Clandestine Warfare Weapons And Equipment Of The Soe And Oss

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Explore the fascinating and often ingenious clandestine warfare equipment and weapons utilized by the elite SOE and OSS during World War II. This detailed overview uncovers the specialized tools, hidden arms, and innovative gear that empowered secret agents and supported covert operations, shaping the outcomes of critical WWII missions.

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Clandestine Warfare

Examines the weapons and equipment used by the British SOE and the American OSS.

OSS Weapons

This book faithfully reproduces the United States Office of Strategic Services' (OSS) 1944 edition of 'Special Weapons and Devices'. The book covers personal weapons such as the Smatchet and Stinger, Harassing devices such as the repulsive "Who Me?," Sabotage devices such as the ingenious Caccolube, Incendiaries such as the "City Slicker," Explosive devices such as the "Clam," firing devices, cameras, clandestine printing presses, lock picks, and more. Intended merely as a supply catalog to streamline equipment requisitions and inform field personnel of new stores items, the book remains an enigmatic glimpse back to a time before sub-miniaturization and before computers and GPS revolutionized intelligence gathering and clandestine warfare.

Special Warfare

Most wars have had some element of espionage and subterfuge, but few have included as much as the Second World War, where the all-embracing nature of the conflict, new technology, and the battle of ideologies conspired to make almost everywhere a war zone. The occupation of much of Europe in particular left huge areas that could be exploited. Partisans, spies and saboteurs risked everything in a limbo where the normal rules of war were usually suspended. Concealment of oneself, one's weapons and equipment, was vital, and so were the new methods and hardware which were constantly evolving in a bid to stay ahead of the Gestapo and security services. Silent killing, disguise, covert communications and the arts of guerrilla warfare were all advanced as the war progressed. With the embodiment and expansion of organisations such as the British SOE and the American OSS, and the supply of special forces units which operated behind enemy lines, clandestine warfare became a permanent part of the modern military and political scene. Perhaps surprisingly many of these hitherto

secret techniques and pieces of equipment were put into print at the time and many examples are now becoming available. This manual brings together a selection of these dark arts and extraordinary objects and techniques in their original form, under one cover to build up an authentic picture of the Allied spy.

Special Ops, 1939-1945

The proceedings of the first major scholarly conference on the OSS, which was in existence from 1941 through 1945. Includes 24 papers presented by veterans and historians of the OSS. Offers new insights into the activities and importance of the U.S.'s first modern national intelligence agency. Discusses: the U.S. on the brink of war; the operations of the OSS at the headquarters level and in the field throughout Western Europe, the Balkans, and Asia. Also explores the legacy of the OSS. Contributors include: Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., William Colby, Walt W. Rostow, Robin Winks, and Aline, Countess of Romanones.

The Secret War

During World War II, training in the black arts of covert operation was vital preparation for the 'ungentlemanly warfare' waged by the Special Operations Executive (SOE) against Hitler's Germany and Tojo's Japan. Reproduced here is the most comprehensive training syllabus used at SOE's Special Training Schools (STSs) showing how agents learnt to wreak maximum destruction in occupied Europe and beyond. The training took place in country houses and other secluded locations ranging from the Highlands of Scotland to Singapore and Canada. An array of unconventional skills are covered - from burglary, close combat and silent killing through to propaganda, surveillance and disguise - giving insight into the workings of one of World War II's most intriguing organizations. Denis Rigden's introduction sets the documents in its historical context and includes stories of how these lessons were put into practice on actual wartime missions.

How to Be a Spy

The World War II Secret Operations Handbook reveals the skills and tricks used by the British SOE, the US OSS, the French Maquis, and other special forces between 1939 and 1945. Learn how to rig up a makeshift radio, how to pass undetected in enemy territory, how to live off the land and make shelter, and how to work as a sniper.

