

Chapter 1 : William Wallace - How The Rebel Scottish Commander Won at Stirling Bridge

The Scottish District was commanded by the Commander-in-Chief, Scotland. In January a 'Mobilization Scheme for the forces in Great Britain and Ireland' was published, with the 'Active Army' divided into eight army corps based on the District Commands.

Scottish Battles - Tippermuir to Cromdal. Montrose thereafter embarked upon a triumphant campaign in which he and his followers were often heavily outnumbered. On his approach, however, Montrose received information that the Campbell forces had joined the Covenanting army at Inverlochy. Instead of taking his men on the direct route past Loch Lochy, he therefore decided to go over the mountain range of Allt Na Larach to Glen Roy, where his men were unlikely to be seen. It was an amazing feat of physical achievement resulting in their taking the enemy entirely by surprise, In the ensuing slaughter, the climax of which was a Royalist charge, over 1, Covenanters were killed. Oil on canvas c. The Royalist Scots, however, were not to be defeated, and Sir John, and those of his men who survived, sought refuge in Inverness. The two armies were of equivalent strength, although the Covenanters had superior horse power. The Royalist army positioned itself overlooking Alford and, in order to attack, the Covenanters were obliged to cross the river. Montrose waited until the enemy horses had crossed, and began his attack while the infantry were mid-stream. In the ensuing carnage, the Covenanters lost three quarters of their foot soldiers. When Montrose was advised of enemy reinforcements being supplied by Lord Lanark, brother of the 1st Duke of Hamilton, he decided to move between the two forces. Baillie sought to confront Montrose at Colzium, and once again over three quarters of the Covenanter troops fell in the ensuing carnage. Although there were remarkably few casualties, the day was won by the Royalists who were led by John Middleton, later created Earl of Middleton, and James Livingston, Earl of Callendar. Hamilton was taken prisoner and later executed. Montrose followed later with several hundred Scandinavian mercenaries, expecting several of the Highland clans to rally to his side, but they did not. Montrose escaped the battlefield, but was betrayed a few days later. He was taken to Edinburgh where he was sentenced to death and executed. Cromwell at Dunbar, Andrew Carrick Gow The English army crossed the Border in July, but the Scots at first adopted a scorched earth policy. Cromwell, suspecting this, re-positioned his men at night and the following day won a resounding victory south of the town. When English Royalists failed to rally to his cause, he was overwhelmingly defeated at Worcester. Charles then went into hiding before escaping to France and exile in Holland. Once it had landed, the Scots were driven back and overwhelmed. Faced with superior numbers, the Royalist soldiers rapidly dispersed. Over 1, prisoners were incarcerated in the churchyard of Greyfriars in Edinburgh. His dragoons, however, became stuck in wet marshland and suffered significant losses. Assisted by James Graham of Claverhouse later created Viscount Dundee , this effectively dismembered the Covenanting movement, but failed to put a stop to the outlawed Conventicles. A Commission of Fire and Sword had been issued against Keppoch, but when Mackintosh supported by Kenneth Mackenzie of Suddie attempted to reinforce it, they were strongly repelled by a force which included the MacMartins, a sept of Clan Cameron. The Government army was commanded by General Hugh Mackay of Scourie and, marching to relieve the siege of Blair Castle, the two armies met at the Pass of Killiecrankie. The Government troops were routed and dispersed, but Viscount Dundee was killed in battle. It was a savage confrontation which ended when the the exhausted Highlanders fell back from whence they came.

Chapter 2 : United Supreme Council NJ, USA, Inc.

the scottish commanders 'It greatly pleased his [Bruce's] heart, and he was persuaded that men of such mind, if they set their strength to it, must be indeed right hard to vanquish.' John Barbour, The Bruce.

