The Thin Red Line: War Empire and Visions of Scotland

Abstract

Over centuries, war and military service have shaped the way the world sees Scotland and the way the Scots see themselves. Using key objects from the collections of National Museums Scotland, particularly the National War Museum of Scotland to illustrate the book's narrative, the authors uncover the historical forces behind this phenomenon, exploring the impact of the war on generations of Scots. Through union, empire, world war and modern global politics the resilience and utility of the Scottish military tradition is revealed.

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Although the phrase ‘thin red line’ is often applied generally to the British Army, it is correctly the nickname of the regiment later known as the Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders, 5th Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Scotland. Share this: Click to share on Facebook (Opens in new window). Click to share on Twitter (Opens in new window). Click to share on LinkedIn (Opens in new window). Click to share on Pinterest (Opens in new window). Click to share on WhatsApp (Opens in new window). The Thin Red Line was a military action by the British Sutherland Highlanders 93rd (Highland) Regiment at the Battle of Balaklava on 25 October 1854, during the Crimean War. In this incident, around 200 men of the 93rd, aided by a small force of 100 walking wounded, 40 detached Guardsmen, and supported by a substantial force of Turkish infantrymen, led by Sir Colin Campbell, routed a Russian cavalry charge. Previously, Campbell's Highland Brigade had taken part in actions at the Battle of Alma and the The Thin Red Line showcases war objects and artifacts from many wars that the Highlanders battled in while under British rule. The photographers of these objects are meant for the reader to consider the effects that military service and war had on the Scots. The authors seek to record the truth, rather than glorifying. Get A Copy. Kindle Store. Amazon. Stores ▾. Audible Barnes & Noble Walmart eBooks Apple Books Google Play Abebooks Book Depository Indigo Alibris Better World Books IndieBound.