris refused to give intelligence the credit it deserved.

£25.00

At the beginning of 1945, Germany experienced the greatest outburst of deadly violence that the world has ever seen. As many as a million people died violent deaths in January alone. That stark fact provides the starting point for this book, which examines Germany's emergence from the most terrible catastrophe in modern history. When the Second World War ended, millions had been murdered; millions of survivors had lost their families, homes and health; cities and towns had been reduced to rubble and were littered with corpses. Yet people lived on, and began rebuilding their lives in the most inauspicious of circumstances. This is the story of Germany in 1945, a story of life after death. Bombing, military casualties, territorial loss, economic collapse, social disintegration, and the processes of denazification gave Germans a deep sense of their own victimhood, which would become central to how they emerged from the trauma of war and total defeat, turned their backs on the Third Reich and its crimes, and focused on their own personal concerns. Germany’s transition to a period of relative peace, prosperity and civilized behaviour is the hinge on which Europe’s twentieth century turned. For years we have concentrated on how Europe slid into tyranny, violence, war and genocide; this book describes how humanity began to get back out.

£25.00

After World War I Britain’s public grief and pride were given practical expression in the creation of memorials. These took the form of thousands of plaques, statues, monuments and even complete buildings such as hospitals. However, scarcely two generations later, many of them are in poor condition or have been completely destroyed when churches were deconsecrated or factories demolished. This book, exploring some 300 First World War
memorials in the UK, draws attention to some that are in danger and describes others of particular interest or merit. Illustrated with 32 coloured photographs and over 300 in black & white, this book also contains a useful index making it a valuable reference. £25.00

Rare – No Copies Listed on COPAC

This collection of photographs from around 1919 contains twenty-three images of the devastation left on famous landmarks and scenes of Saint-Quentin after the First World War. They were reproduced from the professional collection of Raphael Bouquet and form a RARE collection with no listings on COPAC. £85.00

As defeat neared, the Third Reich’s officials tried to destroy all the physical and documentary evidence about their murder of millions. Great Britain already had some of the evidence, however, for all along its intelligence services had been intercepting, decoding, analysing, and circulating many German police radio messages and some from the SS. Yet this critical evidence was sealed away – marked ‘Most Secret’, ‘To Be Kept under Lock and Key’ and ‘Never to Be Removed from This Office’ – and it has only now reappeared. Integrating this new evidence with the known sources, the author examines how Germany’s leaders brought about the Holocaust – and when. He assesses the British and American suppression of information about Nazi killings, and the tensions between the two powers over how to respond. His absorbing work concludes with an examination of the consequences (including the failure to punish many known war criminals) of keeping this information secret for so many decades. £20.00

{262} Bryant, Arthur. YEARS OF VICTORY : 1802 - 1812. 1st ed., 1944. Xii + 500 pp., 7 maps + e.p., maps. D.j., 22 x 14cm. Some loss to foot of d.j., mainly on spine & at rear ; bookplate, o/w V.G.
In the nine years of war between 1803 and 1812 the British people triumphed in turn over false appeasement, Napoleon's attempted invasion, his Grand Design at sea, his vaunted New Order and Continental blockade and his armies in Portugal and Spain. This book tells the background of the struggle of England and the British people in action and it covers such famous battles as Trafalgar, St. Domingo, Assaye, Maida, Copenhagen, Rolica, Vimiero, Corunna, the Basque Roads, Douro, Talavera, Bussaco, Torres Vedras, Barrosa, Sabugal, Fuentes de Onoro, Albuera, El Bodon, Arroyo dos Molinos and Ciudad Rodrigo. £25.00

This book tells the story of the Palestine-Arabian campaigns of 1916 – 18 and provides the background of the preceding 1914-15 period. It was the first book of its kind to portray these campaigns as the joint Allied-Arab cooperative ventures that they in fact were. It is also the story of the legendary Lawrence of Arabia and of the unleashing of Arab nationalism as
expressed in the Arab revolt against the Turkish Empire. The campaigns, weapons and uniforms are depicted in over 140 original photographs. £25.00

{264} Burchett, W. G. WINGATE’S PHANTOM ARMY. Bombay, 2nd imp., April 1944. 240 pp., numerous photo-plates + fldg., & partly cold., map at rear. Original red & white boards; red cloth spine; 20 x 14cm. Spine faded, edges of boards chipped in places o/w Nr. V.G.

Published in Bombay in 1944 this is an important and early account of the campaign in Burma during 1942 and 1943. It provides a detailed record of the events that took place in the inhospitable region of the Burmese jungles and against the merciless Japanese enemy. The book traces closely the course of the campaign through Wingate’s Phantom Army and it provides a valuable insight into the day-to-day trials of marching through the jungle as well as vividly depicting the terrors of combat against the intrepid Japanese fighting force. This is an excellent account, illustrated with a wealth of photographs and explained by a folding and partly coloured map at the rear of the book. £20.00


When Hitler invaded the Soviet Union he disguised his motives as a crusade against Bolshevism. Himmler was entrusted with the task of forming legions of volunteers for Hitler’s SS forces; these he chose from the so-called Germanic peoples: Norwegians, Danes, Dutch and Flemings. In this highly detailed work Buss describes the motivations, origins and military careers of the volunteers who chose to serve Hitler and to fight and die on the Eastern Front. Andrew Mollo describes their uniforms, flags and insignia, and these are illustrated in colour. Photographs and pictures illustrate all aspects of the legionary’s service and particularly show hitherto unpublished scenes of their daily activities. £25.00


John Cairncross had been thrown into the company of upper-class communists at Cambridge which left him vulnerable to an approach by the KGB. He was determined to pass to the Russians only such information of Germany’s intentions towards Russia as he judged vital for the survival of Britain’s ally. When in 1942 he was posted to Bletchley, where his skills as a linguist enabled him to contribute to the decoding of ENIGMA ciphers, Cairncross made his mark in history. Here he reveals how he smuggled out of Bletchley decrypts of the German battle orders which enabled the Russians to win the battle of Kursk, thus turning the tide of the war. After the war his contribution to history might have remained unnoticed but for an ironic twist of fate involving Burgess, MI5 molehunters Arthur Martin and Peter Wright. Cairncross was to be thrown to the winds not only by the KGB but later by MI5 and the British Establishment trying to draw attention, as he reveals, away from far more embarrassing Soviet agents in their midst. Never before has the predicament of a spy caught between opposing forces been captured so chillingly on the page. £25.00

This is the first comprehensive reference book devoted to the history and development of the tanks used by the Allied nations, with the exception of Russia, during 1939-45. It not only gives a detailed history of each type, but also provides full pictorial coverage of the many variants which were produced on each chassis. More than 2,000 British, Canadian, Australian and New Zealand vehicles are covered along with over 500 photographs, many of them very rare and previously unpublished. Concise specifications are also given and appendices include pictures, brief histories and specifications of the principal tank guns, engines and suspension systems used on the tanks of the UK and the US of the period. There is also an appendix containing scale drawings of the principal tank types giving a ready comparison of the sizes of the different models.

£25.00

{268} Chiefs of Staff, Joint.  
**DICTIONARY OF MILITARY TERMS.**  

This authoritative *Dictionary of Military Terms* has been compiled by the US Joint Chiefs of Staff, for mandatory use in the US military establishment. It provides definitions and explanations, with cross-references, of more than 6,000 current military and associated terms. The dictionary incorporates both NATO and Inter-American Defence Board (Latin American) terminology. Thus it is an essential work of reference, bringing together the official terminology of the three English-language defence organizations. It is an indispensable reference for understanding the increasingly diverse and sophisticated language used for modern defence subjects.  

£25.00

{269} Churchill, Winston.  
**INTO BATTLE : SPEECHES BY THE RIGHT HON. WINSTON S. CHURCHILL P.C., M.P.**  
2nd ed., 1941. Viii + 313 pp., some loss to d.j., mainly around edges ; edges of book foxed o/w V.G.

This inspiring book contains every major speech made by Winston Churchill between May 1938 and November 1940, and since the publication of his previous collection of speeches, “Arms and the Covenant.” It begins when Churchill was campaigning for rapid and extensive rearmament and a foreign policy supporting the League Covenant. It contains all the speeches delivered in Parliament and broadcast to the nation since he became Prime Minister through to the time of publication : From Munich to the final outbreak ; through the uneasy inactive winter months to the *Blitzkrieg* ; from the surrender of King Leopold to the collapse of France and the moment when Great Britain and the British Commonwealth of Nations faced the enemy alone ; from the air onslaughts by day to the incessant bombing by night ; from the anxiety in Egypt to the invasion of Greece.  

£20.00

{270} Davis, Brian L.  
**WAFFEN–SS.**  
Blandford Press, Poole, rep., 1986. Unpaginated ; 214 photo-ills. D.j., 25 x 19cm. A little creasing to the laminated layer but not to the d.j., o/w Nr.FINE.

Hitler raised 40 Waffen-SS Divisions – seven armoured divisions which formed the core, eight armoured infantry, sixteen infantry, six mountain and three cavalry divisions. Strict racial and physical selection of members was insisted on as was political indoctrination. This book comprises 214 photographs featuring the combat SS units, including the SS-VT and the early ‘German’ Waffen-SS regiments, together with many of the West and East European Volunteer Units arranged in order of the theatres and campaigns in which the Waffen-SS fought. The photographs are specially selected to show SS troops under combat conditions, as well as important functions, such as parades and march pasts, and in training.  

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**BOOKQUOTE:**  “Give me books, French wine, fruit, fine weather and a little music played out of doors by somebody I do not know.”  
John Keats
A Scarce Divisional History Signed & Inscribed by a Lieutenant of the 35th

{271} <> Davson, Lieut.-Col. H. M. HISTORY OF THE 35TH DIVISION IN THE GREAT WAR. Siften Praed, 1st ed., 1926. Xii + 346 pp., 2 cold., & fldg., maps + 10 plans + 2 panoramas + 6 photo-plates + 3 views. Original dark cloth; gilt; 22 x 14cm. Protective cellophane stuck permanently around cloth; only 1 ex-lib., stamp to a prelim, no other markings other than a note reading “Donated by Mrs Cullen 19/6/69”; o/w V.G. Inscribed & Signed by a Lieutenant of the 35th Division: “Alex Cullen, Lieut. 105 Machine Gun Company B.E.F. France July 1916 – Sept. 1918, 35th Division.” This is a superb divisional history of the 35th during the Great War. The author was CO 159 Brigade RFA (divisional history) from June 1916 to April 1919. His unembellished account begins with full details of the raising of the division as a Bantam formation. The last division of Kitchener’s Fourth New Army, the 35th was initially formed in December 1914 as the 42nd Division, but was renumbered when the original Fourth New Army was broken up in April 1915. All the infantry battalions were ‘Bantams’ (height 5ft - 5ft 3 ins) but not the divisional troops - artillery, engineers etc., nor the pioneers. Having initially prepared for Mesopotamia, the destination was changed to the Western Front where the division arrived in February 1916. When it took over the line in March each man took two sandbags so that when filled and placed on the firestep the men could see over the parapet. By the beginning of 1917, owing to replacement problems, the division was no longer a Bantam formation and its sign was changed. The division fought on the Somme, in Third Ypres and in the battles of 1918 – including amongst these such notable battles as Neuve Chapelle and Arras. The 35th suffered 23,915 casualties and won three VCs. Descriptions of major operations are supported with clear maps whilst minor actions, raids, patrols and individual acts of bravery are also taken into account. Numerous appendices include casualty lists by units by year, details of Order of Battle at various stages, and Honours and Awards. A wealth of names are mentioned in this book and are recorded in the extensive index. This particular copy is Signed and Inscribed by a Lieutenant of the 35th Division. SCARCE. £125.00


The Desert Rats, the 7th Armoured Division, was Churchill’s favourite division and was widely recognised as being among the most powerful in Europe during World War II. This book tells the story of the 7th Division’s final campaign, from Normandy to the entry into Berlin, in the words of the soldiers who fought with it. Included are first-hand accounts of the Division’s struggle in Normandy after the D-Day landings and its part in Operations Goodwood and Bluecoat; of the break-out and great ‘Swan’ to liberate all northern France and Belgium; the taking of Ghent and the long months of fighting in the Peel country in the Netherlands; Operation Blackcock, the crossing of the Rhine and the march through Germany; the capture of Hamburg and the final triumphant entry into Berlin. £20.00


In 1938 the British Government’s Code and Cypher School moved to Bletchley Park and began to lay the foundations of an organization which was to have a profound impact on the course of the impending Second World War. Bletchley’s role in breaking Germany’s enigma codes, as well as other German, Italian and Japanese codes, is now thought to have been of paramount importance in bringing about the ultimate Allied victory of 1945, arguably shortening the war by at least two years. The author traces the Park’s early history and
provides a guide to the key wartime buildings and what went on behind the scenes, as well as describing how the complex was recently saved from demolition. £20.00

{274}  Eton, P. & Leasor, J.  CONSPIRACY OF SILENCE.  1st ed., 1960. 239 pp., photo-plates + maps. D.j., 22 x 14cm. 1 library label to blank prelim & 2 stamps to rear inside flap of d.j.; spine of d.j., faded o/w V.G.

