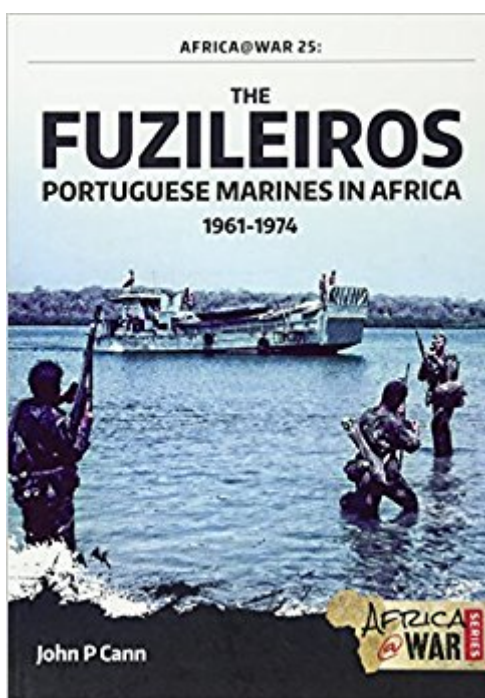


The book was found

The Fuzileiros: Portuguese Marines In Africa, 1961-1974 (Africa @ War Series)



Synopsis

In 1961, Portugal found itself fighting a war to retain its colonial possessions and preserve the remnants of its Empire. It was almost completely unprepared to do so, and this was particularly evident in its ability to project power and to control the vast colonial spaces of Africa. Following the uprisings of March 1961 in the north of Angola, Portugal poured troops into the colony as fast as its creaking logistic system would allow; however, these new arrivals were not competent and did not possess the skills needed to fight a counterinsurgency. While counterinsurgency by its nature requires substantial numbers of light infantry, the force must be trained in the craft of fighting a small war to be effective. The majority of the arriving troops had no such indoctrination and had been readied at an accelerated pace. Even their uniforms were hastily crafted and not ideally suited to fighting in the bush. In reoccupying the north and addressing the enemy threat, Portugal quickly realized that its most effective forces were those with special qualifications and advanced training. Unfortunately there were only very small numbers of such elite forces. The maturing experiences of the Portuguese and their consequent adjustments to fight a counterinsurgency led to the development of specialized, tailored units to close the gaps in skills and knowledge between the insurgents and their forces. This book is about the Fuzileiros or Portuguese marines, a naval force that operated in the riverine littorals of Africa and that was both feared by the enemy and loved by those loyal to Portugal. The Fuzileiros underwent one of the longest and most physically demanding specialist infantry training regimes in the world, lasting some forty-two weeks. Perhaps only 15 to 35 percent of the inductees eventually passed the course and were awarded the traditional and highly coveted navy blue beret. When deployed to Africa, they underwent further acclimation for weeks until they were able to move through the slime and mud of a riverbank with ease, as their lives depended on it. They became experts at riverine warfare and regularly ranged inland on extended patrols, many of which are recounted here. They were comfortable with the uncomfortable fighting environment, and this ability translated into an unpredictability that the enemy feared. This book is the story of how they came to be formed and organized, the initial teething difficulties, and their unqualified successes.

Book Information

Series: Africa @ War Series (Book 25)

Paperback: 72 pages

Publisher: Helion and Company (June 20, 2016)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 1910777641

ISBN-13: 978-1910777640

Product Dimensions: 8.1 x 0.2 x 11.5 inches

Shipping Weight: 12 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.5 out of 5 stars 5 customer reviews

Best Sellers Rank: #740,945 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #141 in [Books > History > Africa > Southern Africa](#) #14407 in [Books > History > Europe](#) #19728 in [Books > History > Military](#)

Customer Reviews

John P. Cann is a Research Fellow and retired Professor of National Security Studies at Marine Corps University, a former member of the research staff at the Institute for Defense Analyses, and former Scholar-in-Residence at the University of Virginia. H

Great book w/ lots of information ,photos, Well written by the Portuguese Colonial master John P.Cann. Must have for your collection on a group of soldiers ,operating in wretched conditons and under equipped in the worst of environments. Worth every penny.John is in he same class as Venter and Bazter and others writing on Post WW2 African Conflicts.

Unknown military history of the African colonial wars

good book full of forgotten history

Africa@war series. nuff said

To technical. It also demonstrates why Portugal is bankrupt. They have become similar to the Greeks.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

The Fuzileiros: Portuguese Marines in Africa, 1961-1974 (Africa @ War Series) Easy Portuguese Cookbook: 50 Authentic Portuguese and Brazilian Recipes (Portuguese Cookbook, Portuguese Recipes, Portuguese Cooking, Brazilian Cookbook, Brazilian Recipes, Brazilian Cooking Book 1) Your Easy Portuguese Phrase Book 700 Realistic Portuguese Phrases for Travel Study and Kids: Your Complete Portuguese Phrasebook for Traveling to Brazil and Portugal Learn

Portuguese for Everyday Use 21 Famous Portuguese Dessert Recipes -Made Quick and Easy- Portuguese food - Portuguese cuisine- Portuguese Recipes: World Famous Recipes Made Quick and Easy Learn Portuguese: 300+ Essential Words In Portuguese - Learn Words Spoken In Everyday Portugal (Speak Portuguese, Fluent, Portuguese Language): Forget pointless phrases, Improve your vocabulary Portuguese Cookbook: 25 Delicious Portuguese Recipes to Get the Taste of Portugal - Enjoy the Authentic Taste of Portuguese Dishes Flight Plan Africa: Portuguese Airpower in Counterinsurgency, 1961-1974 (Wolverhampton Military Studies) The Paras: Portugal's First Elite Force in Africa, 1961-1974 (Africa @ War Series) The Marines of Montford Point: America's First Black Marines Dan Flavin: The Complete Lights, 1961-1996 Rhodesian Light Infantryman 1961-1980 (Warrior) Modern African Wars (2): Angola and Mozambique 1961-1974: Angola and Mozambique, 1961-74 (Men-at-Arms) Portuguese: Short Stories for Beginners: 9 Captivating Short Stories to Learn Portuguese & Expand Your Vocabulary While Having Fun Portuguese A Short Story For Beginners: Learn Brazilian Portuguese Naturally Learn Portuguese: By Reading Fantasy (Aprenda português com romances fantasia Livro 1) (Portuguese Edition) BRAZIL: PORTUGUESE TRAVEL PHRASEBOOK The Complete Portuguese Phrasebook When Traveling to Brazil: + 1000 Phrases for Accommodations, Shopping, Eating, Traveling, and much more! My First Bilingual Book; A Day (English;Portuguese) (Portuguese and English Edition) Short Stories in Portuguese: My Daily Routine, Volume 1 [Portuguese Edition] Easy European Cookbook Box Set: Easy English Cookbook, Easy Greek Cookbook, Easy French Cookbook, Easy Irish Cookbook, Easy German Cookbook, Easy Portuguese ... Portuguese Recipes, Irish Recipes 1) My Portuguese American Kitchen - Recipes with a Portuguese Accent: Easy and Delicious Recipes for the Home Cook

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)