

The Untold Stories of World War Two: Extraordinary Lives, Extraordinary Stories - Force Benedict

World War Two remains one of the most studied and documented periods in human history. The stories of heroism, sacrifice, and resilience have been told and retold countless times. However, among the vastness of tales from this turbulent era, some extraordinary accounts remain untold. Force Benedict, a special British unit, was involved in some of the war's most daring and secret operations. This article aims to shed light on the extraordinary lives and stories of these unsung heroes.

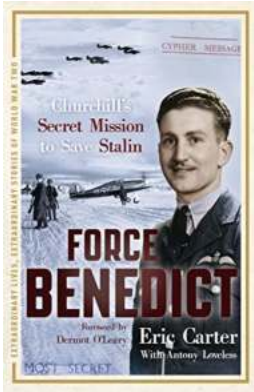
The Birth of Force Benedict

Force Benedict, also known as the No. 9 Commando, was formed in the midst of the Second World War. Its creation came as a response to the dire need for skilled and specialized soldiers to carry out covert operations against the Axis powers. These specially trained men took part in missions ranging from sabotage and intelligence gathering to amphibious assaults and long-range reconnaissance.

The unit was named after Benedict Arnold, a famous American Revolutionary War general who later turned traitor. The irony was not lost on the British high command, who wanted these soldiers to carry out covert operations behind enemy lines with the utmost secrecy and deception.

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From Dunkirk to D-Day: Extraordinary Missions

One of Force Benedict's most remarkable missions took place during the evacuation of Dunkirk in 1940. They infiltrated the German lines to gather crucial intelligence and disrupt their operations. These brave men risked their lives to ensure the success of Operation Dynamo, the evacuation that saved the lives of over 300,000 British and Allied troops.

As the war progressed, Force Benedict continued to play a pivotal role in several important operations. They trained and fought alongside the French Resistance, assisting in sabotage and guerrilla warfare against the occupiers. Their knowledge of the French coastline proved invaluable during the planning and execution of the famous D-Day landings in 1944.

The unit's founder, Lieutenant Colonel Ronnie Tod, led by example and became an inspiration to his men. His charisma and fearlessness were evident on numerous occasions, whether it was leading daring night raids or parachuting behind enemy lines in the dead of night.

Unsung Heroes: Extraordinary Lives

The members of Force Benedict came from all walks of life, united by their dedication to the cause. One such extraordinary individual was Sergeant Jack Rollings, a former circus acrobat who used his agility and flexibility to great advantage in the field. Rollings' ability to traverse treacherous terrains and infiltrate enemy lines often made the difference between success and failure.

Another remarkable soldier was Corporal Evelyn Bishop, a linguistics expert fluent in multiple languages. Bishop's linguistic prowess allowed him to gather critical intelligence by listening in on enemy communications. His ability to decipher codes and intercept messages played a crucial role in several covert operations.

Sergeant James Watson, an expert mechanic, was responsible for keeping the unit's vehicles and equipment in peak condition. Under Watson's meticulous care, Force Benedict's transport remained reliable and functional, even in the harshest of conditions.

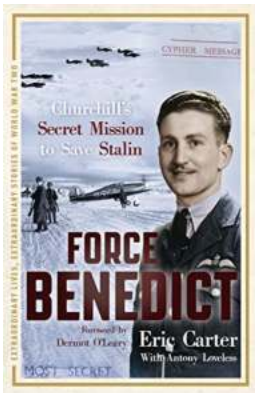
The Legacy of Force Benedict

Force Benedict's achievements and contributions during World War Two often went unnoticed and unacknowledged. Due to the covert and classified nature of their operations, their stories remained hidden from the public eye for decades.

It is only in recent years that these extraordinary lives and stories have begun to emerge. Documentaries, books, and personal accounts from surviving members of the unit have brought their heroic actions to light. Their unwavering bravery and determination continue to inspire new generations to strive for greatness in the face of adversity.

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Force Benedict, the No. 9 Commando, represents a fascinating chapter in the annals of World War Two history. By shining a light on their extraordinary lives and stories, we can pay homage to their sacrifices and ensure that their legacy lives on. These brave men and women fought in the shadows, rewriting the course of history against all odds. It is time we celebrate and remember them as the true heroes they were.