In 1941, during the German invasion of Yugoslavia, four German soldiers in a scout car stopped a speeding truck and found millions of pounds’ worth of gold bullion. A chance discovery it was to change their lives and set in motion a chain reaction of violence, fear and sudden death. Two years later the great loot of Rommel’s Afrika Korps was on its way to Germany by special ship, but the trip was never completed – the ship was attacked from the air and the treasure dumped overboard to be recovered later, but the whereabouts of the treasure remains a mystery leaving many questions unanswered. In an assignment that lasted two years and took them to Yugoslavia, France, Germany, Italy and Corsica, the authors discovered that around so many of these unanswered questions had been woven a strange conspiracy of silence. Too many people knew too much; many had died; others lived on borrowed time. A gripping narrative account of an on-going search. £20.00


This comprehensive book provides both an accessible background to the momentous events of 6 June 1944 as well as a complete guide to every town, village, beach, battery and cemetery that figured in the Normandy battle. Containing stories, poems, illustrations, photographs and maps, this book contains a wealth of detail. £20.00


Count von Stauffenberg had been a member of the German General Staff but a long convalescence gave him time to review the events that brought him there. Secretly he became the driving force and co-ordinator of the plot to organize the army and as many civilian dissenter possible to eliminate Hitler and the Nazi regime and set up a new government dedicated to peace and reconciliation. Code named Valkyrie this is the narrative of the man and events that led to July 20th, 1944, the day a bomb blast shook the Third Reich to its foundations and almost ended the Hitler regime. £25.00


This book tells the story in maps of the period of the Napoleonic Wars, starting with the storming of the Bastille in 1789 and ending with the house on St. Helena provided for Napoleon by his British captors. As many of these maps come from British sources, particularly the Public Record Office at Kew, there is material aplenty on the naval successes of Nelson, the Peninsular War and the successes of Arthur Wellesley, later Duke of Wellington, and events that involved British forces. However it also has a surprisingly diverse collection of the battles fought by Napoleon in central Europe and Russia, and of contemporary maps of European states. £30.00
WOMEN AT WAR: VOICES FROM THE TWENTIETH CENTURY – EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS FROM THE IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM SOUND ARCHIVE.  
Fountain, Nigel. (Ed.).  

This book examines, through their own words, the vital part that women increasingly played in the two world wars: From their involvement in the First World War - as munitions workers, factory hands, land girls, postal workers, drivers, nurses and in the women’s corps of the armed services that were established towards the war’s end - to the parts they played in actual theatres of operations as well as at home, between 1939 and 1945. The book is accompanied by a wealth of photographs and illustrations, several of them coloured, as well as by a unique 1-hour audio CD featuring the actual reminiscences of many of these eyewitnesses, taken from the Sound Archive of the Imperial War Museum. The CD contains material not found in the book and is further enhanced by the use of actual recordings of gunfire and other sound effects, as well as soldiers’ ditties and popular music. £20.00

An Extremely Scarce Book on the Zulu War

Lord Chelmsford and the Zulu War.

French, Major The Hon. Gerald.  
1st ed., 1939. Xvii + 436 pp., frontis., + 7 photo-plates + 7 maps & plans, 1 of which is fldg. Maroon cloth ; 23 x 15cm. V.G.

Few, if any, campaigns have been attended by so much controversy as the Zulu War of 1879. Much has been written purporting to set out true and accurate accounts of the operations, but no description of them can be complete or entirely reliable unless the evidence provided in the private and official correspondence of the late Lord Chelmsford, who commanded the British Forces throughout the war, be taken into consideration. These highly important and intensely interesting documents had only recently become available prior to the publication of this book in 1939. It is upon them that the author has based his brilliant vindication of Lord Chelmsford’s much criticized conduct of campaign. Isandlwana, Rorke’s Drift, and Ulundi are well-known names, and the true stories of the battles fought there and of the conduct of the whole campaign against the Zulus is fascinating. Complete with photograph plates and maps and plans (one folding). VERY SCARCE £150.00


Garratt, John G.  

This book traces the history of military and other miniatures from the earliest times through the Middle Ages and to the subsequent periods of famous and much sought-after masters of the art. Makers in almost every country are thoroughly classified and all that is known of their methods is recorded. Considerable attention is paid to the modification and adaptation of existing commercial figures for special purposes or for uniforms or actions not otherwise attainable. Much attention is also paid to the actual casting of modelling of figures by the keen amateur collector, and to the building and arrangement of dioramas. £25.00

Military Badge Collecting.

Gaylor, John.  
New & revised 6th ed., rep., 1997. 294 pp., almost 800 photo-ills. D.j., 22 x 14cm. Owner’s name & date to f.e.p., o/w FINE.

In this book the author describes the evolution of the present regimental badges from the numbered regiments of foot up until 1881, of the Volunteers, the Territorials, the Home Guard, military cyclists, Kitchener’s Army, the Brigade of Gurkhas and many unusual units. He advises on the acquisition, mounting and storing of badges. Appendices to this edition
deal with the hackles, or feathered plumes worn by some regiments, the tartans worn by the Scottish regiments and a full listing of all the infantry Volunteer battalions in 1908. With photographs of almost 800 badges from 1881 to 1983. £25.00

{282} Gelissen, Rena Kornreich, with Macadam, Heather Dune. RENA'S PROMISE: A STORY OF SISTERS IN AUSCHWITZ. 1st Eng., ed., 1996. Xii + 274 pp., photo-plates + a map. D.j., 22 x 14cm. V.G.-+

In March 1942 Rena Kornreich, a young woman from Poland, was sent on the first Jewish transport to Auschwitz. Shortly after arriving there Rena was reunited with her younger sister Danka, and her determination to fulfil the promise made to her mother to take care of her sister and bring her home became her lifeline. On 2 May 1945, at the end of the war, both girls walked free, having survived the Nazi death camps for more than three years. This is the story of their horrifying ordeal. £25.00


Turkey actually defeated the Russians in Bulgaria before the British and French armies arrived at the Crimea in 1854 but the British people were clamouring for military glory and as the enemy had disappeared from the expected field of battle the British and French Governments looked round for another. They sent their armies to invade the Crimea and to capture the Russian naval port of Sebastopol, without any plan of campaign, without even first deciding where the troops were to land. Instead of attacking Sebastopol while it was still weakly defended the allies sat down to besiege the town and were themselves besieged by the Crimean winter. The suffering of the armies was as appalling as were the military and administrative blunders of their leaders. Throughout it all the ordinary British soldier, sacrificed again and again by the stupidity of his commanders, stood steadfast, until at last, after fighting and suffering for a whole year within actual sight of the town, the allies reduced Sebastopol to a heap of ruins and the unnecessary war had begun. £20.00


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In June 1887 Henry Stanley marched the advance column of his Emin Pasha Relief Expedition out of Yambuya Camp in the Congo Free State and put Major Barttelot in charge of the rear column. Stanley was leaving five Englishmen at Yambuya with 250 porters and the bulk of the Expedition’s supplies, to be safeguarded for his return in four months’ time. When Stanley returned fourteen months later, he found only one of his officers still there. Two were dead, a third invalided home, and there were over a hundred graves at Yambuya. It was an unmitigated disaster and whilst Stanley was in no doubt that the responsibility lay with the officers of the rear column, it wasn’t long before England was demanding to know why Stanley had virtually abandoned the rear column, had not kept greater contact, and why he had chosen as unsuitable an officer as Major Barttelot. His reputation at stake, Stanley retaliated with nothing short of a smear campaign against his own officers. The Victorian public, avid for more salacious details, quickly lost sight of the original argument and transformed it into a generalised discussion of the pernicious efforts of contact between ‘superior’ and ‘inferior’ races. This is the first account of the Emin Pasha Relief Expedition to take the episode of the rear column as the main narrative and in doing so an entirely new perspective unfolds.

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A HISTORY OF THE PENINSULAR WAR.  
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{296}  <>  Hardy, J. L.  
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{301} Hawks, Captain Ellison. BRITAIN’S WONDERFUL FIGHTING FORCES. N.d. (WW2). 384 pp., frontis., + numerous photo-ills., + ills. D.j., 22 x 15cm. Wear & repairs to d.j., but complete apart from some chipping; damp to foot of cloth covers, concealed by and lightly affecting d.j., but not affecting pages o/w V.G.

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{302} Heckman, Wolf. ROMMEL’S WAR IN AFRICA. Smithmark, New York, new ed., 1995. Xvii + 366 pp., maps & plans. D.j., 24 x 17cm. Tiny red ink mark to top of f.f.e.p., + light fading to d.j., o/w Nr.FINE.

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This book provides a record of the movements of 7th Medium Regiment, Royal Artillery between September 1939 and August 1945. The Regiment was in 30 Corps almost the whole time from El Alamein to Tunisia and the book contains accounts of its general activities and of the battles in which it participated. Chapters are as follows: *The First Desert Campaign*;
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Kesselring, Field-Marshal. \textit{THE MEMOIRS OF FIELD-Marshal KESSELRING.} Kimber, 1st ed., 1953. 319 pp., frontis., + 7 photo-plates + 8 maps. D.j., 22 x 14cm. Some light wear to d.j., including creasing and a couple of very small closed tears around edges, o/w Nr.FINE.

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Lewin, Ronald. *The Other Ultra*. Rep., 1982. Xv + 332 pp., photo & other plates + 2 maps. D.j., 24 x 16cm. Title on spine of d.j., typically faded; small owner’s label to foot of f.e.p., e.p.’s foxed o/w V.G.+

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{342} Rocca, Albert Jean Michel de. **IN THE PENINSULA WITH A FRENCH HUSSAR : MEMOIRS OF THE WAR OF THE FRENCH IN SPAIN.** New ed., 1990 (first pub., 1814). 192 pp., frontis., map + 4 other maps. D.j., 22 x 14cm. Spine of d.j., faded o/w Nr.FINE. Here is an exciting, vivid narrative by a hussar in Napoleon’s army from 1808 to 1810, written immediately after the campaign, with all the vigour of a participant. It is a memoir not only of a brave and passionate man but of an intelligent and objective observer of the military situation. Sent to Spain from Germany in 1808, the author gives vivid accounts of military operations such as the march to Madrid and entry into the city and the subsequent battles in which he took part. He describes the pursuit of Sir John Moore’s army to Corunna,
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{347} Shand, Alexander Innes. THE WAR IN THE PENINSULA 1808 - 1814. 1st ed., 1898. Xi + 316 pp., frontis-port., guarded + 3 other portrait-plates + 6 maps. Full navy, calf school binding ; with dedication prelim ; gilt title to spine & gilt armorial to front ; marbled edges & e.p.’s., 19 x 13cm. Rubbing to edges of covers, hinges & spine which is peeling along rear hinge ; joints cracked but holding ; internal foxing o/w GOOD. This narrative of the Peninsular War, 1808-1814, is based on Napier, the historian of the war, and on the Wellington Despatches. There are references to the memoirs of French soldiers who served in the campaigns and to the observations of Napoleon at St. Helena. Southey and other English writers were also consulted and the result is a well-researched account of the chronological events of the Peninsular campaigns. Attractively bound in full calf, this book is adorned with a total of four portrait-plates and six maps.

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{353} Stanley, Brig.-Gen. F. C.  THE HISTORY OF THE 89TH BRIGADE 1914 - 1918.  Liverpool, 1st ed., 1919. 295 pp., 18 photo-plates, 1 of which is fldg. Paper covered boards; cloth spine; 18 x 12cm. Some typical rubbing & light marking to boards o/w V.G.

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{355} Sturgis, Julian, (Ed.).  

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{357} Taylor, H. A.  

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{358} Thatcher, W. S.  

**THE FOURTH BATTALION, DUKE OF CONNAUGHT’S REGIMENT IN THE GREAT WAR, 129TH D.C.O. BALUCHIS.**

The University Press, Cambridge, 1st ed., 1932. Xix + 290 pp., frontis., + 3 photo-plates + 3 maps in the text + 6 fldg., maps. Navy cloth ; gilt armorial to front ; 22 x 14 cm. Ex-lib., with numerals to covers, label to a prelim + remains of a label to rear e.p., o/w V.G.

This history of the 129th (Duke of Connaught’s Own) Baluchis, later the 4/10th Baluch Regiment, is largely a history of the Baluch Regiment itself since, throughout the Great War, the regiment was continually reinforced from other Baluch regiments. In his book the author tries to redress the problem that the part played by Indian soldiers in the Great War was under-appreciated. The author was, himself, a volunteer who joined up at the outbreak of the Great War, “for the duration,” in service with the Baluchis. The Baluchis served in Flanders,
fighting in the battles of Festubert and Neuve Chapelle and Loos in 1915 before the decision was taken to embark them for East Africa. Here they fought valiantly against the masterful guerrilla, Gen. Von Lettow-Vorbeck. Although casualties in East Africa were much less than in Flanders, the regiment was ravaged by dysentery and malaria. This superb history contains Rolls of Honour and appendices on awards and organisation of Indian troops. It is illustrated with four plates and nine maps, six of which are folding. SCARCE First Edition. £75.00

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{359} <- Thompson, George. (Ed.). LIVERPOOL’S SCROLL OF FAME: A MEMORIAL OF LIVERPOOL SOLDIERS AND SAILORS WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES FOR THEIR COUNTRY IN THE GREAT WAR, 1914 – 1919. PART 1. COMMISSIONED OFFICERS. Quills Ltd., Liverpool, 1st ed., 1920. 251 pp., + a similar number of photo-ills., & some illus. Full black, morocco ; gilt armorial & title to front cover ; 31 x 25cm. Some typical light marking & fading to covers + rubbing to corners & ends o/w V.G.

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Urquhart, Kenneth Trist (Ed.).  
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Walker, Major G. Goold.  
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War Office.  
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This is an official training manual printed for the Royal Army Medical Corps during World War I. It instructs on military training ; training in technical duties in the field concerning sanitation or the prevention of disease, and the care of the sick and wounded ; RAMC drills and exercises ; training in first aid, nursing, cooking etc. With photos and diagrams. £20.00

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This is the first general history of World War II to be based both on the existing literature and on extensive work in British, American and German archives. It covers all the theatres of war, the weaponry used, and developments on the home front. It is also the first history of the war to take a truly global perspective and throughout, arguments are presented on the basis of much new archival material. The role of diplomacy and strategy, of intelligence and espionage and the impact of war upon society are dealt with. This outstanding new account published by Cambridge University Press has already become a standard work on the subject.