Without that recognition a clan chief, and therefore the clan, would have no official recognition. Learney further considered clans to be a "noble incorporation" because the arms borne by a clan chief are granted or otherwise recognised by the Lord Lyon as an officer of the Crown, thus conferring royal recognition of and on the entire clan. Clans with recognised chiefs are therefore considered a noble community under Scots law. A group without a chief recognised by the sovereign through the Lord Lyon has no official standing under Scottish law. Claimants to the title of chief are expected to be recognised by the Lord Lyon as the rightful heir to the undifferenced arms of the ancestor of the clan of which the claimant seeks to be recognized as chief. A chief of a clan is the only person who is entitled to bear the undifferenced arms of the ancestral founder of the clan. Therefore, under Scots law, the chief is recognised as the head of the clan and therefore, once recognised, serves as the lawful representative of the clan community worldwide. The chief was the law, and his authority was derived from his own people". Schedule 5 of the Act makes clear that certain matters are reserved, among others "honours and dignities or the functions of the Lord Lyon King of Arms so far as relating to the granting of arms"; but that is not the case for "Lord Lyon King of Arms in his judicial capacity", which is therefore subject to the powers of the Scottish Parliament. However, passed in the year , The Abolition of Feudal Tenure Act of asp 5 explicitly states sec. To summarise, it is protocol and a preference for any Scottish clan to have their chief recognised by the Lord Lyon and therefore have legal status for the clan as a whole in Scotland and beyond, allowing their head to take their rightful place in the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs. However, the "Chief of the Name and Arms" is a heraldic term, originating from the French "chef du nom et des armes" and refers to the head of a heraldic armigerous family. A crest badge of a clan chief of a fictional Scottish clan. A clan chief is the only one entitled to three eagle feathers. The Lyon Court can recognize the appointment of a clan commander, for an interim period of up to ten years, whereupon a further derbhfine will be required. It is at this point that the Clan Chief is recognised by the Lyon Court. Clan chief prerogatives[edit] Supporters[edit] Clan chiefs are entitled to supporters on their coat of arms to specify a very high dignity. A requirement of the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs for membership, is that an applicant chief must demonstrate a right to hereditary supporters. A chief without supporters could only be allowed to serve on the Council for their lifetime, and each successive heir would have to be re-elected in the same manner. Clan chiefs are entitled to wear three eagle feathers behind their crest badge. Clan chieftains are entitled to two eagle feathers. A clan member is not entitled to any feathers unless he or she has been granted arms by the Lord Lyon King of Arms, in which case they are an armiger and can wear a crest badge containing elements from their own arms. Sashes[edit] The sash , as worn by Scottish women as part of the national dress , is normally worn over the right shoulder; only the wives of chiefs and chieftains, and women who are chiefs or chieftains in their own right, wear it over the left shoulder.

Chapter 3 : History of the Scottish Rite – Scottish Rite of Freemasonry

Wallace was not the only Scottish commander at Stirling Bridge. Earlier in the year, he had combined forces with Andrew Moray, another leader of the northern Scottish rebels. Moray was a fellow Balliol loyalist, and had escaped from English captivity following the Battle of Dunbar in