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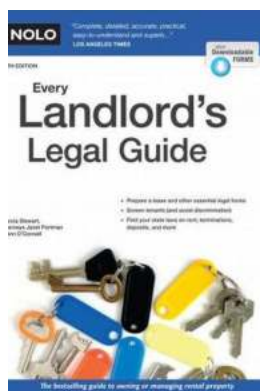


Second World War fighter pilot Eric Carter is one of only four surviving members of a secret mission, code-named 'Force Benedict'. Sanctioned by Winston Churchill in 1941 Force Benedict was dispatched to defend Murmansk, the USSR's only port not under Nazi occupation. If Murmansk fell, Soviet resistance against the Nazis would be hard to sustain and Hitler would be able to turn all his forces on Britain...

Force Benedict was under the command of New Zealand-born RAF Wing Commander Henry Neville Gynes Ramsbottom-Isherwood, who led two squadrons of Hurricane fighters, pilots and ground crew which were shipped to

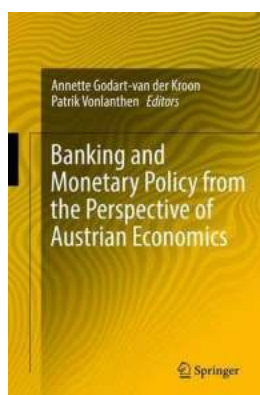
Russia in total secrecy on the first ever Arctic Convoy. They were told to defend Murmansk against the Germans 'at all costs'.

'We all reckoned the government thought we'd never survive' - but Eric Carter did, and was threatened with Court Martial if he talked about where he'd been or what he'd done. Now he reveals his experiences of seventy years ago in the hell on earth that was Murmansk, the largest city north of the Arctic Circle. It will also include previously unseen photos and documents, as well as exploring - for the first time - other intriguing aspects of Force Benedict.



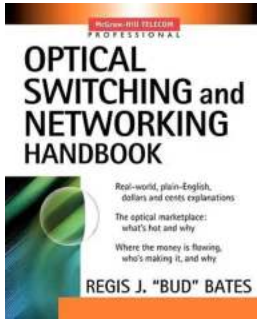
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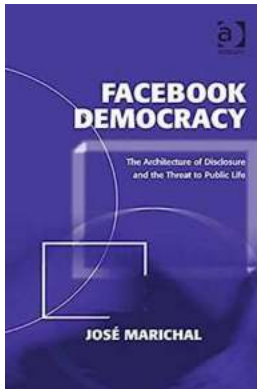
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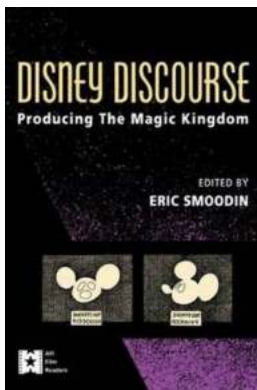
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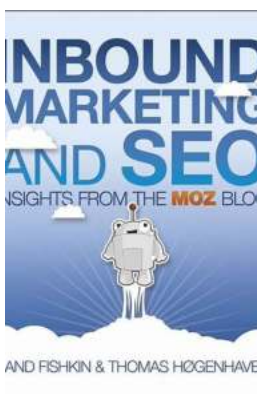
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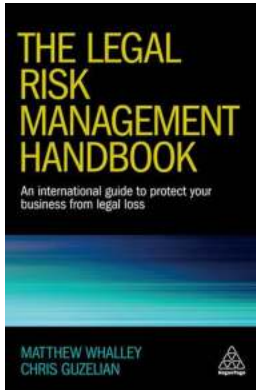
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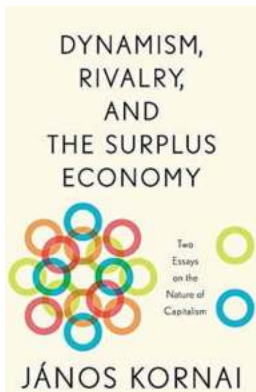
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