World War II Secret Operations Handbook

The A to Z of World War II: The War Against Japan traces the brutal conflict from Japan's seizure of Chinese territory in 1931, through the onset of war with the Western Allies in 1941, to the use of atomic weapons by the United States in 1945. It also addresses the aftermath of the war, including the formation of the United Nations and the American occupation of Japan. As the first of two volumes covering World War II, this volume concentrates on the war in Asia and the Pacific so the user benefits from the comprehensive explanations of the people, places, and events that shaped much of that region's 20th-century history.

The A to Z of World War II

Based on OSS records only recently released to US National Archives, and on evidence from British archival sources, this is a thoroughly researched study of the Office of Strategic Services in London. The OSS was a critical liaison and operational outpost for American intelligence during World War II. Dr MacPherson puts the activities of the OSS into the larger context of the Anglo-American relationship and the various aspects of intelligence theory, while examining how a modern American intelligence capability evolved.

American Intelligence in War-time London

Historical Dictionary of World War II: The War Against Japan, Second Edition contains a chronology, an introduction, a bibliography, and more than 500 cross-referenced entries on the military, diplomatic, political, social, economic, and scientific aspects of the war, in addition to the lives of the people who participated in and directed the war.

Historical Dictionary of World War II

The hidden history of an ordinary American girl who became one of the OSS's most daring World War II spies before marrying into European nobility.

Air University Library Index to Military Periodicals

A remarkable insight into the training and techniques of Allied agents operating behind enemy lines during the Second World War. Most wars have had some element of espionage and subterfuge, but few have included as much as the Second World War, where the all-embracing nature of the conflict, new technology, and the battle of ideologies conspired to make almost everywhere a war zone. The occupation of much of Europe in particular left huge areas that could be exploited. Partisans, spies and saboteurs risked everything in a limbo where the normal rules of war were usually suspended. Concealment of oneself, one's weapons and equipment, was vital, and so were the new methods and hardware which were constantly evolving in a bid to stay ahead of the Gestapo and security services. Silent killing, disguise, covert communications and the arts of guerrilla warfare were all advanced as the war progressed. With the embodiment and expansion of organisations such as the British SOE and the American OSS, and the supply of special forces units which operated behind enemy lines, clandestine warfare became a permanent part of the modern military and political scene. Perhaps surprisingly many of these hitherto secret techniques and pieces of equipment were put into print at the time and many examples are now becoming available. This manual brings together a selection of these dark arts and extraordinary objects and techniques in their original form, under one cover to build up an authentic picture of the Allied spv.

The Princess Spy

Covert operations and ingenious weapons for irregular warfare were developed rapidly, and with great success, by the British during the Second World War, and the story of the most famous organizations involved like SOE, the SAS and Section D of SIS is now well known, but Military Intelligence (Research), the smallest but one of the most influential of these units is relatively unknown. Malcolm Atkin's intriguing and meticulously researched account describes their role at the heart of the War Office in trying to develop a 'respectable' arm of irregular warfare and their innovations ranging from the early Commandos, sticky bombs, limpet mines, booby traps, and even helicopters to the creation of the MI9 escape organization. They were an 'ideas factory' rather than an operational body but the book describes their worldwide operations including Finland, Norway, Romania, the Middle East and Central Africa. This is also a story of conflicting personalities between Jo Holland, the visionary but self-effacing head of MI(R) and his ambitious deputy, Colin Gubbins (later head of SOE), and the latter's private war with SIS.

The Secret Agent's Pocket Manual

Ultimate Spy provides a unique opportunity to enter the secret world of espionage, revealing the stories of famous spies, recounting tales of famous spy operations, and showing an amazing range of spy paraphernalia. Throughout history, espionage has been used as a means of trying to gain advantage over the enemy. Ultimate Spy outlines the early history of espionage. It examines key spying operations during the American Civil War, through both World Wars and the Cold War, up to the present day. This expanded edition includes a new section that looks in detail at post-Cold War spying activities, bringing the reader up to date with the rapidly evolving high-technology world of spying. Over the years, the author of Ultimate Spy has amassed an incredible collection of spy devices, including concealed cameras, lock picks, suitcase radio, and assassination devices, many hundreds of which were shown for the first time in the original edition. For this new edition, a large number of new items are included, many never seen by the public before. They include laser listening devices, miniature satellite transmitters, new microdot cameras, and various spy cameras hidden in everyday objects, such as pens and key chains. Ultimate Spy also includes information on how spies are chosen and recruited, the training they receive, and the tricks of the trade. A glossary explains abbreviations of important intelligence and security organizations and defines many common terms used in espionage.