This is recognized as the unquestioned prerogative of the Grand Lodge. Largely, it bears the same relation to Craft Masonry that the University does to earlier grades in education. When a Master Mason advances to the higher degrees of the Rite, it does not detract, but adds to his interest in everything for which the Blue Lodge stands. It deepens his appreciation of it, and motivates him to more active participation in its affairs. He cannot fail to see the intimate relation between the two, and far from losing interest or diminishing his appreciation, he actually gains in both, or should. The Scottish Rite aids, supplements and reinforces the Blue Lodge in every way. As organizations these bodies are mutually dependent and strengthen each other with reciprocity. The Scottish Rite is a rite of enlightenment. Its purpose is to spread the light of Masonic truth by revealing, and explaining matters concealed or only hinted at in Craft Masonry. Knowledge is power and the Scottish Rite seeks to arm its votaries with moral and spiritual understanding. He became a lawyer in the Territory of Arkansas. He was a linguist, and adept in esoteric Freemasonry. He revised or re-wrote the Scottish Rite Degrees into a coherent system. In that year, the body calling itself the Council of Emperors of the East and West was established in Paris. The double-headed eagle was in all probability adopted by this Council, which claimed a double jurisdiction; one head inclined to the East to guard any and all who might approach from that direction, the other head guarding the West for a like purpose. The Council adopted a ritual of twenty-five degrees, all of which are now contained in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, to which eight more were added so as to make thirty-three Degrees of which our Rite is now composed. The eagle, as a symbol, is rooted in antiquity. According to Albert G. Mackey, the great Masonic encyclopedist, the bird was sacred to the sun in Egypt, Greece and Persia. To the pagans it was an emblem of Jupiter, that is, the Greek Zeus, god of moral law and order, protector of suppliants and punisher of guilt. Among the Druids, a religious order of the ancient Celts, it was a symbol of their Supreme Being. Reference is frequently made to the eagle in the Scriptures. Among the pagans the eagle symbolized great strength and endurance as evidenced by its keen sight, aerial prowess, and resourcefulness in outwitting its prey, never wanting for its daily necessities. May its shining light of virtue guide and guard our pathway of life. By Studying the Scottish Rite Degrees I learned that I should be obedient to the laws of the country, the law of God, and the laws of nature. I should be faithful to the promises that I make, to the vows that I assume, and to family, to friends and to country. I learned to be a man of honor and conscience, preferring duty to everything else, to be independent in my opinions, to be of good morals, to be devoted to humanity, to country, to family, to be kind and indulgent to my brethren, and to be ready to assist my brethren by every means in my power. I learned to be industrious and honest, that idleness is like a dead person. I learned to study much, to say little, and to hear and think much. I learned that I should take no wages for a work that I cannot do, that I should always be always able to say no man is poorer because I am richer and that which I have, I have honestly earned. I learned to be zealous and faithful, to be free from selfish motives and benevolent, that I should be true to duty, that I should be generous, that I should control my temper and govern my passions so that I may fit myself to keep peace and harmony among other men. I learned that Masonry is the great peace society of the world, ever struggling to prevent difficulties and disputes. I learned that I should inculcate justice and mercy in decision and judgment and in dealing with other men. I learned that every wrong done by one man to another, whether it affects his person, his property, his happiness, or his reputation, is an offense against justice. I learned that I should judge not, lest I myself be judged, for whatever judgment I render unto others, the same shall in turn be rendered unto me. I learned to search after truth. I learned that in a large measure happiness is based on ourselves, and that to a great extent, whether we are rich or poor, we choose to be either miserable or comparatively happy. I learned that life is worth living. I learned that Masonry is a crusade against ignorance, intolerance, fanaticism, superstition, uncharitableness, and error. I learned that Masonry is a crusade to establish all over the world, a reign of love,

peace, charity, and toleration. I learned that Masonry is not a religion but a way of life, a belief in God, a search after truth, a belief in and search for immortality. These are a few of the things that I have learned from the study of Scottish Rite Masonry. But they are valueless, are nothing, if I do not learn to practice them; to believe in them with so fervent a zeal that not only will I be a better man but that I will have made so lasting an impression on my fellow men that they in turn will endeavor to live likewise and make such an impression on their fellow men that, by and by, the world will be free from vice and ill-doing, a place of universal peace and tranquility, not only to ourselves but to God.

Chapter 4 : Scottish Command - Wikipedia

The Scottish Gaelic word clann means children. In early times, and possibly even today, Scottish clan members believed themselves to descend from a common ancestor, the founder of the clan, after whom the clan is named.