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After General Buller’s ‘Black Week’ defeats in December 1899, Lord Roberts was sent to South Africa to take over as Commander-in-Chief. Thousands of documents relating to Roberts’ direction of the Anglo-Boer War survive. The documents selected for this volume cover all aspects of his conduct of the war, including strategic planning, tactical intentions, logistical problems, and his views of senior officers. 111 mostly hitherto unpublished letters written by or to Roberts, and a number of other relevant documents, have been reproduced here in full. (Published at £50.00).  £30.00


When Lord Kitchener became Secretary of State for War in August 1914, he said that Britain must prepare for three years of war and immediately start to build an army of seventy divisions. While the existing Regular and Territorial Armies conducted their own recruiting campaigns, Kitchener commenced to build a ‘New Army’ from men willing to enlist for
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{371} Willcox, Lieut.-Colonel Walter Temple. **THE 3RD (KING’S OWN) HUSSARS IN THE GREAT WAR (1914 – 1919).** John Murray, 1st ed., 1925. Xx + 387 pp., frontis., + 9 photos & other plates + 18 maps, 1 of which is fldg. Original blue cloth; gilt armorial to front; 22 x 14cm. Some blemishes to cloth & remains of some paper stuck to rear cover; small bump to foot of spine & a little internal foxing mainly to margins o/w V.G. Signed Presentation Copy by ‘Sergeant J. Caper, 3rd Hussars, 31.12.25’ to ‘F.S. Sgt. A. E. Williams’ (in a different hand). The 3rd (King’s Own) Hussars served with distinction throughout the First World War and earned battle honours at the following battles: Mons, Le Cateau, Retreat from Mons, Marne, 1914, Aisne, 1914, Messines, 1914, Armentieres, 1914, Ypres, 1914, 1915, Gheluvelt, St. Julien, Bellewaarde, Arras, 1917, Scarpe, 1917, Cambrai, 1917, 1918, Somme, 1918, St. Quentin, Lys, Hazebrouck, Amiens, Bapaume, 1918, Hindenberg Line, Canal du Nord, Selle, Sambre, France and Flanders, 1914 – 18. This is their story, pieced together mainly from the *Official War Diary* as well as from a few private diaries. Illustrated with nine photographs and other plates and eighteen maps, one of which is folding. SCARCE. £85.00


The mutinies of April 1917, which sprang up in the French Army after General Nivelle’s mishandling of the Aisne campaign, have never before been comprehensively studied in English. Among the most closely guarded secrets of World War One, they strained the allied defence to the extent of leaving two loyal French divisions alone between the Germans and Paris. With the morale of troops sapped, all their remaining hope had centred upon the success of a massive French attack, intended to break the German front-line in forty-eight hours. Instead they met the enemy’s machine-guns at a cost of one hundred thousand lives in five days. In addition the Russian troops, exulting in the Revolution at home, were inciting their French comrades to rebel against the discipline of their traditional masters. During that summer, elements in 54 divisions of the French Army were in open revolt. This is a lively account of a political crisis which resulted in the sensational treason trials of 1918. £20.00


258 pp., photo-plates. D.j., 24 x 16cm. Signature & date to f.f.e.p., (blank) o/w Nr.FINE. The author was Churchill’s personal liaison with Bletchley Park, the country house in Hertfordshire where the Enigma codes were decrypted, and was therefore at Churchill’s right hand during some of the most important and secret decisions of the war. Before 1939 the author made a number of visits to Germany, where he played a valuable intelligence role among the top Nazis. His autobiography contains many cameos of important figures of the
time, as well as eye-witness accounts of historic events. It remembers King George V’s Coronation in 1911, the author’s public schooling, his adventures in Canada, Japan, Australia, New Zealand and India before the First World War. In 1914 he joined the Royal Gloucestershire Hussars Yeomanry but later transferred to the Royal Flying Corps. An exciting period ended when he was shot down in France and taken prisoner by the Germans. This is a biography of a distinguished military career and a full life.

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The Scottish lion rampant was the sign of the 15th Scottish Division, which fought from Normandy through the Netherlands into Germany. The author served as an officer in the Lowland Brigade of this famous Division. From D-Day to the Rhine the author was in the thick of it. He vividly describes his experiences through the several stages of the campaign and conveys the sense of mission felt by that great expeditionary force.

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{375} Zeman, Zbynek. **SELLING THE WAR : ART AND PROPAGANDA IN WORLD WAR II.** 1st ed., 1978. 120 pp., cold., frontis., + numerous cold., + b&w ills. D.j., 31 x 23cm. Edges of d.j., a little frayed o/w Nr.FINE.

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Aviation Books

{376} Abate, Rosario. & Apostolo, Giorgio. **CAPRONI NELLA PRIMA GUERRA MONDIALE : CAPRONI IN THE FIRST WORLD WAR.** Vaccari, Vignola, Italy, new ed., 2010. 297 pp., numerous photo-ills., + ills., some cold. Photo-boards ; 21 x 24cm. FINE.

The most significant milestones in the development of Italian bomber aircraft are told and illustrated here through many images which are mostly previously unpublished. It is a celebration of Gianni Caproni, the foresighted constructor of those early wings, synonymous with “strategic bombing”. The text and the original structure of the work, first published in
1970, have been partly reworked or modified in this new edition, with the addition of some new sections, such as an English translation alongside the Italian text, the replacement of many illustrations, updated captions, and a colour photographic appendix. This study was based on documents and photographic material provided by the Caproni family. £35.00

{377} Abrams, Richard. **F4U CORSAIR AT WAR.** Ian Allan, 1st ed., 1977. 160 pp., numerous photo-ills, including a handful of cold. D.j., 30 x 22cm. Tape marks to inside flaps of d.j., & e.p.’s, owner’s details to top corner of f.f.e.p., (blank), o/w V.G.+

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{378} Air Ministry. **MANUAL OF AIR FORCE LAW.** ‘Copy for Official Use’, 2nd ed., 1933. Xx + 916 pp., advert ills., & photo-ills., only. Blue cloth; 22 x 14cm. Tiny split to top of rear joint ; some rubbing to corners & covers as expected ; hinges a little strained but not bad ; ‘CFS’ in blue crayon to fore-edge o/w V.G.

Published by the Air Ministry for official use only, this is a manual of air force law from 1933. Chapters cover such matters as offences and punishments, arrest, courts-martial, evidence, relations of officers and airmen to civil life, the duty of officers in cases of riot, various acts, rules of procedures, disciplinary regulations and orders, etc. £25.00


Taught flying at the de Havilland School, the author first flew obsolete Hinds, Hectors and Lysanders against the Germans immediately after the outbreak of war – a hair-raising experience. He converted to Spitfires just in time to meet the Luftwaffe head-on in the Battle of Britain, alongside legendary flyers like Bob Tuck, Johnnie Johnson, ‘Killy’ Kilmartin, Jim Hallowes, ‘Sailor’ Malan and Douglas Bader. The author left the RAF to set up his own luxury car-hire firm, chauffeuring the rich and the famous, and the infamous too, all over England. A Scarce book in a Very Scarce edition. £40.00


‘The Imperial Gift’ was Britain’s offer of aeroplanes and equipment to the Dominions in 1919 to establish air forces. Australia’s Gift of 128 aircraft and every conceivable piece of equipment to support an air force arrived in 1920, making it possible to form an independent air service – the Royal Australian Air Force. This book details the background of the Gift and Australia’s negotiations to obtain the best possible equipment that was being offered. Years of research have, for the first time here, presented the full details of each aircraft type, with the histories of each individual machine. To complement the story, the largest collection

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It is easy to forget that the war in North Africa would have run a very different course had it not been for the part played by the RAF. During those long months these pilots, often woefully ill-equipped, struggled valiantly to keep possession of the skies under which the troops were fighting. Based on the author’s personal experiences and numerous contemporary recollections of others, the book vividly recreates what it was like to fly, fight and control operations over the desert at that time. The author also gives the usually ignored ground crews the full measure of recognition due to them. An unending diet of sand and flies found compensation in the thrill of this new form of combat. UNCOMMON. £25.00


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Jane Austen, Sense and Sensibility
From the Library of ‘Johnnie’ Johnson – inscribed to him


In 1940, during the Battle of Britain, Fighter Command RAF had to change its tactics from defensive to offensive. It began forming wings of two or more squadrons to counter the change in strategy of the Luftwaffe. These wings were led by experienced squadron commanders, three of whom were Canadians. Early in 1941, a new position was created in Fighter Command; that of Wing Leader. The fighter wings consisted of two or three squadrons, but later incorporated as many as four or five squadrons – especially in 1944 – 45 when Fighter Command had undergone a tremendous expansion. This book tells of the 24 Canadians who were fighter wing leaders in the course of the Second World War – a position which came as the apex in the career of a fighter pilot. This copy comes from the Library of the Second World War Spitfire ace, James Edgar [Johnnie] Johnson. It bears a gift inscription on the front free endpaper which reads, “For Johnnie ‘JEJ’, as an appreciation for friendship over the years. 99.04.25 A. J. Bauer ‘The Staller’. ” £80.00


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Early in 1915, Winston Churchill, the first Sea Lord of the Admiralty, approved a parliamentary resolution for the expansion of the RNAS. The result was the requirement for the naval aircraft and the need for private factories, to contribute their skilled resources towards the war effort. This book is about one of those early ground-breaking subcontractors, Frederick Sage and Co. Ltd, a well respected and long established firm who produced high quality wood work and specialised in shop fitting. Not only did they embrace and excel at producing other companies’ aircraft - including Short Type 184 and Avro 504K - they then went on to design and build aircraft and seaplanes of their own. £25.00


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bombers to prevent the evacuation of Dunkirk or to win either the battle of Britain or the Battle of the Blitz. The British night bomber offensives of 1942 onwards. Daylight bombing raids by US aircraft. The involvement of the bomber and its crews in the technologies of offence and defence. The emergence of the bomber as a vital weapon of the war at sea. The Battles of the Coral Sea and of Midway. The great fire-raids on Japan. The dropping of the first nuclear bombs. Korea, Vietnam and the Arab-Israeli wars.

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{388} “Contact” (Alan Bott.).  
AN AIRMAN’S OUTINGS.  
5th imp., 1917. Xxv + 323 pp. Original brown cloth ; gilt ; 18 x 12cm. Rear hinge cracked ; marks to covers o/w GOOD.  
Written by a fighting airman, this was one of the first books to be published on aerial warfare. The author truthfully depicts the daily life of the flying officer in France. He hoped that the chapters and letters would suggest a rough impression of work done by RFC pilots and observers in France but basically he deals only with the squadron to which he himself belonged in 1916 – 70 squadron which, at the time of publication in 1917, still held a melancholy record in the number of its losses during August, September and October 1916. The author, flying Sopwiths, describes the squadron’s duties of long reconnaissance, offensive patrols around German air country, occasional escort for bombing craft, and occasional photography but most descriptive of all are his collection of letters from the Somme.

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{389} Cull, Brian. With Malizia, N. & Galea, F.  
SPITFIRES OVER SICILY :  
THE CRUCIAL ROLE OF THE MALTA SPITFIRES IN THE BATTLE OF SICILY, JANUARY - AUGUST 1943.  
This is an account of Spitfire operations from Malta during 1943, culminating in the invasion of Sicily which spanned 39 days between 10 July and 17 August. The last bombs fell on Malta on the night of 26 / 27 July as the Luftwaffe made one final attempt to disrupt the invasion forces, but by then it was too late – it was the beginning of the end of the Axis empire in the Mediterranean. Joined by American air forces Malta’s Spitfires provided escort to bomber raids and diversionary sweeps as the tempo increased. Fierce air battles occurred during June and July as the Germans and Italians bitterly resisted to the limit of their meagre resources, but four days into the battle surviving Axis fighters were forced to withdraw to the mainland in readiness to fight the next round, having conceded victory to the Allies in the skies over Sicily. Malta’s Spitfires played a major role, the British and Commonwealth pilots, aided by three squadrons of the American-flown Spitfires operating from Gozo, claiming some one hundred enemy aircraft shot down between 10 and 14 July alone. This is their story, told for the first time.

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{390} Cull, Brian. With Galea, Frederick.  
HURRICANES OVER MALTA :  
JUNE 1940 - APRIL 1942.  
Based on the widely acclaimed 1987 Grub Street publication, Malta : The Hurricane Years, this is a fully revised and updated account of the RAF and Commonwealth pilots who flew Hurricanes in defence of Malta between June 1940 to April 1942. Since the earlier publication, a number of personal diaries and journals have come to light and these have been widely quoted. The book is further enhanced by the personal experiences of Flt Lt (then Sgt Plt) James Pickering AFC, who flew Hurricanes with the 261 Squadron and who also provided the Foreword and many previously unpublished photographs within.

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This book tells the story of the RAF's gallant stand in 1942 to hold Malta against all odds and to save the island from invasion, which, had it happened could have changed the whole course of the war in the Middle East. Between March and October 1942, some 400 Spitfires reached the beleaguered island, flown mainly from the decks of aircraft carriers that had ventured at great risk into the hostile waters of the Mediterranean. Once established on the three bombed-scarred airfields of Luqa, Takali and Hal Far, the Spitfires flew daily sorties to repel the might of the Luftwaffe and Regia Aeronautica based in Sicily, just 60 miles away. The cost was high. Very few of the Spitfires survived more than a few weeks, sometimes only days. Moreover, almost 100 Spitfire pilots paid the supreme price, young men from Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Rhodesia, together with volunteers from the United States serving with the RAF or RCAF. At times the fighting was intense. In April 1942, Malta suffered a greater tonnage of bombs than the UK did in any one month at the height of the Battle of Britain. More than 1,000 Maltese civilians lost their lives in 1942. But the sacrifice was not in vain. Malta held out and finally the Luftwaffe and Regia Aeronautica conceded the battle was lost with Malta's Spitfire pilots being credited with at least 600 aerial victories during this period. This well-researched book contains rare photos and much new material, especially from the logbooks and diaries of the pilots themselves.

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complemented by a wealth of photographs, camouflage schemes and markings and detailed explanatory maps showing, chronologically and by theatre, the location of airbases relative to the text. UNCOMMON.

**A Substantial Account of the Imperial Russian Air Service in the First World War**

{394} ↩ Durkota, Alan. & Darcey, T. & Kulikov, V.  *THE IMPERIAL RUSSIAN AIR SERVICE : FAMOUS PILOTS AND AIRCRAFT OF WORLD WAR I.*  
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{395} ↩ Ellis, Ken.  *WRECKS & RELICS : 13TH EDITION.*  

The thirteenth edition of this highly successful biennial survey of preserved, instructional and derelict airframes in the U.K. and Eire and Forces aircraft based on Crown Territory. The work is categorised regionally and illustrated with maps and photograph plates.  £15.00

{396} ↩ Flammer, Philip M.  *THE VIVID AIR : THE LAFAYETTE ESCADRILLE.*  
The University of Georgia Press, Athens, USA, 1st ed., (hardback) 1981.  Xi + 249 pp., various photo-plates + 2 maps.  D.j., 23 x 15cm.  Some underlining & ticks etc., to latter sections ; owner’s signature & inscription o/w V.G.+.  Signed & dated by the Author on the half-title page.

