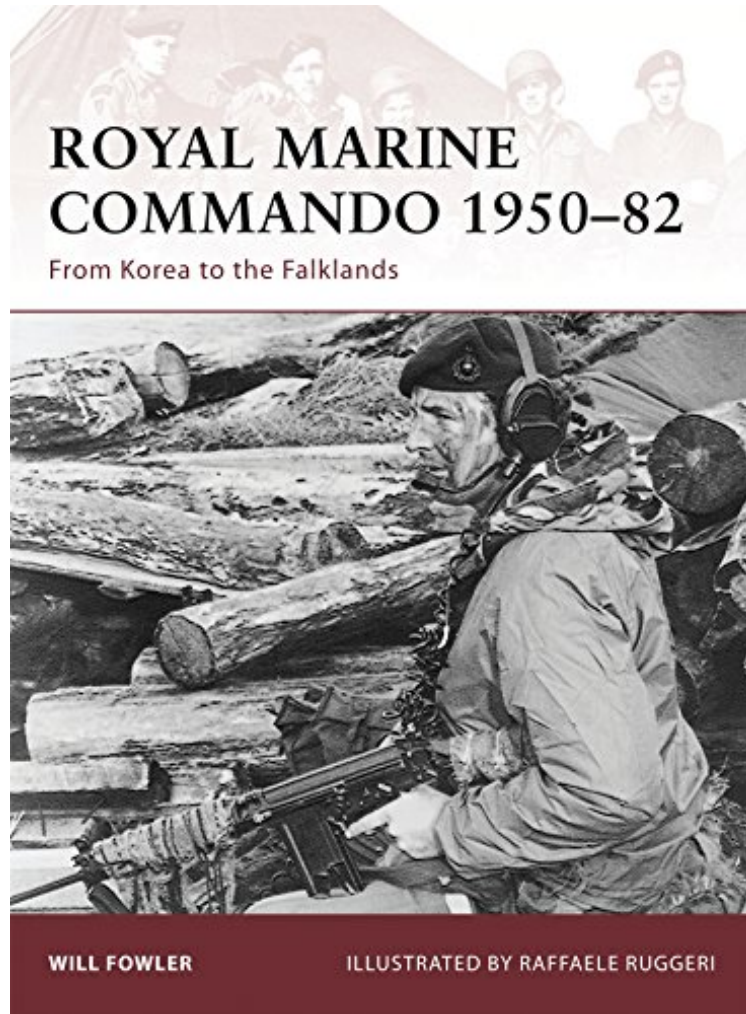


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Will Fowler : Royal Marine Commando 1950–82: From Korea to the Falklands (Warrior) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Royal Marine Commando 1950–82: From Korea to the Falklands (Warrior):

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A very good introduction to the topic despite the limitations of the format. By YodaAs part of Osprey's "Warrior" series, this book is quite short, at 64 pages, of which about a third consist of various illustrations (i.e., photographs, color plates of troops, outfits and kits, contemporaneous photographs of commandos on operations, etc.). Hence if one is looking for an in-depth academic tome on the subject this is not it. However, the real question to ask, particularly given the rather limiting nature of the format is, how well does this

serve as an introduction to the topic? The answer is quite well. A variety of topics are covered such as recruitment, training, weapons, operations during the 1950-1982 period and ancillary matters such as search and destroy tactics and how they build field fortifications. In addition the illustrations, especially color plates, are quite useful, especially to the figurine, diorama or model builder. All and all a very good introduction to this subject. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. No country has a monopoly on the right calibre of man. By Ned Middleton Having served with British airborne forces and alongside Royal Marine Commandoes, I am able to recognise that calibre of young man who would suit such service. No country can claim to have a monopoly on such men, the only thing which makes them different is the training they receive, the equipment with which they are issued and, eventually, the experiences they accumulate. In this work we have a no-nonsense appraisal of the Royal Marine Commando from 1950 to 1982. Not all British commandoes are Royal Marines - which are an integral part of the Royal Navy. Commandoes commenced a new phase in their history by conducting clandestine operations during WW2 and became so successful at destroying targets near the coast of mainland Europe Hitler issued an edict that all captured commandoes would be shot as spies. Such are the foundations of legend. Created in 1664 from the Duke of York and Albany's Maritime Regiment as Royal Marines, it was not until 1942 they became Royal Marine Commandoes. Although the book itself commences with a chronology which takes the reader from 1942 to current operations in Afghanistan, it is primarily confined to the post war period of 1950 to 1982. During that time this force saw service in Malaya, Korea, East Africa, Cyprus, Suez, Kuwait, Aden, Yemen, Borneo, Northern Ireland and finally the Falklands War. There are detailed sections on enlistment, training, equipment used in different theatres and campaigns, dress from the Arctic to the tropics and even daily life. All of this is supported by excellent artwork and a first rate series of historic photographs. Since being introduced to this series of quite excellent books from Osprey Publishing, I continue to be impressed by the content and this example is no exception. NM

One of the most prestigious and versatile units of the British armed forces, the Royal Marine Commandos were a specialized fighting force, serving in many theaters, including the Korean War (1950-1953), the Malayan Emergency (1947-1960), East Africa, Cyprus, Suez, Northern Ireland and the Falklands, and performing a number of roles from counter-terrorism and counter-insurgency to conventional combined arms fighting. During the period covered in this account, conscription to the Royal Marines came to an end and the unit became a professional and dedicated force. The author provides a detailed look at the service life of a Royal Marine Commando in a time of great change, exploring the developments that took place in recruitment, training, equipment, weaponry, dress and tactical deployment in the post-World War II period. The elite nature of the Royal Marines is maintained by the toughness of the Commando entry course at Lympstone in Devon - where successful entrants are awarded the distinctive green Commando beret. One major aspect of the course is that squads should work together, supporting the weakest members - a key ethos that is explored in this fascinating story.

“Overall a book that covers an often overlooked group of men, who have been able to perform quite well whenever called upon. A book I know you will enjoy reading.” ?Scott Van Aken, www.modelingmadness.com (August 2009) About the Author Will Fowler has worked in journalism and publishing since 1972, reporting for European, American, Asian and Arabic magazines from Europe, the USA, the Middle East, China and SE Asia. Among his more than 30 published books is the best-selling MAA 133 *Battle for the Falklands: Land Forces*. A TA soldier for 30 years, he was commissioned from the ranks in 4th Bn Royal Green Jackets, and volunteered for Operation Granby in the Gulf, 1990-91. In 1993 he graduated from the French Army reserve staff officers course at the École Militaire, Paris. Will is married and lives in Romsey, Hampshire.