

**THE JUNIOR LEADER'S
READING LIST
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'If you haven't read hundreds of books, you are functionally illiterate, and you will be incompetent, because your personal experiences alone aren't broad enough to sustain you'
Jim Mattis (2019) *Call Sign Chaos - Learning to Lead*, Random House

THE STUDY OF MILITARY EXPERIENCE

The Junior Leader's Reading List is compiled to enable inexperienced young officers and NCOs to learn through the experiences of those who have been in battle. History may not repeat itself but the mistakes of history do. Two things are essential to the study of military history:

1. the wise choice of study material, and
2. the development of a critical approach.

The list below has been compiled to assist in the first of these. The latter requires the reader to adopt a highly critical frame of mind. Challenge everything; accept nothing without thinking about it. The current list of training priorities will guide the latter.

Training priorities

The follow priorities are taking from current unit Training Directives.

3. To be advised

The reading list

The RUSI Library list:

1. Illustrates the phases of war from platoon to battalion level;
2. fighting in different environments, and
3. presents the technical and human aspects in an interesting and easily digested form by soldiers who were there.

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FLAME-TROWER TROOP ACTIONS

Wilson, A. (1956) *Flame Thrower*, William Kimber

INFANTRY PLATOON & COMPANY ACTIONS

Baggerley, J. *A Chindit Story*, Souvenir Press

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Crawford, R.J. (1944) *I Was An Eighth Army Soldier*, Victor Gallancz Ltd

Fallas, C. (1954) *St Mary's Village: through the eyes of an unknown soldier who lived on*, Hodder and Stoughton

Gullet, J (1976) *Not As A Duty Only: an Infantryman's war*, Melbourne University Press

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Needham, E.J. (1936) *The First Three Months: the impressions of an amateur Infantry officer*, Gale and Poldern

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Woolcombe, R. (1955) *Lion Rampant*, Chatto & Windus

Windsor, G. (2011) *All Day Long The Noise of Battle*, E. Orion

INFANTRY COMPANY DEFENCE AGAINST A REGIMENTAL ATTACK

Adrian Greaves (2002) *Rorke's Drift*, Cassell Military Paperbacks

Bradley, P. (2010) *Wau 1942-1943*, BigSky Publishing

INFANTRY BATTALION ATTACK

Infantry in Battle, The Infantry Journal (1934)

Breen, B. (1994) *Battle of Maryang San 1951*, Australian Army

Kippenburger, H. (1949) *Infantry Brigadier*, Oxford University Press

Von Luck, H. (1989) *Panzer Commander*, Cassell

AIR CAVALRY BATTALION ASSAULT

Moore, H.G. & Galloway, J.L. (1990) *We were soldiers once ... and young*, Corgi Books

AMPHIBIOUS BATTALION ASSAULT

Davidson, A. Porton *A Deadly Trap*, Boolarong Press

FIRE SUPPORT BASE DEFENCE AGAINST A REGIMENTAL ATTACK

McAulay, L. (1988) *The Battle of Coral*, Hutchinson

BATTALION REAR-GUARD DEFENCE

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Farrar-Hockley, A. (1954) *Edge of The Sword*, F. Muller

COLD WEATHER FIGHTING

Thompson, J. (1985) *No Picnic: 3 Commando Brigade in the South Atlantic*, Guild Publishing

Vander Bijl, N (2014) *Nine Battles to Stanley*, Pen & Sword

DESERT FIGHTING

Daddis, G.A. (2002) *Fighting in the great crusade: an 8th Army Infantry officer in WWII*, Louisiana State University

Keogh, E.G. *Suez to Aleppo*, Directorate of Military Training

Owen, D.L. (1958) *The Desert: my dwelling place*, Panther

JUNGLE FIGHTING

Bruine, P. (2004) *A bastard of a place: the Australians in Papua*, Allen & Unwin

Callinan, B. (1984) *Independent Company, the Australian Army in Portuguese East Timor 1941-1943*, Heinemann

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McAuley, L. (1993) *To the bitter end: the Japanese defeat at Buna and Gona, 1942-1943*, Arrow

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- Breen, B. *A Little Bit of Hope*, Australian Force Somalia, Allen & Unwin
Campbell, A (1953) *Jungle Green*, George Allen & Unwin Ltd
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INFANTRY , ARTILLERY & ARMOUR COMBAT, CASUALTIES AND DISCIPLINE

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Holmes, R. (1985) *Firing Line*, Jonathan Cape
Keegan, J. (1985) *The Face of Battle*, Penguin Books

LEADERSHIP

- (1994) *Junior Leadership on the Battlefield*, Australian Army
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Montgomery, B. (1961) *The Path To Leadership*, Collins