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1977

beskriver finlands forsvar gennem tiderne og dets væbnede styrkers betydning for landets selvstændighed

Cold Will

1988

western accounts of the soviet finnish war have been reliant on western sources using russian archival and previously classified secondary sources to document the experience of the red army in conflict with finland carl van dyke offers a reassessment of the conflict

The Soviet Invasion of Finland, 1939-40

2013-01-11

in the face of soviet invasion in 1939 40 and once again in 1941 44 the armies raised by finland a tiny nation of only 4 million people astonished the world by their effective resistance at the end of both these campaigns the winter war and the continuation war the fiercely patriotic defiance of vastly stronger soviet forces by marshal mannerheim s soldiers won their country a unique prize although forced to accept harsh terms finland was never occupied by the red army and retained its independence this book explains and illustrates for the first time in english the organization uniforms equipment and tactics of finland s defenders

Finland at War 1939–45

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overskrifter starting point for doctrine the geostrategic position of finland reconstruction of the defence forces in the postwar period neutrality policy and the development of total national defence territorial defence as the basis for doctrine conclusions and assessment

Evolution of the Finnish Military Doctrine, 1945-1985

1990

this book analyzes the multi faceted phenomenon of finnish military effectiveness in the winter war 1939 40 drawing on a wide array of primary and secondary sources pasi tuunainen shows how by focusing on their own strengths and pitting these against the weaknesses of their adversary the finns were able to inflict heavy casualties on the red army whilst minimizing their own losses the finns were able to use their resources for effective operational purposes and perform almost to their full potential the finnish small unit tactics utilized the terrain and arctic conditions for which they had prepared themselves as well as forming cohesive units of well motivated and qualitatively better professional leaders and citizen soldiers who could innovate and adapt the finnish army had highly effective logistics support and supply systems that kept the troops fighting

Finnish Military Effectiveness in the Winter War, 1939-1940

2016-06-25

from june 1941 through september 1944 german forces fought the soviets in the arctic and sub arctic as allies of the finns this work compares german finnish and soviet tactics equipment and organization and discusses the unique terrain features publisher s website

Warfare in the Far North

1948

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1987

a selection of the military book club a solid operational analysis from an established scholar of the scandinavian theater publishers weekly this book describes the odd coalition between germany and finland in world war ii and their joint military operations from 1941 to 1945 in stark contrast to the numerous books on the shorter and less bloody winter war which represented a gallant fight of a democratic david against a totalitarian goliath and caught the imagination of the world the story of finland fighting alongside a goliath of its own has not brought pride to that nation and was a period many finns would rather forget a prologue brings the reader up to speed by briefly examining the difficult history of finland from its separation from the soviet union in 1917 to its isolation after being bludgeoned in 1939 40 it then examines both finnish and german motives for forming a coalition against the ussr and how as logical as a common enemy would seem the lack of true planning and preparation would doom the alliance in this book henrik lunde a former us special operations colonel and author of hitler s pre emptive war the battle for norway 1940 once again fills a profound gap in our understanding of world war ii

Finland at War 1939–45

2012-07-20

when finland gained its independence from russia in 1917 the country had not had a military for almost two decades the ensuing creation of a new national conscript army aroused intense but conflicting emotions among the finns this book examines how a modern conscript army born out of a civil war had to struggle through social cultural and political minefields to find popular acceptance exploring the ways that images of manhood were used in the controversies it reveals the conflicts surrounding compulsory military service in a democratic society and the compromises made as the new nation had to develop the will and skill to defend itself through the lens of masculinity another picture of conscription emerges offering new understandings of why military service was resisted and supported dreaded and celebrated in finnish society intertwined with the story of the making of the military runs the story of how manhood was made and remade through the idealized images and real life experiences of conscripted soldiers placing interwar finland within a broad european context the book traces the origins of competing military traditions and ideological visions of modern male citizenship back to their continental origins it contributes to the need for studies on the impact of the great war on masculinities and constructions of gender among military cultures in the peacetime period between the two world wars