This book recreates the story of the famed Lafayette Escadrille, the American volunteer unit which fought with the French during World War I. The Lafayette Escadrille came into existence as a unique and elite squadron, destined for world renown even before it flew its first mission. The stirring initiative of the Americans in volunteering to fight and fly for France long before their own country entered the war ignited the admiration of the world. Their role as the “vanguard of American volunteers” and the remarkably high calibre of the Lafayette Escadrille pilots easily set them apart. The glamour of aviation in the Great War, a direct consequence of the grim, hero-less contest on the ground, highlighted combat flying and gave pilots a special place in the public imagination. However, when the war ended, widespread appreciation for crusading idealism lay buried in the ruins, and with it the true story of the Lafayette Escadrille. Based on extensive research in Europe and America, including many interviews with survivors, this fully documented study is the first complete scholarly account of this singular volunteer fighting unit. Signed by the Author.  £35.00

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Flint, Peter.  **DOWDING AND HEADQUARTERS FIGHTER COMMAND.**  Shrewsbury, 1st ed., 1996.  Xii + 222 pp., various photo-plates. D.j., 22 x 15cm. FINE.

This is the story of Headquarters Fighter Command and the man who created the unique air defence system used during the Battle of Britain. The entire network was welded together under the guidance of Air Chief Marshal Dowding at Bentley Priory. There is a detailed explanation of how the system functioned and what life was like for those working there. Civilian scientists became closely involved with the RAF as they struggled to perfect the new radio detection techniques and equipment that was at the leading edge of the era’s technology. Much of what was learned at this time affected all future air warfare. Bentley Priory was the hub of the entire air defence system and worked at a level above the usual combat operations. It influenced many events relevant to the higher direction of the war. The surprising dismissal of Dowding after the successful outcome of the Battle of Britain is thoroughly investigated for justification – the conclusions are rather unexpected.  £25.00

Ford-Jones, Martyn R. & Ford-Jones, Valerie A.  **OXFORD’S OWN: MEN AND MACHINES OF NO. 15 / XV SQUADRON ROYAL FLYING CORPS / ROYAL AIR FORCE.**  Schiffer, Atglen, 1st ed., 1999. 352 pp., numerous photo-ills., + some ills., including some cold. D.j., marbled e.p.’s, 31 x 23cm. A tiny (0.5cm), neat, v-shaped cut to corner of e.p., o/w FINE.

This is the story of No.15 / XV Squadron, Royal Flying Corps / Royal Air Force, of the men who served with it and the aircraft it flew. The story begins with the formation of No.15 Squadron, RFC, on the 1st March 1915, at South Farnborough and follows the fates and fortunes of the men and machines who served during the Great War, between December 1915 and December 1919. Reformed in March 1924, the Squadron provided valuable service as part of the Aeroplane and Armament Experimental Establishment, for over ten years. Declared a day bomber Squadron in June 1934, No.15 adopted the use of the Roman numerals XV, which are today still carried on its aircraft. In April 1939, the Squadron was adopted by the city of Oxford and was unofficially known as “Oxford’s Own.” The Second World War brought major expansion and changes in equipment. Battles, Wellingtons, Stirlings and Lancasters all saw service with No. XV Squadron. The post World War II era led to the Squadron being equipped with Avro Lincoln bombers, followed in succession by American built B-29s, known to the RAF as the Washington bomber. The jet age brought in turn the Canberra, Victor, Buccaneer and Panavia Tornado. The text is supported by 17 appendices and nearly 800 black & white and colour photographs from the Squadron’s own albums, the Mildenhall Register, the author’s collection and many private sources.  £40.00
**{400} Forslund, Mikael. & Vallet, Thierry.**  
**SWEDISH FIGHTER COLOURS 1925 - 1954. PISTON ENGINED.** Stratus / Mushroom Model Publications, Poland & Petersfield, 1st ed., 2012. 264 pp., numerous photo-ills., + cold., ills. Laminated boards ; 30 x 21cm. FINE.

This book describes and illustrates all the fighter aircraft used by the Swedish armed forces during from the mid-20s to the end of the piston-engine era. These include indigenous designs, plus the various American, Italian and British fighters used at various times. Camouflage and marking schemes used on these aircraft are covered in detail, illustrated with many photographs including rare wartime colour pictures. Full colour profiles of all the aircraft types are also present, making this essential reading for aircraft enthusiasts. £25.00

**{401} Franks, Norman, (Ed.).**  
**THE WAR DIARIES OF NEVILLE DUKE DSO, OBE, DFC (TWO BARS), AFC, CZECH MILITARY CROSS, 1941-1944.** Grub Street, 1st ed., 1995. 218 pp., photo-plates. D.j., 23 x 16cm. FINE.

Joining the RAF with the crack 92 Squadron at RAF Biggin Hill in 1941, Neville Duke joined the air battles over Northern France, often flying as wingman to the legendary ‘Sailor’ Malan – Fighter Command’s top-scoring pilot at that time. Later that year he won the DFC and bar flying P40B Tomahawk fighters with 112 Squadron over North Africa. By 1943 he was flight commander with his old 92 Squadron, which had also become part of the Desert Air Force. Again flying Spitfires he was awarded the DSO at the end of the Tunisian campaign and then given command of 145 Spitfire Squadron in Italy. He returned home in late 1944 the highest scoring pilot (28 scores) in the Mediterranean Theatre. Edited here are Duke’s valuable diaries that he kept almost daily. £25.00

**{402} Gibbs-Smith, C. H.**  
**THE AIRCRAFT RECOGNITION MANUAL.** New ed., 1944. 128 pp., numerous diagrams + some photo-ills. D.j., marbled e.p.’s, 25 x 17cm. D.j., chipped & repaired; minor internal pencil markings o/w V.G.

The author served with the Royal Observer Corps during the Second World War. His Basic Aircraft Recognition became a standard work for reference and teaching. In 1944 this was completely re-written and enlarged to include over three hundred and fifty aircraft used during the war by the fighting powers. Special care was taken in compiling a complete index so that any name, number, designation or maker could be found immediately. £25.00

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**{403} <> Gordon, Dennis.**  

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This book contains not only a history of the legendary Lafayette Flying Corps, but also detailed biographies of the 269 volunteer American airmen and gunners of France’s Service Aeronautique who flew in sixty-six pursuit and twenty-seven bomber/observation squadrons over the Western Front -- also included are the thirty-eight pilots of the Escadrille Lafayette. It is an accurate and absorbing account of the lives and combat experiences of the men who later formed the nucleus of the American Expeditionary Force squadrons. This ground-breaking work contains comprehensive research, including details of war casualties and
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{404} Harrison, W. SWORDFISH AT WAR. Ian Allan, 1st ed., 1987. 128 pp., photo-ills., + ills. D.j., 30 x 21cm. Upper and lower edges of inside flaps (only) of d.j., very narrowly trimmed, not affecting any text, 2 tape marks to edge of inside flap & e.p., which is slightly scuffed o/w V.G.+.

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Hiham, Robin.  
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*A STUDY IN WEAPONS POLICY.*  
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Hill, Larry, R. (Comp.).  
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Houle, Albert. & Lavigne, Michael. & Gagné, Alain.  
**G/C A.U. “BERT” HOULE, DFC & BAR. THE MAN & THE AIRCRAFT.**  
Limited Edition of 1,000 Copies Only, this copy being No. 795.  Lavigne Aviation Publications, Qc, Canada, 1st ed., 2000.  192 pp., numerous photo-ills., ills., & maps, some of which are cold.  Pict., boards ; 28 x 21cm.  FINE.  Signed by the Co-Author, *M. Lavigne.*

Albert Houle was a Canadian ace who flew on 338 operational sorties between September 1941 and April 1944. He did his operational service in the Mediterranean Theatre, being involved in the Campaigns in the Western Desert and North Africa, then Sicily and Italy.  
Bert flew Hurricane I & IIC in 1941 – 42 with No. 213 Squadron, then flew the Spitfire Vc with No. 145 Squadron. His first tour of operations ended in February 1943 but he was back in action in June for a second tour with a Canadian unit – No 417 RCAF Squadron flying the Spitfire Vc and various versions of the Spitfire VIII. He ended up as 417’s commanding officer and top scoring pilot, being awarded two DFC’s for his impressive record of combat : 11 ½ enemy aircraft destroyed, 1 probable, 7 damaged, plus several targets destroyed in ground strafing sorties. He claimed victory over the best of the Luftwaffe units fighting in the Mediterranean sector. However, the enemy hit back and Bert was wounded in April 1944  
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{411} James, John. The Paladins: A Social History of the RAF up to the Outbreak of World War II. 1st ed., 1990. 272 pp., photo-plates. D.j., 24 x 15cm. FINE.
In this compelling account of the origins and development of the RAF from its formation as the Army's Royal Flying Corps, through its evolution to a permanent and independent Service, the author presents a wealth of new evidence about the RAF’s organisation, strategy and preparedness for the Battle of Britain. Here, for the first time, drawing on the hard but usually overlooked facts and figures of the official Air Force Lists and Estimates, the author is able to dispel many of the myths and misconceptions surrounding the history of the RAF in the pre-war years. He also traces the careers and influence of the fledgling Service’s founding fathers; assesses the major social innovations in recruitment and training; and, above all, reveals the degree of precision planning by the Air Staff chiefs which has hitherto gone largely unrecognised. In 1940 the Battle of Britain stopped the Germans for the first time in eight years of unchecked advance. The beginnings of British Air Power, and the events prior to those crucial weeks, are detailed here. £20.00

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sustaining heavy losses, before moving to Burma in early 1942 in a hopeless attempt to block the Japanese advance. During 1943 No 45 became one of only four RAF squadrons to fly the Vengeance dive bomber on operations. In 1944 the squadron was selected to introduce the Mosquito fighter-bomber into service in the tropics and, after suffering some early losses due to a previously undetected structural weakness, it hit its wartime peak in March 1945 when it flew a remarkable 350 sorties. During the Second World War No 45 was one of the few units which could claim to have confronted the Germans, the Italians, the Japanese and the Vichy French. After a period in Ceylon, No 45 became involved in the Malayan Emergency in 1948 and over the next twelve years its Beaufighters, Brigands, Hornets, Vampires, Venoms and Canberras flew well over 4,000 operational sorties against the Communist Terrorists. In the 1960s the squadron was heavily involved in Confrontation, the undeclared war with Indonesia. A superb, Privately Printed history.

{413} Khairulin, M. & Stepanov, B. **RUSSIAN AVIATION COLOURS 1909 – 1922. BOOK 1 : EARLY YEARS.** Stratus / Mushroom Model Publications, Poland & Petersfield, 1st ed., 2015. 176 pp., numerous photo-ills., + cold., ills. Laminated boards ; 30 x 21cm. FINE. This book, the first in a series of four, describes the history of the little-known emblems and distinctive markings of Russian military aviation from its early origins up to the Russian exit from World War One. The authors have managed to collect, and in some cases partially reconstruct, the majority of emblems and signs used in Russia during this period by military aviation units. The collected material is presented in a clear and attractive form - colour plates, reconstructed logos, and original photographs from public and private archives. This profusely illustrated book covers all the aircraft used, with brief details of their service use and comprehensive details of the colours and markings applied. Besides the many photographs, full colour profiles illustrate the markings applied. Detailed colour notes and precise descriptions and illustration of national markings over the period complete a book that will be invaluable to aircraft enthusiasts, historians and modellers.

{414} Kucera, Dennis C. **IN A NOW FORGOTTEN SKY : THE 31ST FIGHTER GROUP IN WW2.** Flying Machines Press, Stratford, CT, 1st ed., 1997. 418 pp., 450 photo-ills., + some profiles, including 8pp., in colour. Laminated boards ; 29 x 22cm. Brand New (it arrived still in its cellophane wrapping but this had to be removed for the purpose of cataloguing the book) ; MINT. This is the first commercially-available history of the 31st Fighter Group, the highest-scoring fighter group in the Mediterranean Theatre of Operations and one of only two American fighter groups to fly the famous Spitfire in combat. The history of the 31st Fighter Group is traced from its origins in the 1st Pursuit Group in World War One to the jets of today, with the focus on the 31st’s dramatic role in North Africa, Italy, and over the Reich in World War Two. The story is brought to life with personal anecdotes, aerial combat, 450 photos, and 8 pages of colour, including profiles of 31st Spitfires and P-51 Mustangs, and is brought up to date with photos, some in colour, of jets the 31st has flown since World War Two.

{415} Lamb, Gregor. **SKY OVER SCAPA 1939 – 1945.** Bellavista, Kirkwall, Orkney, new ed., 2007. 280 pp., numerous photo-ills., + a plan. D.j., 30 x 21cm. FINE. The Royal Navy’s first purpose built Air Station was established at Hatston where the busy fighter squadrons were disembarked. Another station was established where brave pilots acted as ‘the enemy’ to give the cruisers and battleships of the Home Fleet practice in anti-aircraft fire. This was much needed for with the invasion of Norway, Orkney found itself in the front line. Two RAF Stations were built to protect Scapa against the new threat – long range enemy bombers. The dress rehearsal for the Battle of Britain began in Orkney in March 1940 with the attempted destruction of the Home Fleet in its base, Scapa Flow. In the
‘Battle of Orkney’ the islands became the first part of Britain to be bombed, here the first British civilian was to die, and the first enemy aircraft was brought down on British soil. Squadrons based in Orkney in a defensive role now found themselves taking part in offensive missions and aircraft flying from Hatston sank the cruiser KÖNIGSBERG in Bergen harbour, the first warship to be sunk by aircraft alone. After supremacy in the air had been established, the Orkney airfields became training grounds for some of the major operations of the war. At one point fifteen squadrons of aircraft were based in the islands and at times there were up to ten aircraft carriers in Scapa Flow. This is the story of airmen and islanders in six tragic years of war.

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{417} Lee, Arthur Gould. THE FLYING CATHEDRAL. 1st ed., 1965. 272 pp., frontis., + 31 photo & other plates + 2 ills. D.j., 22 x 14cm. Upper and lower edges of inside flaps (only) of d.j., very narrowly trimmed, not affecting any text, & taped down to e.p.’s resulting in tape to d.j., & blank pasted e.p.’s ; owner’s details & label to top corner of f.f.e.p., o/w clean text & V.G.