Pioneers of Irregular Warfare

This publication reproduces the 1944 Special Operations Executive Descriptive Catalogue of Special Devices and Supplies There's no "expert" foreword droning on for 50 pages, just a facsimile of an original document in our possession. The catalogue describes the various items of equipment, including

weapons, available to SOE operatives during the Second World War Demolitions switches, Disguised charges, Silenced special weapons, Parachuting euipment, Underwater equipment, and more! It's a rare glimpse into a once-Top Secret world Publications in this series include - Descriptive Catalogue of Special Devices and Supplies, 1944 - SOE Descriptive Catalogue of Special Devices and Supplies Volume II, 1945 - SOE Secret List of Agent's Equipment and Operational Stores, 1944 - SOE Illustrated List of Special Equipment Produced by CCO for Amphibious Operations, 1944 - Combined Operations Command

Ultimate Spy

The story of one of the most successful OSS operations of World War II.

Top Secret Descriptive Catalogue of Special Devices and Supplies

During the Second World War daring and highly unusual missions were mounted by the Special Operations Executive (SOE) – formed on Churchill's orders 'to set Europe ablaze' – and its American counterpart, the Office of Strategic Services (OSS). In sixteen separate chapters the author describes how the fearless individuals in these clandestine organisations were recruited, trained and armed, and examines some of their guerrilla operations in Europe, Africa and the Far East, such as the raid on Fernando Po, the destruction of the Gorgopotamos Bridge in Greece and the strike against Japanese shipping in Singapore harbour. Also covered are the means SOE and OSS used to subvert the enemy, by employing black propaganda, forgery, pornography and black market currency manipulation. It may well read like fiction but the stories are fact, and shows to what lengths the Allies were prepared to go to crush the Axis powers.

OSS Agents in Hitler's Heartland

While the United States has had some kind of intelligence capability throughout its history, its intelligence apparatus is young, dating only to the period immediately after World War II. Yet, in that short a time, it has undergone enormous changes—from the labor-intensive espionage and covert action establishment of the 1950s to a modern enterprise that relies heavily on electronic data, technology, satellites, airborne collection platforms, and unmanned aerial vehicles, to name a few. This second edition covers the history of United States intelligence, and includes several key features: Chronology Introductory essay Appendixes Bibliography Over 600 cross-referenced entries on key events, issues, people, operations, laws, regulations This book is an excellent access point for members of the intelligence community; students, scholars, and historians; legal experts; and general readers wanting to know more about the history of U.S. intelligence.

OSS Weapons

In this the first book ever written about the CIA's Office of Technical Service, former director Robert Wallace (a real-life Q, straight out of the James Bond films) and internationally renowned intelligence historian H. Keith Melton offer an unprecedented look at the CIA's most secretive operations and the devices that made them possible. Against a backdrop of geopolitical tensions including the Cold War, the Cuban Missile Crisis, and the current War on Terror-the authors show how the CIA carries out its missions employing amazingly inventive tools. Illustrated with images never before seen by the public-and featuring everything from micro cameras to wired kitties to exploding pancakes-Spycraft is both a fantastic encyclopedia of gadgetry and a revealing primer on the fundamentals of high-tech espionage.