Finland's War of Choice

2011-02-22

finland gained its independence from russia in 1917 during the turmoil of the russian civil war and ever since the communist leaders cast envious eyes toward their former domain only waiting for a chance to invade with the rise of hitler s germany the face of europe changed agreements were reached between the soviets and the nazis in brutally dividing up a nigh defenceless and the detente culminated in the non aggression pact of 1939 this gave stalin and his cohorts a chance to expand their borders whilst hitler looked west at france and britain by launching an attack directed to recapture their former grand duchy thus started finland s participation in the second world war this book eloquently recounts the stubborn resistance of the finns against the soviet attack during the winter war the horrific siege of leningrad and the finns brave bid to retain its independence from soviet dominance the manuscript for the book was smuggled out of soviet controlled finland in late 1945 it was passed to professor wuorinen who skilfully edited and annotated the work into its present form a fascinating sidelight on a little known corner of the brutal second world war

Manhood and the Making of the Military

2016-05-13

in the lions of finland neemt historicus kursietis ons mee naar de belangrijkste finse generaals in 111 portretten worden de leeuwen van finland aan ons gepresenteerd finland kent als kleine natie grenzend aan de grootmacht rusland een lange en moeizame militaire geschiedenis meer dan eens vocht de natie voor het overleven de kleine finse strijdkrachten wisten hierbij geducht van zich af te bijten 0kursietis schetst de mannen die hiervoor de verantwoordelijkheid droegen en finlands weg naar onafhankelijkheid hebben ingeleid

Finland And World War II, 1939-1944

2015-11-06

during the early modern centuries gunpowder and artillery revolutionized warfare and armies grew rapidly to sustain their new military machines the european rulers turned increasingly to their civilian subjects making all levels of civil society serve the needs of the military this volume examines civil military interaction in the multinational swedish realm in 1550 1800 with a focus on its eastern part present day finland which was an

important supply region and battlefield bordered by russia sweden was one of the frontrunners of the military revolution in the 16th and 17th centuries the crown was eager to adapt european models but its attempts to outsource military supply to civilians in a realm lacking people capital and resources were not always successful this book aims at explaining how the army utilized civilians burghers peasants entrepreneurs to provision itself and how the civil population managed to benefit from the cooperation the chapters of the book illustrate the different ways in which finnish civilians took part in supplying war efforts e g how the army made deals with businessmen to finance its military campaigns and how town and country people were obliged to lodge and feed soldiers the european armies dependence on civilian maintenance has received growing scholarly attention in recent years and civilians and military supply in early modern finland brings a nordic perspective to the debate

Lions of Finland. The Military Commanders of Finland 1918-1945

2018

in the aftermath of the winter war finland found itself drawing ever closer to nazi germany and eventually took part in operation barbarossa in 1941 for the finns this was a chance to right the wrongs of the winter war and having reached suitable defensive positions the army was ordered to halt years of uneasy trench warfare followed known as the continuation war during which finland desperately sought a way out german dreams of victory were dashed and the soviet union built the strongest army in the world in the summer of 1944 the whole might of the red army was launched against the finnish defences on the narrow karelian isthmus over several weeks of fierce fighting the finns managed to halt the soviet assault with stalin forced to divert his armies to the race to berlin an armistice agreement was reached the harsh terms of which forced the finns to take on their erstwhile german allies in lapland featuring rare photographs and first hand accounts this second volume of a two part study publishing in paperback for the first time details the high price finland had to pay to retain its independence and freedom

Civilians and Military Supply in Early Modern Finland

2021-06-22

when the red army invaded finland in november 1939 most observers expected a walkover instead in a gallant stand that captured the world s imagination the tiny finnish army was able to hold off stalin s mechanized echelons for 105 days gordon f sander peels away the layers of myth surrounding this nordic thermopylae to reveal the conflict in its full military political and cultural contexts a bestseller in finland the english language version of

sander's book draws on interviews with both Finnish and Russian veterans of the war in addition to a bountiful archive of articles from both the Western and Finnish press to create the most comprehensive and up to date single volume history of the war written in real time to give the reader a you are there feeling the book describes the Finns' stunning defeat of the Soviets' initial massive offensive including the destruction of several Red divisions by Finnish ski troops the deceptively calm January Interregnum when the two sides engaged in a complicated diplomatic minuet and the final Titanic Red assault itself which finally drove the Finns to the peace table though not before they had forged one of the great legends of modern military history using his intimate knowledge of Finland and Finnish history the author explains how the Finns' winter skills their innate *sisu* or toughness and their devotion to both their young republic and their brilliant and inspiring commander in chief Gustaf Mannerheim together enabled them to make their historic stand Sander explores such oft ignored aspects of the conflict as Finnish press censorship the abortive Allied rescue mission across Scandinavia that was a factor in Stalin's surprising decision to bring the war to a halt the Kremlin's novel use of paratroopers in the war and the pivotal role played by the *Lotta Svärd* the Finnish all purpose women's auxiliary illustrating Sander's fast paced text are nearly 50 photographs including numerous never seen before images of both the battlefield and the home front hailed by *Helsingin Sanomat* Finland's leading daily as a bittersweet morality play that opens up this quintessentially Finnish tale to a much wider and admiring readership and by *STT* Finland's leading news agency as an outstanding book that combines brilliant writing with a rock solid factual foundation Sander's compelling book fills a key gap in the record of the second world war