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In biplanes, first Wapitis then Harts, the author patrolled the North West Frontier of India in the early 1930’s. From time to time he was shot at by recalcitrant and sometimes, distinctly unfriendly tribesmen who had the same attitude to aeroplanes as Scottish lairds have to grouse. But then why should bird-like intruders, British at that, be allowed to interfere with completely private mountainside squabbles ? The pilots too might well have asked ; it was difficult enough trying to avoid thousands of feet of sheer mountain rock on either side of each wingtip without any additional problems. The author, an official RAF historian of the MOD, doffs his academic hat and tells a humorous tale of a life which few will recall.

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BOOKQUOTE : “I have gone to [this bookshop] for years, always finding the one book I wanted – and then three more I hadn’t known I wanted.” Mary Ann Shaffer
THE 86TH FIGHTER GROUP IN WORLD WAR II : HAVE GUNS (AND BOMBS) WILL TRAVEL. Eagle Editions, Hamilton, MT, 1st ed., 2007. 144 pp., numerous photo-ills., + some cold., ills. Laminated boards ; 28 x 22cm. FINE. 

Here is the complete story of the training and operations of the 86th Fighter Bomber Group, Third Air Force and later with the Twelfth Air Force. The men as well as the machines they flew are carefully presented in a comprehensive, fully photographically documented format. Included are numerous, never-before-told personal accounts of combat and life in the 86th, woven in with the historical text researched and written by a son of one of the group’s pilots Lt. Warren Luce. Profiles of select colourful aircraft, their A-36s and P-47 Thunderbolts, are vividly illustrated. Training was in Meridian, Mississippi in 1942 with A-36s. They were first deployed in 1943 to North Africa and later to Italy and Corsica flying the P-47 in the MTO. Early 1945 found the active and effective 86th in France and Germany until war’s end. The unit’s complete known victory list is published here, along with their full story. £30.00

INTO THE BLUE. 1st ed., 1929. 213 pp., frontis., + 8 photo-plates. Blue cloth ; 22 x 14cm. Covers faded ; rubbing to corners & top of spine ; 1 neat sig., (15/12/29) ; o/w contents clean & V.G.

This is an autobiographical account of the author’s experiences during the First World War with 45 Squadron, RFC. Having learned to fly with the RFC he fought in France and Italy as a reconnaissance and fighter pilot. He was officially credited with eleven air victories and went on to be awarded the OBE, MC, and AFC. He graduated at Gosport School of Flying and became an RAF flying instructor of fighter pilots. He also commanded a special mobile emergency unit of the RAF. This book is a First World War classic and it gives a fantastic insight into the life of a RFC pilot over the Western Front and of the evolution during that period in the machines they flew. £20.00


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This book details the history of Imperial Japanese Army Flying Schools from 1912 to 1945, covering not only the formation of the schools but also evolution of the training aircraft and the training of pilots, other aircrew, and ground crew maintenance personnel. It includes numerous photographs, many of which have not been seen before in any English language publication. In addition, the wide variety of aircraft types used and the different markings they carried add much colour interest to inspire modellers in a completely new field and are illustrated by some four hundred, attractive colour art profiles. Signed Copy. £60.00

HARRIER. 2nd ed., 1983. 200 pp., frontis., + numerous photo-ills., + some ills. D.j., 24 x 17cm. FINE.

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{424} <> **Monforton, Paul H.** *SPITFIRE MK. IX & XVI ENGINEERED.*


This pictorial study of the Spitfire Mk. 9 & 16 has been strongly praised for the attention to detail it gives in its information and in the thoroughness of its photographs and dimensioned drawings. The meticulous attention to engineering detail provides what is usually only obtained by visiting an actual aircraft and the author conveyed this from his own intensive examination of four examples of the Spitfire found in Canadian museums. It includes an extensive representation of panel lines and over 46,000 rivets. The book has been formatted with large colour photographs so that detail can be easily studied whilst several images at differing angles of view serve to illustrate each area of the complete aircraft. Line drawings have been painstakingly drafted and dimensioned on CAD software using original Supermarine factory drawings. Included are ordinate tables for all wing ribs, fuselage frames and stab. ribs. There is sufficient information for those who wish to design and build their own model or perhaps make a start on a homebuilt. SCARCE.

{425} **Morosanu, Teodor L. & Melinte, Dan A.** *ROMANIAN FIGHTER COLOURS 1941 - 1945.*

Stratus / Mushroom Model Publications, Poland & Petersfield, 1st ed., 2010. 192 pp., numerous photo-ills., + cold., ills. Laminated boards ; 30 x 21cm. FINE.

The Romanian Air Force used an interesting variety of fighter aircraft during World War II, fighting initially with the Axis but later with the Allies. Romanian, Polish, British and German fighters were used with great bravery and no little success against much stronger opponents. This book describes in great detail the colours and markings applied to all fighter aircraft used by the Romanians from 1939 – 45, including captured examples, illustrated with many rare photos and full colour profiles. Aircraft described are as follows : PZL P.11, PZL P.24, IAR 80/81, Hawker Hurricane Mk 1, Messerschmitt Bf 109E, Messerschmitt Bf 109G, Messerschmitt Bf 110, MiG-3 Early Type, Polikarpov I-16 type 29, Focke Wulf Fw 190.

EXTREMELY SCARCE.

{426} **Munson, Kenneth.** *AIRLINERS FROM 1919 TO THE PRESENT DAY.*

Rev., ed. 1982. 352 pp., 150 cold., plates. D.j., 21 x 14cm. FINE.

In these fascinating pages the development of passenger-carrying aviation from its makeshift beginnings to the multi-million pound commercial service of the 1980’s can be traced. All the principle aircraft from early pioneers like the Hercules and the DC3, to the supersonic Concorde and the airbus are featured here and illustrated in colour in painstakingly accurate detail. This book brings together in one volume the author’s two-part history of the world’s
Nicholl, G. W. R.  
**THE SUPERMARINE WALRUS : THE STORY OF A UNIQUE AIRCRAFT.**  
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O’Connor, Dr. Martin.  
**AIR ACES OF THE AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN EMPIRE 1914 – 1918.**  
This book tells the story of all forty-nine air aces of the Austro-Hungarian Empire in World War One. Biographies of all the aces and details of their combat operations are accompanied by 240 rare photographs of the aces and their aircraft. There are also 16 pages of full colour profiles which depict the aircraft of fifty of the aces. Aircraft are also fully described in the text. Appendices include: A brief overview of the Austro-Hungarian Army Air Service; The Austro-Hungarian LFT Serial Number System; The Aircraft of the Aces; The Aces Victories by Aircrew Role; The Aces’ Victory Lists; Maps. A bibliography and an index of names conclude to make this book a definitive reference.  
£65.00

Penrose, Harold.  
**BRITISH AVIATION : OMINOUS SKIES 1935-1939.**  
HMSO. 1st ed., 1980. Viii + 318 pp., photo & other plates. D.j., 22 x 14cm. D.j., has gentle ‘wavy’ creasing from where it had been in an ill-fitting protective wrapper; spine of d.j., faded & one small hole from a hole punch to top of inside flap (blank corner) o/w complete; traces of tape marks to foot of covers o/w V.G.  
This volume in the author’s monumental history of British Aviation deals with the gripping period of 1935-1939 when nations talked of peace and prepared for war. It was a period when re-armament was woefully inadequate, when aero companies were competing with each other in successfully designing and flying many brilliant new aircraft types, and world record-breakers achieving hitherto impossible speeds, height and distances. It was the age of Spitfire, Hurricane, Wellington, the great flying boats and many fine civil aircraft.  
£20.00
Germans in both technique and equipment. The author has a peculiarly authoritative account to give of actions that were fought in British skies during the Nazi bid for world hegemony – one that might severely shake some popular misconceptions of events at the time. Moreover he casts new light on the planning, controversy and liaison which went on in higher circles among the military and political policy-makers. The author includes forthright pictures of famous personalities with whom he came into contact. £25.00

{431} Revell, Alex. BRITISH SINGLE-SEATER FIGHTER SQUADRONS ON THE WESTERN FRONT IN WORLD WAR I. Schiffer, Atglen, 1st ed., 2006. 366 pp., several photo-plates. D.j., marbled e.p.’s ; 29 x 22cm. FINE.

This is the story of the single-seater fighter operations over the Western Front flown by the fighter pilots of Great Britain and her Commonwealth. Along with their opposite numbers from Germany and her allies, these pilots of the RFC, the RNAS and later, the RAF, were the world’s first fighter pilots. The Great War saw the advent of a new type of warfare. For the first time in history the aeroplane was to play an important and vital role in the pursuit of war. The stalemate of trench warfare on the Western Front, where trenches stretched from the coast of Belgium to the borders of Switzerland, saw aeroplane reconnaissance as the only way to observe the activities of the opposing side, a task previously carried out by cavalry. It was imperative that these two-seater observation/reconnaissance aeroplanes were prevented in carrying out their vitally important tasks and destroyed - in effect to deny the enemy his ‘eyes.’ Fast ‘fighter’ aeroplanes were used to carry out this task, which led to each side attempting to protect their reconnaissance aeroplanes with fighter aeroplanes of their own. It was the beginning of a new type of warfare - aerial combat. £60.00


With over 500 photographs (mostly previously unpublished) and detailed text and captions, this is a record of the Luftwaffe’s clandestine origins, rise, trial by combat and ultimate decline. Based on extensive research in war diaries, and operational and combat reports, the author presents the real life of the Luftwaffe. Each chapter dealing with a phase in German airforce history from underground work to Spain, Poland, the ‘phoney war’, operation ‘Weser Exercise’, France and England, the Balkans, Greece, Crete, the Mediterranean, the Eastern Front, N. Africa and war over German skies. £25.00


Almost half of the 162 rigid airships ever built served with the German Navy in World War I. This book unfolds the fantastic story of their reckless attacks on England when all too many of the fragile giants, filled with inflammable hydrogen, fell an easy prey to the incendiary bullets of defending British aeroplanes. They were the first strategic bomber force and their range, endurance and carrying capacity far exceeded those of other aircraft of their day. For years, only fragmentary and inaccurate information was available about the German Naval Airship Division and its accomplishments – until the fortunes of war placed all the official records of the German Navy in Allied hands in 1945. These documents, along with the assistance of former German naval airship men, form the basis for this first objective and authoritative study of the German Navy’s Zeppelins in World War I. 1ST EDITION. £40.00
Ross, David. & with Blanche, B. & Simpson, W. ‘THE GREATEST SQUADRON OF THEM ALL’ : THE DEFINITIVE HISTORY OF 603 (CITY OF EDINBURGH) SQUADRON, RAuxAF : VOLUME I : FORMATION TO THE END OF 1940 ; VOLUME II : 1941 TO DATE. 2 Volumes Complete, Grub Street, 1st eds., 2003. Vol. I : Xv + 384 pp., numerous photo-ills., + 3 maps. Vol. II : Xv + 416 pp., frontis., + numerous photo-ills., + 1 map. Both Vols. : D.j., 25 x 17cm. Small closed tear to d.j., on Vol. II o/w FINE. Both Vols., are Signed by the Authors David Ross and Bruce Blanche. Vol. I has also been Signed by a one time CO of 603 Squadron, Alasdair Beaton. This is a highly authoritative two-volume study of 603 (City of Edinburgh) Squadron RAuxAF, based on the Squadron archive, Public Record Office documents, letters, and diary and logbook entries. Volume One takes the reader through the early years of what was initially a bomber unit with its colourful characters, through the Phoney War, during which 603 destroyed the first enemy aircraft over British soil since World War I, and into the Battle of Britain. Here, extensive detail on the personnel involved is provided in the form of pen-portraits of each pilot, many of them fascinating characters who became household names, including amongst others, Richard Hillary, Gerald Stapleton, Black Morton, Rusty Rushmer and Bubble Waterston. The outstanding achievements of pilots and ground crew are presented as a day-by-day commentary and analysis which centres on the sacrifices made during those all too hectic days. Volume Two introduces new personalities of great character and covers the great variety of operations which 603 undertook after the Battle of Britain, and their pivotal role in taking the offensive to the enemy throughout 1941. The Squadron also played a vital part in the defence of war-torn Malta, which is recorded in great detail. There followed anti-shipping strikes by the Beaufighters of the unit before the return to England and Spitfires once again for operations mounted in support of bombers and against V2 launch sites. Post-war 603 Squadron returned to its auxiliary status and was re-equipped with Spitfires before converting to DH Vampire jets prior to disbandment in 1957. Happily reformed, the story ends with a description of the Squadron’s role in the modern-day Royal Auxiliary Air Force and specifically Operation Iraqi Freedom. In both volumes a wealth of photographs is included, most previously unpublished, and an exhaustive list of appendices unearths much new information. Both volumes are SIGNED by the AUTHORS, David Ross and Bruce Blanche. Volume I has also been SIGNED by a one time CO of 603 Squadron, Alasdair Beaton. TWO VOLUMES : £60.00

Sage, E. Helene. THE CLAY PIGEONS : A B-17 PILOT’S STORY OF WORLD WAR II. Schiffer, Atglen, 1st ed., 2011. 158 pp., frontis., + various photo-ills., ills., + charts, including some cold., photo-ills. D.j., marbled e.p.’s, 23 x 16cm. FINE. This book is centred around the author’s father’s World War II diary. Robert C. Sage was a B-17 pilot who flew twenty-nine missions out of Thurleigh, England, as a member of the 8th Air Force, 306th B.G., 367th B.S. (The Clay Pigeons). It is accompanied by four chapters describing his life before and after the war, as well as archival photographs, appendices, and extensive notes identifying the individuals and events mentioned in the diary (April-September, 1944, including D-Day missions). This record has lain dormant for over sixty years and was recently uncovered. It is a valuable contribution to the history of the Mighty Eighth and its participation in World War II. £25.00

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{436} <> Sandall, Howard J. “WE WAGE WAR BY NIGHT”: AN OPERATIONAL AND PHOTOGRAPHIC HISTORY OF NO. 622 SQUADRON RAF BOMBER COMMAND. Schiffer, Atglen, 1st ed., 2011. 304 pp., cold., frontis., + numerous photo-ills., & ills., some cold., + a cold., map. D.j., 28 x 22cm. FINE. Signed by the Author and Eleven 622 Squadron Crew on the title-page, 2 of whom were awarded the DFC.

