

Zigzag: the incredible wartime exploits of double agent Eddie Chapman
Nicholas Booth

Chapman became the only British national ever to be awarded an Iron Cross for his work for the Reich. He was also the only German spy ever to be parachuted into Britain twice. But it was all an illusion: Eddie fooled the Germans; he was working for the British all along. Now at last all the evidence has been released, including Eddie's M15 files, and a complete account of what he achieved is told in this enthralling book.

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A life in secrets: the story of Vera Atkins and the lost agents of SOE
Sarah Helm

The Special Operation Executive's French Section sent more than 400 agents into Occupied France -- at least 100 never returned and were reported 'Missing Believed Dead' after the war. Twelve of these were women Vera Atkins had helped prepare for their missions, and when the war was over she went out to Germany to find out what happened to them and the other agents lost behind enemy lines.

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Flying high: an autobiography
Rex Thompson

On the day he turned 18, Rex enlisted in the RNZAF. Following initial training in NZ, he completed his instruction at a gunnery school in Canada. His exploits in World War II are vividly described giving readers a sense of being an on-the-spot observer sharing the sheer exhilaration found in the freedom of the sky.

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Surviving with wolves: the most extraordinary story of World War II
Misha Defonseca

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Under the wire: the World War II adventures of a legendary escape artist and 'cooler king' William Ash

Spitfire pilot Bill was shot down over France. He evaded capture for months before being betrayed to the Gestapo. Tortured and sentenced to death as a spy, he was saved from the firing squad by the Luftwaffe and sent to Stalag Luft III, the infamous 'Great Escape' prisoner of war camp. And from there Bill began his extraordinary three year-long 'tour' of occupied Europe. One of a handful of POWs to attempt more than a dozen break-outs, he is one of the war's greatest escapers.

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Biggest brother: the life of Major Dick Winters, the man who led the band of brothers Larry Alexander

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Flights of passage: recollections of a World War II aviator
Samuel Lynne Hynes

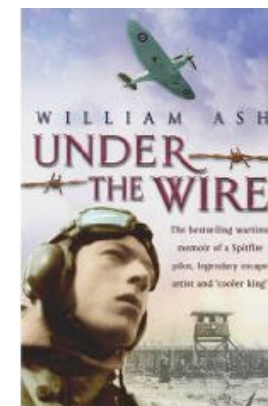
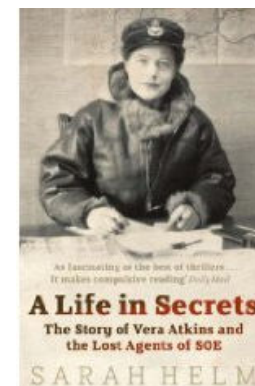
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One who almost made it back: the remarkable story of one of World War Two's unsung heroes, Squadron Leader Edward 'Teddy' Blenkinsop, DFC, CdeG (Belge), RCAF Peter Celis

The story of Teddy Blenkinsop, who was shot down over Belgium in 1944. Miraculously he survived, to be protected by Belgian citizens before ending his days in Bergen Belsen concentration camp. Blenkinsop was not only an exceptional and gallant operational pilot, but his loyalty, dedication and devotion were second to none and his bravery and fearlessness led him to make the supreme sacrifice in the face of Nazi Germany.

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The mascot: the extraordinary story of a young Jewish boy and an SS extermination squad

Mark Kurzem

Jewish 5 year old Alex witnessed the murder of his mother and escaped, only to fall into the hands of a Latvian police battalion. The soldiers adopted him as their mascot and Alex accompanied the unit everywhere as it changed its identity and duties to those of an SS unit on the rampage. He even appeared in propaganda films and newspaper articles ...yet he was Jewish. Was Alex Kurzem a collaborator or just a lost little boy?

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Brothers in battle, best of friends: two WWII paratroopers from the original Band of brothers tell their story

William Guarnere & Edward Heffron

NF / Biography 940.5421 GUA

Easy Company soldier: the legendary battles of a sergeant from World War II's "Band of Brothers"

Don Malarkey

The dramatic tale of the bloody days fighting from the shores of France to the heartland of Germany, and the epic story of how an adventurous kid from Oregon became a leader of men. Sgt. Don Malarkey takes us not only into the battles fought from Normandy to Germany, but into the heart and mind of a soldier who beat the odds to become an elite paratrooper.

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Howard Kippenberger: dauntless spirit

Denis McLean

A second-generation New Zealander, born in 1897, Kippenberger's military career was probably unique in that he was a 19 year old private soldier in one war and emerged in the next as the commander of choice of what was in effect a national army - the 2nd NZ Division.

Dowding of Fighter Command: victor of the Battle of Britain

Vincent Orange

Soldier, pilot, wireless pioneer, squadron commander, spiritualist, champion skier, 'Stuffy' Dowding is perhaps best known as the creator of the first radar-based air defence system and his no less remarkable management of such throughout the Battle of Britain.

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A string of pearls: stories from US marines & New Zealand women remembering WWII

Joan Ellis

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Johnny Checketts: the road to Biggin Hill: a gripping story of courage in the air and evasion on the ground

Vincent Orange

Born and raised in Invercargill, Johnny Checketts was widely recognised as one of the great fighter pilots of World War II. He was shot down in 1943 but avoided capture by the Germans with the help of the French Resistance. Rising to the rank of Wing Commander and being personally decorated by King George VI, after the war Johnny returned to New Zealand, left the service in 1955, founded an aerial topdressing company, and then lived in happy retirement until his death in 2006.

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Torpedo! : Kiwis at sea in World War II

Matthew Wright

An anthology of fascinating first-person stories about New Zealand's naval and convoy work in World War II. Each is a ripping good yarn and war historian Matthew Wright puts each story into context with historical background.

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Odette

Jerrard Tickell

During World War II, a young Frenchwoman living in England left her ordinary life to become a British agent, working covertly in France to aid the Resistance. Entering a murky and deadly world of espionage and double-dealing, she was betrayed to the Germans, only to endure torture by the Gestapo and the hell of the infamous concentration camp of Ravensbruck.

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