Finland at War

2016-03-24

On 30 November 1939 Stalin's Red Army attacked Finland expecting to crush the outnumbered ill equipped Finnish forces in a matter of days but in one of the most astonishing upsets in modern military history the Finnish defenders broke the Red Army's advance inflicting devastating casualties and destroying some of the divisions that had been thrown against them eventually in March 1940 the overhauled Red Army prevailed through the deployment of massive force the Finns were compelled to cede territory and cities to their overbearing neighbour but the moral victory was theirs the courage and skill their army displayed in the face of the Soviet onslaught and the chaotic and reckless performance of their opponents had an important influence on the massive struggle that was about to break out between Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union for this highly illustrated and original portrayal of this famously unequal struggle Bair Irincheev has brought together a compelling selection of eyewitness accounts war diaries battle reports and other records from the Finnish and Russian archives to reconstruct the frontline fighting and he analyses the reasons for the Red Army's poor performance never before has the harsh reality of the

combat in the depths of the northern winter been conveyed in such authentic detail the arduous daily experience of the troops on both sides the brutality of combat and the constant struggle against the elements are recalled in the words of the men who were there author bair irincheev is an expert on the troubled twentieth century history of finland and russia and has made a particular study of the finnish army during the winter war and the continuation war that followed he is based in helsinki and recently compiled a highly illustrated survey of the mannerheim line which was finland s principal defence against the soviet union among his previous publications is on the roads of war a soviet cavalryman on the eastern front selling points compelling new account of the winter war between finland and the soviet union based on eyewitness testimony was diaries battle reports and other records from the finnish and russian archives authentic portrayal of frontline fighting in the harshest of conditions illustrations 90 illustrations

Guide to the Military Archives of Finland

1971

based on the author s doctoral dissertation at oxford this study examines with a historical perspective the national defence strategy of finland 1944 1989 the author explores finland s dilemma with respect to its geographic position and the cold war politics between the us and the ussr

The Hundred Day Winter War

2013-06-26

this book describes the army raised in finland during the reigns of gustav iii and gustav iv adolf the last decades of swedish rule it considers the organisation of the army and its role in the defence of finland regimental records and official regulations have been used to illustrate the army s peacetime routine which for the majority of officers and soldiers comprised a life as farmers punctuated by periods of training and public works subjects covered in the book range from discipline to uniforms special attention is paid to how an army whose official language was swedish interacted with its finnish speaking soldiers the book concludes with an examination of the mobilisation of the army its performance in war and effectiveness as a fighting force

War of the White Death

2012

the story of the winter war between finland and soviet russia is a dramatic david versus goliath encounter when close to half a million soviet troops poured into finland in 1939 it was expected that finnish defences would collapse in a matter of weeks but they held firm the finns not only survived the initial attacks but succeeded in inflicting devastating casualties before superior russian numbers eventually forced a peace settlement this is a rigorously detailed and utterly compelling guide to finland s vital but almost forgotten role in the cataclysmic world war ii it reveals the untold story of iron determination unparalleled skill and utter mastery of winter warfare that characterised finland s fight for survival on the hellish eastern front now publishing in paperback finland at war the winter war 1939 40 is the premiere english language history of the fighting performance of the finns drawing on first hand accounts and rare photographs to explain just how they were able to perform military feats that nearly defy belief

The Last Finnish War

1979

drawing on innovative scholarship on finland in world war ii this volume offers a comprehensive narrative of politics and combat well argued analyses of the ideological social and cultural aspects of a society at war and novel interpretations of the memory of war

Finland's Search for Security through Defence, 1944–89

1991-06-18

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The Army in Finland During the Last Decades of Swedish Rule, 1770-1809