622 Squadron was just one of many Bomber Squadrons whose airmen carried out nightly missions, putting their “lives on the line” for King and Country during World War II. This account is relayed through the memoirs, diaries and letters of the men and women who fought and died throughout this dark period. These young men came from all parts of the Commonwealth to unite under the banner of freedom and democracy. By war's end, they had forged themselves into one of the most formidable fighting forces in the history of air warfare. This is a particularly collectable copy because it has been Signed on the title-page by the Author and Eleven 622 Squadron Crew, Two of whom were awarded the DFC and are mentioned in various places in the book: F/Lt. John L. Cox, DFC, RAF, is mentioned throughout Chapter 15 where it records how he and his crew “completed a full tour of operations with 622 Squadron from August 1944 to January 1945. F/Lt. Cox was awarded a well deserved DFC for bringing his Lancaster home after he had sustained injuries on a mission to Homberg in November 1944.” The chapter contains a clear photograph of Cox as well as his personal account of another mission in December 1944. For F/Lt. Thomas John Maxwell, DFC (Immediate), RAF, the book contains citations for his immediate award of the DFC. He carried out numerous sorties against Stuttgart and other heavily defended German targets, throughout which Maxwell was reported by his Commanding Officer as “applying his skill as a Gunnery Officer with outstanding ability…with complete disregard to personal safety and outstanding gallantry.” On the night of the 15th / 16th March, 1944, Maxwell was shot down, made an escape and immediately reposted for further operational duty as an Air Gunner. He was also reported as missing on his sixth operational flight. Maxwell wrote the Foreword to this book and is mentioned on eight separate pages, along with a couple of photographs of himself. Signed by the Author, 11 Squadron Crew Members, including Two Receivers of the DFC.

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“Royal Prussian Jagdstaffel 30 was established December 14, 1916 and allocated to the German 6th Army, facing the British Army Air Service in 1917 and 1918. The unit achieved 64 aerial victories and lost eight pilots in aerial combat; another six died in airplane crashes without enemy involvement. Written by two German authorities in the field of World War I aviation the book presents the detailed and unique history of this German fighter unit. The book is based on interviews with and information from four former members of Jagdstaffel 30 that were done by one of the authors in the 1970s, unpublished German documents, daily German Army Reports of the activity in the air, personal rosters, and information from allied sources. The book also contains a detailed war diary excerpt and - never published before - the complete logbook of one of the unit's pilots. The colour profiles in the book are based on the recollections of the former members of Jagdstaffel 30, period photographs, and original German documents.” The book closely examines the young German pilots, who were far
from the stereotype of the ‘stiff neck Prussian,’ their adventures, their personalities, and their dangerous missions.

£40.00

{438} Smallwood, Hugh.  
S**PITFIRE IN BLUE.**  
1st ed., 1996. 158 pp., profusely illustrated with col., + b&w photo-ills., + ills.  D.j., 28 x 22cm.  Part of a business card belonging to a Consulting Engineer USA FAA 1/A, pasted to f.f.e.p.) o/w FINE.  

Flying unarmed Photo-Reconnaissance Spitfires in 1945 was no easy task. You were alone, hundreds of miles into enemy airspace and over the target, flying straight and level and concentrating on your camera-work, you were a sitting duck. Your job was to get the pictures home, not indulge in fighter-style antics – but sometimes there was no choice. This book follows the course of a typical PR Spitfire and reveals one of the most under-exposed aspects of Spitfire operations in World War Two. It also discovers a different breed from the stereotypical Spitfire pilot – a meticulous navigator, a self-reliant survivor, a lonely, high altitude thinker whose shots were fired with a camera and whose intelligence was absolutely vital. Profusely illustrated.

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{439} Smith, Peter C.  
D**IVE BOMBERS IN ACTION.**  

The dive-bombers, as operated by all the combatants in World War II, is the subject of this action-packed book. Included are the ideas behind the aircraft, the experimental work, trials and improvisations, as well as detailed accounts of the operations of dive bomber squadrons in all theatres of the war. The theory and practice of dive bombing are explained as well as the methods and experiences of each of the major protagonists. Including many first-hand accounts.

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{440} Spate, Wolfgang.  

This book explains how Germans designed, constructed, tested and mass-produced a revolutionary aircraft – the Luftwaffe’s Me-163, known as the “Comet” which used an internal rocket to gain flying speed before returning to earth as an unpowed glider.  

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{441} Stenman, Kari. & Holda, Karolina.  

This two-volume publication provides an in-depth history of the colours and markings of Finnish Fighter aircraft deployed during World War II. Camouflage and markings of the fighters, which were obtained from France, the USA, Germany, the UK and the USSR, are described in unparalleled detail by the well-known Finnish aviation expert Kari Stenman. The work features many previously unpublished photographs, and specially commissioned colour profiles. A rarely documented aspect of World War II history. 2 Volumes : £50.00

{442} Täger, Dr. Hannes. (Ed., with Commentaries).  
C**ARL MENCKHOFF : REMINISCENCES OF WAR AND CAPTIVITY ; A KNIGHT OF THE POUR LE MÉRITE REPORTS.**  Aeronaut Books, Indio, CA, 1st ed., 2013. 304 pp., 208 photo-ills, 14 of which are cold., + 9 ills., + maps + colour profiles.  Laminated boards ; 29 x 22cm.  Brand New (still in cellophane wrapping) MINT.  

This is the story of one of Germany’s great aces of World War I, who scored 39 victories and was awarded the Pour le Mérte, Imperial Germany’s highest award. Moreover, this story does not end with the war, but continues until today with the touching story of two families, the Menckhoffs and the Averys, uniting years after Menckhoff’s last combat when he was
downed by fledgling American pilot Walter L. Avery of the 95th Aero Squadron. Much of the story is in Menckhoff’s own words but to complete the picture and put it in perspective, further information on Menckhoff and the Menckhoff family is provided by the editor. To make the story accessible to the greatest audience, the text is presented in both German and English. Generously illustrated with photographs, drawings and colour profiles. £40.00

On the night of 30 March 1944 when Nuremberg was attacked, the author was imprisoned at Stalag IVb in Germany, having already been shot down and captured on 18 October 1943. He first heard of the event on the illicit BBC news service the following night. His interest was stimulated further when, as a reporter for one of the camp’s hand-lettered wall-newspapers, he interviewed a number of Bomber Command aircrew who had survived what they sardonically referred to as ‘the Nuremberg massacre’. How could such a thing have happened? This book takes a retrospective – and therefore, perhaps, more objective – look at the events surrounding that terrible night. Based on personal accounts of participants and both official and unofficial reports, the author presents various perspectives. £20.00

This is an informative handbook of aviation that includes over three dozen civil aircraft and more than one hundred airlines. All are featured with photographs or beautifully drawn illustrations to make recognition very simple. The text includes all the important details about the planes and their operators, and the aircraft and airlines are listed in alphabetical order for easy reference. £20.00

This book tells the history of Manx Airlines from 1946 to 1997. During the latter half of the Second World War, Ronaldsway, the Isle of Man Airport, underwent massive growth when 850 acres were commandeered for the creation of a Royal Navy Air Station where aircrew would be trained to operate the complex Barracuda aircraft of the FAA. The Japanese surrender put an end to the hectic training but not before a fine airfield had been created with its pattern of runways and a multitude of buildings, hangars and Nissen huts. Under the Civil Aviation Act of 1946, all scheduled domestic routes came under the control of the UK Division of the newly formed British European Airways Corporation. But the spirit of private enterprise was by no means dead. How the ‘independents’ struggled to survive is one of the fascinating aspects of post-war aviation and nowhere is it better represented than in the story of Manx aviation which is superbly described and illustrated here. SCARCE. £40.00

BOOKQUOTE: “Second-hand books are wild books, homeless books; they have come together in vast flocks of variegated feather, and have a charm which the domesticated volumes of the library lack. Besides, in this random miscellaneous company we may rub against some complete stranger who will, with luck, turn into the best friend we have in the world.”

Virginia Woolf, Street Haunting
This is the story about the men of the 376th Heavy Bombardment Group, one of the most famous and heavily decorated units of World War II. It is derived from the personal documents, letters and words of its veterans, as well as from official records. The 376th is best known as the group which led the low level attack on the Ploesti refineries on August 1, 1943, and the group to which the ill-fated B-24 “Lady Be Good” belonged before becoming lost in the Sahara Desert, remaining undiscovered for sixteen years. Both events are related in full in this book, updating and correcting earlier written accounts. The 376th was unique in that it was the only American heavy bomb group activated in overseas combat. It was the first American unit to bomb “Fortress Europe” and the first group to be based on the European continent. Its parent was HALPRO, a secret select B-24 unit with hand-picked crews whose original mission was to bomb Tokyo from Chinese bases. The story of HALPRO is detailed here for the first time. The group flew 451 combat missions, was awarded three Distinguished Unit Citations and earned fifteen campaign awards. The book includes tables listing all missions, with analyses of each mission. It contains over 500 pictures, most of which are previously unpublished and from the collections of group members. The Supplement Volume is EXTREMELY RARE (even the official historian for the 376th Heavy Bombardment Group tells us he has never seen a copy.) After the main volume was published there was much discussion within the Group as whether or not to publish a second edition which (a) corrected errors, and (b) added additional material. In the end the Association decided not to publish a second edition, to leave the original volume untouched, and to issue an unrevised reprint. To cater for the substantial additional material, they decided that the best vehicle would be a Supplement. However, the print run for this was very small and copies very rarely come on the market. It is described as “an attempt to write of one crew’s history and its missions with the 515th Bomb Squadron or Satan’s Kids, of the 376th Bomb Heavy Bombardment Group.” As such it records the fifty missions undertaken by Captain Morris E. Mansell’s crew together with Appendices containing ‘Photographs of Crew in the United States and at San Pancrazio, Italy’; ‘Leaflets Distributed Over Enemy Lands’; and a second appendix providing biographies of crew members. The Supplement is a Signed Presentation Copy from the Editor, Otto A. Tennant, who was a member of Mansell’s Crew and was awarded the DFC and Air Medal – 2 Oak Leaf Cluster, European ribbon with 5 battle stars. His inscription reads “Hope the residents of Scottish Rite Park enjoy the history of our crew in WWII, Otto A. Tennant Aug 21, 2001.”

**BOOKQUOTE:** “What is reading but silent conversation.” Walter Savage Landor

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The author details the meteoric rise of the airliner from its humble beginnings on a beach in North Carolina, through the first passenger services, the stately airships, the long-range mail routes, the great pre-war flying boats and the post-war aviation boom to the wide-bodied jets and the latest supersonic swing-wing designs of the 1980’s. He also covers the development of the airport, the black boxes, air crashes, the first air hostesses and airline catering. Featured in the wealth of illustrations are posters, baggage tags, tickets and menus. £25.00


An important contribution to the history of World War II in the air, this book is a biographical survey of a unique and almost unknown group of American fighter aces and pilots who fought over the Middle East and Europe. Profusely illustrated with 237 exceedingly rare black-and-white photographs from the pilots’ own collections, it lists scores of aces, shows individual markings on the aircraft, and features 16 pages of colour photographs and colour paintings of strikingly decorated aircraft that the aces flew into combat. £35.00


Featuring 140 aircraft and 850 full colour illustrations and photographs, this book traces the story of military aircraft markings and camouflage from World War I to 1990. Each illustration has been carefully selected to show how the markings and colour schemes have evolved, influenced by the aircraft’s military role and mission capability. £20.00


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Section One : Nautical Ephemera

{V451} FOUR MANUSCRIPT LETTERS ADDRESSED TO CAPTAIN WALTER BATHURST, R.N., FROM (1) : CHARLES MANNERS-SUTTON, 1ST VISCOUNT CANTERBURY, JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL. (2) : J. A. OLDHAM, JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL’S OFFICE. (3) : WILLIAM CARNEGIE, EARL OF NORTHESK, THIRD-IN-COMMAND UNDER NELSON AND COLLINGWOOD AT TRAFALGAR. (4) : HENRY JOHN TEMPLE, THIRD VISCOUNT PALMERSTON, SECRETARY AT WAR. ~ ~ ~ ALL CONCERNING CAPTAIN BATHURST’S CALL TO BE A WITNESS AT THE COURT-MARTIAL IN 1815 OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL SIR JOHN MURRAY, EIGHTH BARONET, WHOSE CONDUCT IN 1813 WAS CONDEMNED BY WELLINGTON AND ADMIRAL BENJAMIN HALLOWELL.