Paperback This fine book provides interesting mini-bios not found elsewhere of many lesser known Scottish military personalities. While we certainly know Wallace, Bruce and Haig, it is of particular interest to learn more about the many Scottish Wild Geese who served foreign rulers in the 16th and 17th century. These early Scottish mercenaries learned their trade serving under the likes Gustavus Adolphus, and Peter the Great. Many generations of these brave warriors learned their craft in the wars of Europe. The campaigns of Montrose, Leslie and Argyll during the period of the English Civil War are also less well known and receive decent treatment here. Bonnie Dundee gets a fine chapter chronicling his phyric victory at Killiecrankie in and kicks off the Jacobite Wars of which surely George Murray might well have been considered one of the great Captians of the 18th century had the silly Bonnie Prince taken his advice and conducted his campaign for the English crown differently. Generals Abercrombie and Moore usher in the period when Scottish commanders served the growing British Imperial system. They get just treatment as the reformers of the British army in the early Napoleonic period. Its nice that these generals and their lesser known actions get some attention here. Colin Campbell gets a meaty chapter and he certainly deserves it as his career spanned numerous major conflicts. Fighting as a young officer he saw service against Napoleon, then went on to command troops in the Sikh Wars, lead the Highland Brigade brillintly in the Crimean War, and finally saved British India from the Great Mutiny. His life could certainly fill a book, yet he remains little known and was not regarded highly in his own day for the skills of command that he possessed. Hector Macdonald provides the Victorian tragedgy of Scottish commanders outlned here. While not as impressive as Colin Campbell, he certainly performed brilliantly at Omdurman saving as he did Kitchener from considerable embarrassment against the fanatic Islamic hordres. His later life becomes marred by allegations of homosexuality which certainly tainted his career and prematurely ended his life. He is considered something of a popualr hero again today where his tragedy is convenient for Political Correct revisionists. Otherwsie he would remain largely unknown. Had he lived in an earlier period his illregular interests might simply have been over-looked. Not so in the moralistic Victorian Age. The two World Wars get Haig and Stirling. The later is less well known as a commando in North Africa where his efforts founded the SAS which lives on today in the modern British order of battle. Many of the commanders discussed here are little known and for this reason the book is worthwhile in fleshing out their careers. The author makes an attempt to describe a certain style of Scottish generalship exhibited by many examined here. In general this tended toward an odd mix of aggressive humanitarianism. Most of the Scots Generals were concerned to respect the soldiers dignity and respect. Novel ideas for their time indeed! This no doubt enhanced the prowess of the troops they commanded. It is of interest to point out that many of these leaders did not command Scottish troops. This is certainly so after the 18th century. A very interesting and worthwhile book that will shed light on many generals that are often referenced throughout military history. Here we get a chance to learn who they are. One person found this helpful.

Chapter 5 : www.nxgvision.com: Customer reviews: The Scottish Commander

From Bannockburn to Balaclava, from Stirling Bridge to the Somme, a string of great Scottish commanders have led their men into battle. This text traces the common threads that made men such as.