Sabotage and Subversion: Classic Histories Series

Secret instructons written in invisible ink. Cigarettes that fire bullets. Covert communications slipped inside dead rats. Subminature cameras hidden in ballpoint pens. If these sound like the stuff of James Bond's gadget-master Q's trade, think again. They are all real-life devices created by the CIA's Office of Technical Services. Now, in the first book ever written about this ultrasecretive department, the former director of the OTS gives us an unprecedented look at the devices and operations from the history of the CIA - including many deemed 'inappropriate for public disclosure' by the CIA just two years ago. Spycraft tells amazing life and death stories about this little-known group, much of which has never before been revealed. Against the backdrop of some of the most critical international events of recent

years - including the Cold War, the Cuban Missile Crisis, and the war on terror - the authors show the real techinical and human story of how the CIA carried out its most secret missions.

Historical Dictionary of United States Intelligence

NATIONAL BESTSELLER A Goodreads Choice Awards semifinalist Florida Book Awards Silver Medalist Featured in The New York Times, The Atlantic, Time, New York Newsday, and on Today! Best Nonfiction Books to Read in 2019—Woman's Day The Best Nonfiction Books Coming Out This Year—BookBub "A nonfiction thriller."—The Wall Street Journal From New York Times and international bestselling author of the "gripping" (Michael Connelly, #1 New York Times bestselling author) Into the Lion's Mouth comes the extraordinary true story of Odette Sansom, the British spy who operated in occupied France and fell in love with her commanding officer during World War II—perfect for fans of Unbroken, The Nightingale, and Code Girls. The year is 1942, and World War II is in full swing. Odette Sansom decides to follow in her war hero father's footsteps by becoming an SOE agent to aid Britain and her beloved homeland. France. Five failed attempts and one plane crash later, she finally lands in occupied France to begin her mission. It is here that she meets her commanding officer Captain Peter Churchill. As they successfully complete mission after mission, Peter and Odette fall in love. All the while, they are being hunted by the cunning German secret police sergeant, Hugo Bleicher, who finally succeeds in capturing them. They are sent to Paris's Fresnes prison, and from there to concentration camps in Germany where they are starved, beaten, and tortured. But in the face of despair, they never give up hope, their love for each other, or the whereabouts of their colleagues. In Code Name: Lise, Larry Loftis paints a portrait of true courage, patriotism, and love—of two incredibly heroic people who endured unimaginable horrors and degradations. He seamlessly weaves together the touching romance between Odette and Peter and the thrilling cat and mouse game between them and Sergeant Bleicher. With this amazing testament to the human spirit, Loftis proves once again that he is adept at writing "nonfiction that reads like a page-turning novel" (Parade).

Spycraft

Known affectionately as 'Dad's Army', the Home Guard was Britain's very serious attempt to protect our shores from invasion by Nazi Germany in the Second World War. In the 'Spitfire summer' of 1940, all that the 1 million unpaid, untrained part-timers of the Local Defence Volunteers (as the organisation was originally called) wanted was a service rifle for each man, but even that was too much for a country threatened by defeat to provide. Britain's Final Defence is the first book to explore the efforts made to arm the home defence force between 1940 and 1944 and describe the full range of weaponry available for Britain's last stand against invading Axis forces.

Spycraft

This volume is one of a series that chronicles the rise and fall of Nazi Germany.

American Intelligence, 1775-1990

The Fairbairn-Sykes Commando dagger has become iconic as the most widely recognized fighting knife in the world. The origins of the dagger can be traced to Shanghai in the 1930s where W. E. Fairbairn and US Marine officers including Sam Yeaton carried out experiments to develop what they considered the perfect knife for close combat. When Fairbairn and Sykes became instructors for the Commandos, they refined the design which would evolve into the classic Fairbairn-Sykes dagger. The dagger was first used during early Commando raids into occupied Europe but saw action in every theatre of World War II. US Rangers and Marines who had trained with the Commandos took their Fairbairn-Sykes daggers home, and this also influenced the development of American Special Forces daggers. The Fairbairn-Sykes remained in use with many units after the war. It has become a symbol of Commando and special forces units throughout the world.