Sir John Murray (1768?-1827) was an army officer with extensive service behind him by 1813. He had commanded the 84th foot at the capture of the Cape in 1796, saw service in India and the Red Sea, and while in Aden in 1800 he was appointed quartermaster-general of the Indian army and proceeded to Egypt, crossing the desert to Cairo and descending the Nile. He served under Wellesley at Poona in 1803 but his superior found he lacked self-confidence and was inefficient. After service with Sir John Moore, he again joined Wellesley’s army in Portugal in 1809. Wellington rejected Murray’s application to join the Peninsular army, and in 1812 was appointed to the army in Sicily under Lord William Bentinck. In late February 1813 Murray arrived at Alicante and took command of a motley
force of British, Sicilians, and others. Wellington suggested he recapture Tarragona but Murray delayed indecisively. The French attacked Murray at Castalla and Murray defeated them but failed to take advantage of his victory. On 31st May he disembarked his force of some 12,000, chiefly Spaniards (only 4,500 were British and German) before reaching Tarragona. He displayed nervous indecision before hastily re-embarking his troops on 12th June, leaving some guns and stores behind. Instead of obeying instructions to proceed to Valencia to support the Spaniards, he landed his men at the Col de Balaguer where Bentinck arrived four days later and assumed command. Wellington (and the public back home) was furious with Murray’s disregard of his instructions, and with his sacrifice of guns and stores. Admiral Hallowell, who commanded naval forces at Tarragona, also complained of Murray’s conduct, and government ordered a court-martial and Murray was sent home. After a long delay Murray was arraigned at Winchester on the 16th January 1815 before a number of distinguished officers. He was charged with alleged unmilitary conduct, neglect of duty and disobedience to Wellington’s written instructions, and neglect of proper preparations for re-embarking his troops. Murray tried to lie his way out of it and to blame others. After sitting for 15 days, Murray’s falsehoods, apparently paralysing his accusers, he was acquitted on all charges except for abandoning the guns and stores, for which he was sentenced to be admonished. The Prince Regent, however, dispensed with the admonition and in 1816 Murray was awarded a GCH and he demanded a medal for Castalla and a red ribbon ‘to cancel former injuries’. Sir John Fortescue (in his British Army) suggests that from the start, Murray had been under the protection of the Court, and confirms the verdict of contemporary critics: ‘He (Murray) must be pilloried by history without mercy as a cowardly and dishonourable man, unworthy to hold his Sovereign’s commission, or to wear the red coat of a British soldier.’ To this piece of theatre, Captain Walter Bathurst, RN (1764?-1827) was called as a witness. Bathurst had a long and distinguished naval career (see his ODNB entry) and, under Codrington at Navarino in 1827, his ship in the heart of the battle, sustained considerably more dead and wounded than any other ship. Bathurst himself was killed on the quarter-deck and was hailed as ‘a brave and kindly captain, beloved of his entire crew’. The first letter from the Judge Advocate General’s Office in Downing Street, 28th December 1814, is from Charles Manners-Sutton, 1st Viscount Canterbury (1780-1845), a Tory politician who held this post from 1809 to 1817, and went on to become a Speaker of the House of Commons, 1817-1835. He writes to Captain Bathurst: “Sir, A General Court Martial being appointed to be held at Winchester on Monday the 16th day of January next at 10 o’clock in the morning for the trial of Lieutenant General Sir John Murray Bart. upon charges preferred against him, and it having been represented that your testimony will be material in support of the Prosecution, I am to desire you and you are hereby summoned to give your Attendance at the said Court Martial in order to your being examined as a Witness ...” The letter is addressed to ‘Captain Bathurst late of H.M. Ship Fame.’ The second letter, also addressed from Downing Street, this one dated 31st December 1814, is from J. A. Oldham, an official at the Judge’s office, acknowledging Bathurst’s reply to the first letter, and advising Bathurst that any application for expenses must be made to the Secretary at War after the trial is over. The third letter is the most important in that it is written and signed by William Carnegie, 7th Earl of Northesk (1756-1831), a naval officer who was third in command under Nelson and Collingwood at the Battle of Trafalgar in 1805. In command of the BRITANNIA, in the weather line led by Nelson, he was early in the action and remained closely engaged to the end, sustaining a loss of 52 killed and wounded. Northesk, for his conduct during the fight, and subsequently rescuing crews from prizes ordered to be destroyed in the rising storm, brought him high praise from Collingwood and the award of Knight of the Bath. He made Admiral in June 1814. He writes to Bathurst hoping he will be
able to accompany him after the Court Martial is over (for the week), “and I will bring you in again early on Monday morning (to Winchester). I am dear Sir, Most Sincerely Yours, Northesk.” Upon his death in 1831, Lord Northesk was laid to rest in the crypt of St. Paul’s near to Nelson and Collingwood. The final letter is from John Henry Temple, 3rd Viscount Palmerston (1784-1865), dated War Office, 27th March 1815. Palmerston, later a Prime Minister in the Victorian era, was at this time Secretary at War, and writes to Captain Bathurst at 4, Crawford Street, Portman Square. Palmerston is acknowledging Bathurst’s letter regarding his expenses for attending Murray’s trial – “the hire of a Post Chaise, including Drivers & Turnpikes, to Winchester, & half the expense of one on returning, when you were accompanied by Capt. Withers, and likewise for an allowance of fifteen shillings a day from 15th January to 8th February last.” Palmerston adds that as these rate are calculated for Field Officers of the Army, Bathurst’s claim should by made through the Lords of the Admiralty. The letter is signed “Palmerston”. An interesting batch of letters to a distinguished captain in the Royal Navy – the only British captain to be killed at Navarino – from three politicians (including, subsequently, a Prime Minister), and a high-ranking veteran of Trafalgar from whom any letters are scarce – all concerning the infamous military Court-Martial of Lt.Gen. Sir John Murray.  

£800.00*

**{V452} <> A FINE & RARE FRENCH HAND-COLOURED PEN & WASH ENGRAVING, SHOWING A FRENCH ARMED CUTTER ENGAGING A BRITISH FORE-AND-AFT SCHOONER.** N.P. (Paris ?), c.1793. Hand-coloured pen & wash engraving. Image : 15 x 11cm (6” x 4 ½”) ; overall : 19 x 16cm (7 ½” x 6 ½”). At one time, the plate has been affixed in an album perhaps, using sellotape on the back. This has soaked through and impregnation the upper edge & first line of text. The verso of the plate has received some old repairs / reinforcing, but o/w it is clean and sound, with crisp fresh colours, & V.G.

A fine French hand-coloured pen & wash engraving depicting an early minor engagement between an armed French cutter and a British fore-&-aft schooner under the Red Ensign. Both vessels are alongside each other and French sailors with cutlasses are about to board the schooner amongst cannon smoke. British sailors with cutlasses are posed to repel boarders, while one killed, falls over the stern. The picture was drawn by the French artist Labrousse who was active in the late 18th century ; and engraved by Félix Mixelle (1763-1837). The lettering at the head of the picture reads : “PILOT, Enseigne, Commandant le Lougre de la Republique, le Book.” (Lougres were normally luggers, used by both the French and the English in naval warfare. Sometimes topsails were added – one is to be seen here – but this French vessel is single-masted). The lettering below reads : “Mes camarades, ne craignez point le nombre des ennemis nous en aurons plus de gloire à les vaincre. Le 5 September 1793, V.S.” (Version Française). This roughly translates : ‘My Comrades, do not fear the number of the enemy, we will have more glory and will vanquish them.’ The engagement took place the day before the Reign of Terror broke out in France, during which tens of thousands were guillotined across the country. Presuming this engagement to be a French victory, it is telling that a fight between two tiny vessels would be celebrated in an engraving. According to James, during 1793, British cruisers captured or destroyed 140 armed French vessels (52 naval, of which 30 were added to the British fleet) ; whereas the Royal Navy lost only 4 vessels, the largest being a 32-gun frigate, so this schooner was probably one of the other three. At this period, if any French captain hauled down his colours to an enemy however numerous, unless his ship was sinking, he was deemed a traitor and would face the guillotine on his return to France. An attractive and RARE French engraving of 1793. (See the illustration on the front cover of this catalogue). £240.00*
LARGE 19TH CENTURY ENGRAVING: THE DEATH OF NELSON AT THE BATTLE OF TRAFALGAR. FROM THE ORIGINAL WALL PAINTING IN THE PALACE OF WESTMINSTER. BY DANIEL MACLIESE R.A. Engraving by Charles W. Sharpe after Daniel Macliese, pub. 444 West Strand, 1874. (Art Union of London, 1876). 1m. 27 x 46cm (50" x 18"). Foxing (chiefly to borders), some creases and a 8cm piece torn from upper edge but without loss of picture or text, and a defect that would be covered by a mount. O/w V.G.

Daniel Macliese (1806-1870) was an Irish artist who received a commission in 1857 for two wall paintings for the Royal Gallery in the Palace of Westminster. The second picture was entitled The Meeting of Wellington and Blücher. A fine coloured finished study of the Nelson picture hangs in the Walker Art Gallery in Liverpool, purchased from the Art Union in 1892, the money being raised from the Liverpool Naval Exhibition. The picture was engraved by Charles W. Sharpe in 1876 for the Art Union of London, and copies were sold widely around the British Empire. Macliese took great pains over the accuracy of the painting, interviewing survivors of Trafalgar, corresponding with the Third Earl Nelson, and studying Nelson’s uniform. It shows Nelson dying on the deck of VICTORY, cradled in Hardy’s arms, with Dr. Beatty and others leaning over him. They are surrounded by sailors and marines, with women attending some of the wounded. It is of course an idealization of the event – so too was Benjamin West’s version of 1806 (also in the Walker) – as Nelson was carried below to the cockpit where he breathed his last. It is a very fine line engraving and perhaps portrays the artist’s expressive power more than any other of his works.

CHROMOLITHOGRAPH PORTRAIT OF ADMIRAL LORD NELSON, PUBLISHED DURING THE 1890s. [J. S. Virtue & Co., London, early 1890s]. Coloured chromolithograph, 24 x 16cm (9 ½ “ x 6 ¼") mounted – so overall 37 x 29cm (14 ½ x 11 ½”). Small amount of very light foxing almost exclusively to border, o/w FINE.

This fine three-quarter length coloured chromolithographed portrait of Lord Nelson is one of the fine plates from Her Majesty’s Navy ... by Lt. Charles Rathbone Low, published by Virtue in six volumes between 1890 and 1893. The portrait is by William Christian Symons (1845-1911), a close friend of Whistler and an artist with a modest nature which has led to his work being largely overlooked and under-appreciated. The portrait is after John Hoppner (1758-1810) and shows Nelson, his surviving hand resting on a rock, his head tilted slightly, and dressed in full uniform with his various awards and decorations. It was originally painted in 1801-2. Richard Bowyer in 1809 painted Nelson in a similar pose, his hand also on a rock, but with the subject facing right instead of left. A FINE and attractive portrait, mounted, ready for framing.

SUPPLEMENT TO THE GAZETTE & NEWS (BLACKPOOL, &c.), JUNE 18TH, 1897: THE WRECK OF NELSON'S FLAGSHIP “FOUDROYANT”.

Blackpool, Gazette & news, 1897. Single sheet, mounted on card, folded in two, with 3 photos. (photos by Mr. A. Dearden, 46, Church Street, Blackpool). Supplement 44 x 28cm (48 x 32cm with card mount), Several tears (without loss), some foxing outside photos, a local address written on lower left-hand corner. GOOD.

The FOUДROYANT was built in 1798 and served as Nelson’s flagship in the Mediterranean from 1799 to 1801. After an active career during the Napoleonic Wars the vessel became a guard ship at Plymouth from 1819 to about 1860 when she became a gunnery training ship. In 1891 the Admiralty placed her on the Sales List and she was bought by a Portsmouth company who promptly sold her to German shipbreakers. There was a public outcry that a former ship of Nelson’s should end her days like this, and wealthy Wheatley Cobb stepped in and bought her back. She was half scrapped but he restored her to her former glory and used her as a boy’s training ship. In 1897 she was touring British ports and left Liverpool to sail up the Lancashire coast. On the 16th June a violent storm brought her ashore on Blackpool sands and she broke her back. The local lifeboat rescued her crew. Her timbers and copper
was sold to make furniture and other souvenirs. Her bell is in Blackpool Town Hall. The first of the three photographs in this contemporary Supplement, shows *FOUDROYANT* drifting ashore on the day she was wrecked. The second photograph shows her crew of eighteen on the deck of the wrecked ship, posing with several life-belts, the words ‘Remember Nelson’ above them. The final picture shows the Blackpool lifeboat leaving the wreck in stormy waters having just rescued all hands. SCARCE.

**{V456} DOUTH LAMBETH WATER JUG DEPICTING LORD NELSON: A SOUVENIR FROM THE NELSON CENTENARY OF 1905.** Doulton Lambeth, Burslem, 1905. Impressed, signed & numbered to base. 15cm (6”) tall. MINT. PHOTOGRAPH AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

Between 1878 and 1882, Henry and James Doulton acquired a major interest in the Pinder Bourne factory in Nile Street, Burslem, Stoke-on-Trent, and changed the name to Doulton & Company, Burslem. From 1902 to 1922 the firm adopted this mark in order to commemorate the grant of the Royal Warrant by King Edward VII. Royal Doulton’s roots go back to 1815 when John Doulton, Martha Jones, and John Watts established their factory at Vauxhall Walk, Lambeth, London. They originally specialized in manufacturing stoneware, decorative bottles, and salt glaze sewer pipes. The firm took the name Doulton in 1853 and Royal Doulton after Edward VII gave his patronage. In 1905, Britain and her vast Empire commemorated the centenary of the victory at Trafalgar and the death of Lord Nelson. Souvenirs poured forth in every imaginable medium from paper and books to silver and jewellery; from wood and copper to china and ceramics. This water jug has a portrait of Lord Nelson surrounded by flags, cannon and cannon balls; the dates ‘1805’ and ‘1905’ either side of the circular portrait. This example is in exceptional condition. £450.00*

**{V457} A MATCHING PAIR OF BRASS CANDLESTICKS MADE FROM THE RECOVERED SCREW OF THE CRUISER H.M.S. “VINDICTIVE”, SUNK AS A BLOCKSHIP DURING THE RAID ON ZEEBRUGGE IN 1918.** C.1920. Two brass candlesticks, engraved with lettering around bases. 19.5cm tall (7 ¾”). FINE.

In 1918, German-occupied Zeebrugge was being used by the Imperial German Navy as a U-boat base – a constant threat to British and Allied shipping. On the 23rd April the Royal Navy launched a raid on Zeebrugge, with a concurrent attack on Ostend, using obsolete ships to block the harbour entrance to prevent German ships leaving port. British submarines rammed the viaduct at the same time, cutting off the German garrison from the mole. The attack was led by the old cruiser *VINDICTIVE* of 1897, followed by two Mersey ferries, *IRIS* and *DAFFODIL*. The cruiser came under heavy enemy fire and was forced to land its men in the wrong place. The blockage was only partially successful but the raid was a courageous and daring one with many VCs being awarded that day. The wreck of *VINDICTIVE* was raised on the 16th August 1920 and broken up. These candlesticks date from this time. The bow of the ship is preserved at Ostend as a memorial, and one of her guns is in the Imperial War Museum. Both brass candlesticks are inscribed around their base: “*VINDICTIVE. April 23rd 1918. Made from Recovered Propeller, ZEEBRUGGE.*” SCARCE. £120.00*

**{V458} THE TUFNELL COLLECTION OF NAVAL SWORDS. AN ALBUM CONTAINING 36 COLOURED PHOTOGRAPHS.** (Liverpool), N.D. 36 cold. photos of various sizes mounted on card, with typed details, contained within plastic sleeves in a black plastic album, 23 x 18cm. FINE.