The most spectacular victory of William Wallace, the Scottish leader depicted in Braveheart , it proved to the embattled Scots that they could drive back the invaders from the south. Though there were setbacks ahead, Stirling Bridge was a key moment in ensuring Scottish independence. In the face of overwhelming odds, how did William Wallace win at Stirling Bridge? There were several competitors for the Scottish throne, and many Scottish nobles switched sides during the course of the war. But Wallace was a diehard supporter of John Balliol, the Scottish king. Leading by example, he launched a campaign of guerrilla warfare against the invaders from to , binding his men to him. Earlier in the year, he had combined forces with Andrew Moray, another leader of the northern Scottish rebels. Moray was a fellow Balliol loyalist, and had escaped from English captivity following the Battle of Dunbar in . Though Wallace had more men serving under him, Moray was a more senior noble, and his presence brought the army credibility and political support. Fatally wounded during the Battle of Stirling Bridge, Moray is not as well remembered as Wallace, but he contributed as much to the Scottish victory. Fighting on their home ground, and without the extensive supply train the invading army needed, they campaigned on their own terms, forcing the English to face them in a place of their choosing. Their experience as hit and run guerrilla fighters equipped them perfectly for such a campaign. Negotiations at Irvine Wallace and Moray were not the only Scottish nobles rebelling against the English in . Another revolt further south fizzled out, its leaders negotiating a peace rather than fight the English. A Calculated Gamble A Victorian depiction of the battle. With their larger population, larger treasury and more experienced troops, the English were always likely to win in a pitched battle. Up until Stirling Bridge, Wallace and Moray avoided this, relying upon small raids by mobile forces. Their troops were kept scattered across the countryside, so that the English could not corner them. Their hope was to damage English morale and supplies, forcing a withdrawal. But by September a large English army was marching north to crush the Scottish government. Wallace and Moray gambled on their ability to win if they could just find a battle site that was to their advantage. Though there were other places upstream where men and horses could cross, Stirling Bridge was the only place for many miles where the English could bring their supply wagons across the river. Facing the English at Stirling created a win win situation for the Scots. An experienced, skilful and determined general, Edward was a terrifying force to face in battle. But in , believing that the Scots were effectively beaten, he crossed the sea to Flanders to fight another war. Not only were both men less capable commanders than Edward, but their lack of coordination and proper leadership left the English army confused and indecisive. As a result, the English vanguard crossed the Forth and then withdrew twice before the battle, leaving them increasingly tired and disorganised in the lead up to their third and final crossing. English Morale Poor leadership was not the only factor damaging English morale. Many in the army were providing customary military service as part of their rent, and had no great desire to fight. Others were suspected criminals from less law abiding border regions, men out for themselves. In overseas campaigns it was hard to desert, but from Scotland a deserter could just walk south until he came home. The further they got from England, and the more supplies dwindled, the more men deserted and the further morale fell. Using the Land The northern end of the bridge at Stirling lay on the buckle of the Forth, a small patch of land surrounded on three sides by the river. On the day of the battle, Wallace and Moray mustered their men on high ground facing the buckle. Waiting until a large part of the English army had crossed, they then rushed down and seized the neck of the buckle, the narrow gap the English would need to pass through to reach open ground. Surrounded by the river, the English were unable to bring their superior numbers to bear. Instead, the tight press of men acted against them, making it hard to organise themselves, to fight, and ultimately to flee. Accidentally Ahead of Their Time Made up mostly of relatively poor soldiers, the Scottish army had few of the heavily armoured men-at-arms and shock cavalry that were the elite of contemporary armies. Instead their army was made up mostly of spear-wielding infantry. Though no-one knew it at the time, their victory was in

fact a sign of things to come. Over the following century, infantry formations of polearms and bowmen would increasingly dominate the battlefields of Europe, bristling hedges of spears breaking enemy charges. The English themselves would win famous victories using longbowmen in a similar role.

Chapter 6 : Message from the Commander “ November “ Scottish Rite of Orange County

Other than in their dour religious severity, Scottish military leaders, in Reese's brief narratives of a score of them, seem little different from their counterparts in other armies. Previously a biographer of one of the iconic Scottish commanders, William Wallace, Reese hardly leaves out a leader from Robert Bruce to WWI's Douglas Haig.

Chapter 7 : The Midnight Freemasons: Knight Commander of the Court of Honor

1 Duties, Assignments and Responsibilities of the Scottish Rite Valley of Bremerton Dated 11/22 November, All business of the Bremerton Valley will be conducted in accordance with the By-Laws.

Chapter 8 : Alexander Leslie, 1st earl of Leven | Scottish army commander | www.nxgvision.com

Cromwell in Scotland, Following the Scottish defeat at the battle of Dunbar, General David Leslie regrouped the remnants of the Covenanter army at Stirling, determined to remain on the defensive until he could build up his forces again.

Chapter 9 : Scottish clan chief - Wikipedia

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