Code Name: Lise

From the Abrams M1 tank to the zeppelin, this essential reference details the invention and evolution of nearly 600 of the most important advances in military technology from prehistory to the present. International in scope, it covers weapons, ammunition, defenses, land vehicles, aircraft, ships, detection, stealth, gear, supplies, weapons of mass destruction, and much more. Whether researching such cutting-edge technologies as the B-2 Stealth Bomber, Patriot Missile, and the Roborat project or

such historical topics as forts, Molotov cocktails, or the U-2, Encyclopedia of Military Technology and Innovation is a must-have reference. Warfare and national defense have provided a strong stimulus for technological advances throughout history. This reference provides students and researchers from high school through college, scholars, and the general public essential information, historical perspective, and scientific context to understand better the development, capabilities, and uses of major military technologies. Fifty illustrations, helpful cross-references, a bibliography, and an index help users navigate this reference and supplement their research.

Britain's Final Defence

This book is a gripping account of the men and methods of the world's special forces.

The Shadow War

An SAS soldier explains the battle history of this prestigious military service, while teaching how you can defend yourself in both hand-to-hand and military combat. Seventy years after its inception, the Special Air Service (SAS) is recognized by many as one of the most decorated military forces in the world. Their soldiers do battle on a daily basis, taking actions that are normally swift, very hard hitting, and extremely secretive. They will go—willingly—deep behind enemy lines, taking on incredible odds and risking their lives in the hope of rescuing others. In the SAS Combat Handbook, you will be informed on all aspects of SAS operations. With never-before-seen photographs of these heroes in action and untold stories of individual acts of bravery, you will be taught the key combat methods that have made this military group exactly what they are: elite. Included are training tips that will teach you about various military tactics, such as: The art of cover and remaining hidden behind enemy lines The keys to covert insertion and extraction operations Counterterrorism skills, including building entry, ambush, and sniping Fire battles on land, in the air, or at sea And so much more From the gathering of intelligence to undercover operations, the SAS is made up of two hundred men who are rigorously selected, highly trained, and ready to face what others fear. They know what it takes to get the job done, and no matter the situation, their combat skills are the best in the business.

Fairbairn-Sykes Commando Dagger

An extraordinarily detailed reference book, The World At War: 1939-1945 offers the reader an in-depth guide to the greatest conflict of the 20th Century. Meticulously researched with over 1,200 identifications and a bibliography of over 4,000 sources, the book examines the people, places, and events that changed our world forever. William Scott spent three years carefully researching and compiling the information for this book. He worked exclusively from military archives and university libraries to produce this one of a kind World War II reference book. Including an easy to follow chronology of events, a list of military and naval abbreviations, and an organizational chart of U.S. Army units, The World At War: 1939-1945 is a must for military historians, academics, history buffs, and veterans.

Encyclopedia of Military Technology and Innovation

This text covers every aspect of the history of the SAS, including operations, equipment, specialized weaponry and famous figures associated with the regiment. The information is presented in A-Z format and boasts more than 1000 entries with 450 photographs of SAS troops in action and in training and their range of equipment, much of which was developed by the regiment solely for their own use. Battleplan sketches illustrate some of the most important SAS operations from their origins during World War II, to the Gulf War campaigns and their role as an anti-terrorist unit. Every entry is cross-referenced.

The Army Quarterly and Defence Journal

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Ma anche di fronte alla disperazione e alle violenze, Odette non tradisce mai i propri colleghi, non abbandona la speranza né rinuncia all'amore per il suo capitano. Nome in codice: Lise dipinge un ritratto di coraggio, patriottismo e amore di una donna incredibilmente eroica, che ha sopportato orrori e degradazioni. L'autore intesse perfettamente la trama della toccante storia d'amore tra Peter e Odette e l'emozionante gioco del gatto col topo tra loro e il sergente Bleicher. Una straordinaria testimonianza attraverso la quale Larry Loftis dimostra un'invidiabile abilità di scrittura, in questo saggio che si legge come un romanzo.

Infantry

Secret Operations of World War II

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