The late Gordon Tufnell of Liverpool was a collector of naval and maritime books and associated items of all kinds. Among his collection was a number of naval swords of which this is his personal record. The album contains 36 coloured photographs with typed

£48.00*


Atlas Limited Editions of London, in company with the NMM, offered for sale 33 of Captain Alan Villiers’s famous pre-war photographs taken aboard Erikson’s square-riggers racing back from Australia to England via the Horn with their cargoes of grain. The photographs, reproduced to a high standard and limited to 350 copies, sold for between £185 and £200 each. This is an illustrated catalogue of the 33 plates. Photographic views include: Scraping the deck aboard PARMA. Second Sailmaker PARMA. At the helm aboard HERZOGIN CECILIE. Renewing caulking aboard PARMA. Out on the yard, HERZOGIN CECILIE. Driving sprays on the deck of the PARMA. Etc.

£25.00

{Z460} Loney, Jack. WRECKS IN THE RIP AND PORT PHILLIP BAY. Marine History Publications, Geelong, 1st ed., N.D. 73 pp., 34 photo-ills. Pict. c.c., 19 x 14cm. V.G.

Divided into two parts, Wrecks in the Rip and Wrecks in Port Phillip Bay, the author describes shipping disasters in this part of Victoria, Australia, from 1836 to more recent times. The Rip is the dangerous entrance into the bay and hence to Melbourne, with strong currents, a narrow channel, and a high rocky seabed. It has claimed many ships and the lives of numerous seamen. The book covers all types of vessels from full-riggers and barques, to schooners and steamers. It covers early disasters, 1840-1851, the Gold Rush years 1852-1860 with its clippers; loss of large vessels between 1881 and 1900, and incidents in the last century. The author also gives account of pilots and lifeboats, and provides a list of wrecks in the bay from 1836 to the post-war era. The emphasis is chiefly on sail. (See Z461) £20.00

{Z461} Williams, Peter J. & Serle, Roderick. SHIPWRECKS AT PORT PHILLIPS HEADS, 1840-1963. Maritime Historical Productions, Melbourne, 1st ed., 1963. (X) + 91 pp., 46 photo & other plates. Pict. c.c., 21 x 14cm. Covers a little worn, some useful pencil annotations, o/w V.G. (See Z460)

The Heads at the entrance to Port Phillip, Victoria, Australia, has been the scene of many a shipwreck as vessels attempt to negotiate the narrow entrance into Port Phillip Bay and on to Melbourne. The authors give details of all the losses between 1840 and 1963, both sail and steam. Illustrated with 46 plates, vessels include the clipper LIGHTNING, full-rigger EMPRESS OF THE SEA, the steamer ROYAL SHEPHERD, three-masted barque JOSEPH CRAIG, four-masted barque GEORGE ROPER, steamer WODONGA, three-masted barque GLANEUSE, three-masted barque GANGE, steamer CHEVIOT, four-masted barque HOLYHEAD, P&O’s famous liner AUSTRALIA, barque CRAIGBURN, etc., etc. £25.00

A photographic record of the days of square-riggers in the Dutch port of Delfzijl, a province of Groningen in the north-east of the Netherlands. Includes views of the PARMA, PEKING, JOHANNA TE VELDE, HOCHÉ, PEIHO, as well as smaller vessels and general scenes of the port with many deep-sea square-riggers in view. £25.00

**TWELVE ITALIAN POSTCARD-SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS OF SQUARE-RIGGERS FROM THE ARCHIVE OF THE LATE DR. JOHN NAYLON.**

Twelve photographs from the archive of the late Dr. John Naylon of Keele University, being views from the collection of Luciano L. Garaventa in Genoa. These twelve fine views show:
1. Three-masted barque *MARIA* under construction in 1893.
2. Launch of the three-masted barque *CAV. LUIGI D* in 1892.
3. Barquentine *IV NOVEMBRE* at anchor.
4. Three-masted barque *GIUSEPPE* under construction in 1891.
5. Three-masted barque *VERDI* in port at Dunkirk in 1904.
6. Launch of the full-rigger *SATURNINA FANNY* in 1891.
7. Four-masted barque *ITALIA* being towed by a steam tug.
8. Four-masted barque *ITALIA* in the process of dropping anchor.
10. Three-masted barque *PASLINA* at anchor, drying her sails.
11. Four-masted barque *REGINA ELENA* in a graving dock.
12. Five-master *PATRIA* with an unusual rig that defies naming altogether. There are gaffsails on each mast, and the fore and mainmast (the first and third masts) have each four square yards as well. These set ordinary double topsails and single topgallant sails, and the lowest yard carries also a sail which is set or furled by being pulled sideways along the yard or pulled back into a bundle lying up and down the mast. She appears to be a schoolship (German ?) and lies at anchor. All twelve photographs are in FINE condition, each carries Garaventa’s stamp on the verso. £60.00*

**AN ORIGINAL PHOTOGRAPH OF THE BOWS OF THE CLIPPER “CUTTY SARK” IN A LONDON GRAVING DOCK IN 1951.** Richard M. Cookson photograph, Preston, Lancs. Inherited by the late Dr. John Naylon, Keele. 16 x 12cm. FINE.

A splendid view of the bows of the tea clipper *CUTTY SARK*, taken from the bottom of a London graving dock in 1951 by the sailing ship expert, Richard M. Cookson. Built on the Clyde in 1869 for the China tea trade, *CUTTY SARK* was forced to turn to the Australian wool trade as the opening of the Suez Canal took its toll on the clippers. Eventually she was sold to Portuguese buyers until she was bought by a retired sea captain in 1922 and used as a training ship. In 1938 the Thames Nautical Training College purchased her, but by 1950 they no longer required her as a cadet ship and she went to Greenwich in 1954 to be preserved in her present berth. From February to October 1951 – the period this photograph was taken – *CUTTY SARK* was temporarily moved, first for a refit, and then to take part in the Festival of Britain at Deptford. On the 30th January 1952, Everard’s coastal tanker *AQUEITY* collided with the clipper’s bows in the Thames. The two vessels were locked together, forcing the clipper’s jib boom into the fo’cs’le rails of the WORCESTER, snapping off the boom, scraping the training ship’s sides, and causing the clipper’s figurehead to lose an arm (later recovered downstream). *CUTTY SARK* went into Shadwell Basin for repairs. £30.00*
{V465} AN ALBUM OF 184 BLUE FUNNEL LINE PHOTOGRAPHS AND POSTCARDS. 184 images, chiefly photographs (some cold.). All in plastic sleeves, mostly two to a page. Black plastic album ; gilt. 24 x 21cm. FINE.
A collection of 184 photographs and postcards, a few in colour, of Blue Funnel Line, Alfred Holt ships of Liverpool. Chiefly photographs, includes some aerial views, ships at sea and in the Mersey, ships in other ports, Holt ships sailing under different funnel colours, two amateur coloured photographs showing the ASCANIUS passing through the Panama Canal in 1963, several views of the CENTAUR, views of their later bulk carriers, coloured view of the MEMNON in Gladstone Dock under Elder Dempster colours, etc. £180.00*

{V466} SIX ORIGINAL NEGATIVES SHOWING CUNARD'S SECOND “MAURITANIA” SAILING FROM LIVERPOOL ON HER MAIDEN VOYAGE IN 1938. 6 negatives, each 9 x 6cm. FINE.
The MAURITANIA was built by Cammell Laird at Birkenhead and sailed on her maiden voyage from Liverpool to New York on the 17th June 1938. These six photographs were taken on that day. She made only a handful of peacetime voyages before the outbreak of war when she was requisitioned to begin her distinguished wartime career. She sailed from Liverpool again as the luxury passenger ship she was designed to be, in April 1947. She was finally broken up in 1965. These negatives provide views of the liner, dressed overall, at a crowded Landing Stage (3 views) ; and as the MAURITANIA sailed down the Mersey for the first time under the command of Captain A. T. Brown, bound across the Atlantic. £60.00*

A Liverpool shipping journal of 1900 containing a number of interesting illustrated advertisements. There are sailing lists for a number of shipping lines including Elder Dempster, Allan Brothers, Houston Line, David Maciver, Houlder Line, South Brazil Line, United Steamship Company of Copenhagen, Stott Line, Lampert & Holt, and details of other ships, both sail and steam. There is a history of the Liverpool Shipbrokers Benevolent Society, grumbles about Trinity House light dues, and many interesting and sometimes amusing notes on shipping matters from Bristol to Barry ; America to Canada. In addition there is the latest position of ‘Liverpool General Trading Steamers’, etc. SCARCE. £35.00

{V468} 38 COLOURED PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE COASTAL PLEASURE VESSEL “BALMORAL” ON AN EXCURSION FROM LIVERPOOL TO THE MENAI STRAITS VIA LLANDUDNO. 38 cold. photos 15 x 10cm. each, in plastic sleeves. Photos FINE.
The M/V BALMORAL was launched in 1949 for the Red Funnel Line of Southampton for their Isle of Wight service. In 1968 she was acquired by P & A Campbell’s White Funnel fleet, serving the Bristol Channel until 1980. After serving briefly as a floating restaurant at Dundee, she was purchased by the Waverley Steam Navigation Co. for excursions. These 38 coloured photographs were taken by a passenger on such an excursion from Liverpool (c.1990/1991). They show BALMORAL at the ferry Landing Stage on a rainy day ; several views on deck and down below ; her call at Llandudno ; passing Puffin Island ; her main destination at Beaumaris, Anglesey, in the Menai Straits ; the passing of a wreck on her beam-ends ; and the return to the Mersey. The weather did not seem to improve very much, but the passengers seemed determined to enjoy sailing in the wake of the old Liverpool & North Wales steamers that ceased their holiday sailings in the mid-1960s. £48.00*
Original First World War Trench Map for Belgium & France

Original First World War Trench Map: Belgium and France. Sheet 45.

An original British First World War trench map, scale 1:40,000, covering part of Belgium and France with Mons at its centre. Outlying towns include Basecles, Jurbise, Crespin, Audregnies, Dour, and Givry. The Battle of Mons in August 1914 was the first major action of the British Expeditionary Force. The BEF attempted to hold the line of the Mons-Condé Canal against the advancing German 1st Army. The enemy attacked in superior numbers, and although the British fought hard and inflicted disproportionate causalities, they were eventually forced to retreat, not helped by the sudden retreat of the French 5th Army which exposed their right flank. They fell back on Paris before counter-attacking the Germans at the Battle of the Marne. For both sides at Mons it was a victory of sorts. The British, outnumbered 3 to 1, were fighting on the Continent for the first time since the Crimea, and there was uncertainty as to how they would perform. In the event they showed their metal, dealing a sharp blow to the Germans who considered the British Army to be inconsequential. A German officer wrote: “We had been badly beaten, and by the English – by the English we had so laughed at a few hours before.” (Capt. Walter Bloem).

Aston, Major D. P. (Compiler). The Royal Engineers – A Short History.

This short history of the Royal Engineers was prepared from the ten volumes of the Official History of the Corps of Royal Engineers, articles in the RE Journal, and from Royal Engineers by Derek Boyd. This attractive publication contains various coloured illustrations plus a folding map.


This is a history of the raising, training and active service, most notably on the Somme, of 92 Infantry Brigade, 31st Division, the Hull Pals in World War I. A wealth of appendices include nominal rolls, gallantry awards, soldiers’ and, separately, officers’ deaths in date order, personal information on Hull Pals and officers died, Hull Pals court-martialled for desertion, badges, colours and memorials, the shooting of Private McColl, and more besides.

Carter, Terry. Birmingham Pals: 14th, 15th & 16th (Service) Battalions of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment.

This is a history of the raising, training and active service of the three city battalions raised in Birmingham from 14th, 15th & 16th (Service) Battalions of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment in World War One. It covers the service of the Birmingham Pals at the Arras Front, the
Somme, La Bassee, Vimy Ridge, Arras and 3\textsuperscript{rd} Ypres, Italy, Nieppe Forest and in the Advance to Victory. £25.00

\{Z473\} Cooksey, Jon. \textit{BARNESLEY PALS : THE 13\textsuperscript{TH} & 14\textsuperscript{TH} BATTALIONS YORK \& LANCASTER REGIMENT.} Barnsley, 3\textsuperscript{rd} imp., 1996. 288 pp., numerous photo-ills., + some maps \& plans, some of which are cold. P.c., 37 x 25cm. Nr.FINE. A history of the raising, training and active service, most notably on the Somme, of the Tyneside Scottish Brigade raised in the North East in World War One. It also contemplates the aftermath of the war on the local community. £25.00

\{Z474\} Gibson, R. \& Oldfield, P. \textit{SHEFFIELD CITY BATTALION : THE 12\textsuperscript{TH} (SERVICE) BATTALION YORK \& LANCASTER REGIMENT.} Wharncliffe Publishing Ltd., Barnsley, 1\textsuperscript{st} ed., 1988. 264 pp., numerous photo-ills., + some maps \& plans, some of which are cold. P.c., 37 x 25cm. Nr.FINE. A history of the raising, training and active service of the 13\textsuperscript{th} \& 14\textsuperscript{th} Battalions, York \& Lancaster Regiment, raised by Barnsley in World War One ; with coloured maps \& plans. Appendices provide nominal rolls for both battalions plus casualty and medal lists. £25.00

\{Z475\} Maddocks, Graham. \textit{LIVERPOOL PALS : 17\textsuperscript{TH}, 18\textsuperscript{TH}, 19\textsuperscript{TH} \& 20\textsuperscript{TH} BATTALIONS THE KING’S (LIVERPOOL REGIMENT).} Barnsley, 1\textsuperscript{st} ed., 1991. 263 pp., numerous photo-ills., + some maps \& plans. P.c., 37 x 25cm. FINE. This is a record of the Liverpool Pals, the backbone of Liverpool’s commerce, who were the first of all the Pals battalions to be raised in World War I and they were the last to be stood down. Those who survived the first day of the Battle of the Somme fought all through the Somme, the Battle of Arras and Passchendaele in 1917, and the desperate defence against the German offensive of March 1918. When comrades looked forward to demobilisation, the men of the 17\textsuperscript{th} Battalion were sent to Russia to fight an eleven-month campaign against the Bolsheviks. Uncommon First Edition. £25.00

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