2007

in a bid to recapture territory conceded following the winter war of 1939 40 finnish forces cooperated with nazi germany and other axis powers during the invasion of the soviet union in june 1941 rapid finnish progress in reoccupying lost ground in karelia during the first few months of the invasion gave way to a more static form of warfare from october 1941 the finns resisted german pressure to participate fully in the axis attack on the beleaguered soviet held city of leningrad and the continuation war came to be characterized by trench warfare and unconventional operations conducted by both sides behind the front lines in june 1944 the stalemate was abruptly ended by a massive soviet offensive that pushed the finns back the two sides clashed in a series of major battles including the battle of tali ihantala with the finns halting the soviet advance before agreeing to an armistice that september the evolving military situation in this sector of the eastern front meant that the soldiers of the soviet union and finland fought one another in a variety of challenging settings prompting both sides to innovate as new technologies reached the front line in this study the doctrine training equipment and organization of both sides fighting men are assessed and compared followed by a detailed assessment of their combat records in three key battles of the continuation war

Finland at War

2015-09-20

because of both history and geography the finnish relationship with russia is unique in europe at the same time the finnish perception of russia as a source of security challenges is acute finland is engaged in a debate over whether it would be desirable to seek membership of nato in order to mitigate these challenges a full and frank debate has been difficult because it is constrained by a range of political and societal taboos nevertheless there are indicators that a move toward nato is not impossible in the foreseeable future if finland were to opt for joining nato this would register in russian defence and security thinking as a serious concern unlike the baltic

accession in 2004 the response from the newly assertive russia could potentially be swift and damaging this would also have implications for russian relations with the eu of which finland has been a member since 1995 many in finland see the eu as a security provider and there is confusion in the national debate between eu or nordic security policy cooperation and an actual defensive alliance finland s nato argument is a complex and multi faceted one made even more so by regional and cultural specifics but it needs to be understood because its result could have a major impact on russia s relationships with both nato and the eu page i

Finland in World War II

2011-11-25

in 1939 tiny finland waged war the kind of war that spawns legends against the mighty soviet union and yet their epic struggle has been largely ignored guerrillas on skis heroic single handed attacks on tanks unfathomable endurance and the charismatic leadership of one of this century s true military geniuses these are the elements of both the finnish victory and a gripping tale of war

Civilians and Military Supply in Early Modern Finland

2021

as soldier and statesman gustaf mannerheim occupies a unique place in the history of finland this book provides a continuation of mannerheim s service in the imperial russian army recounting his conversion to finnish patriot

Mannerheim

1986

the creation of finland s national conscription army in the wake of its independence from russia in 1917 aroused intense but conflicting emotions this book examines the struggles of a new army to find popular acceptance and support and explores the ways that images of manhood were used in the controversies ahlbäck places the situation of interwar finland within a broad european context to reveal the conflicts surrounding compulsory military service and the impact of the great war on masculinities and constructions of gender

Soviet Soldier vs Finnish Soldier

2020-08-20

on 30 november 1939 soviet bombers unloaded their bombs on helsinki the capital of finland stalin s ultimatum demanding the cession of huge tracts of territory as a buffer zone against nazi germany had been rejected by the finnish government and now a small baltic republic was at war with the giant soviet military machine but this forgotten war fought under brutal sub arctic conditions often with great heroism on both sides proved one of the most astonishing in military history using guerrilla fighters on skis even reindeer to haul supplies on sleds heroic single handed attacks on tanks and with unfathomable endurance and the charismatic leadership of one of the 20th century s true military geniuses finland not only kept at bay but won an epic if short lived victory over the hapless russian conscripts its surreal engagements included the legendary sausage battle when starving soviet troops who had over run a finnish encampment couldnt resist the cauldrons of hot sausage soup left behind by their opponents and were ambushed as they stopped to sup although by sheer attritional weight of numbers stalin eventually prevailed over the finns their pointed resistance enabled their country to remain free even as other countries fell one by one

Waking the Neighbour

2009

in the wake of the bloody civil war that followed finland s independence from russia in 1917 the border between the two countries was established across the karelian isthmus an area long fought over by russia finland and sweden in their attempts to dominate the northern tip of europe neither the soviets nor the finnish were comfortable with such a divide which was only 32km from the military and industrial city of petrograd as such both sides began an intensive period of fortification and defensive planning as the winter war broke out in november 1939 the complex and heavily defended mannerheim line suffered intense bombardment the armistice of 1940 saw finland cede control of the entire karelian isthmus to the ussr and a propaganda war ensued through an analysis of the background and operational history of the mannerheim line bair irincheev attempts to dispel such myths and provide an accurate assessment of its huge historical importance

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