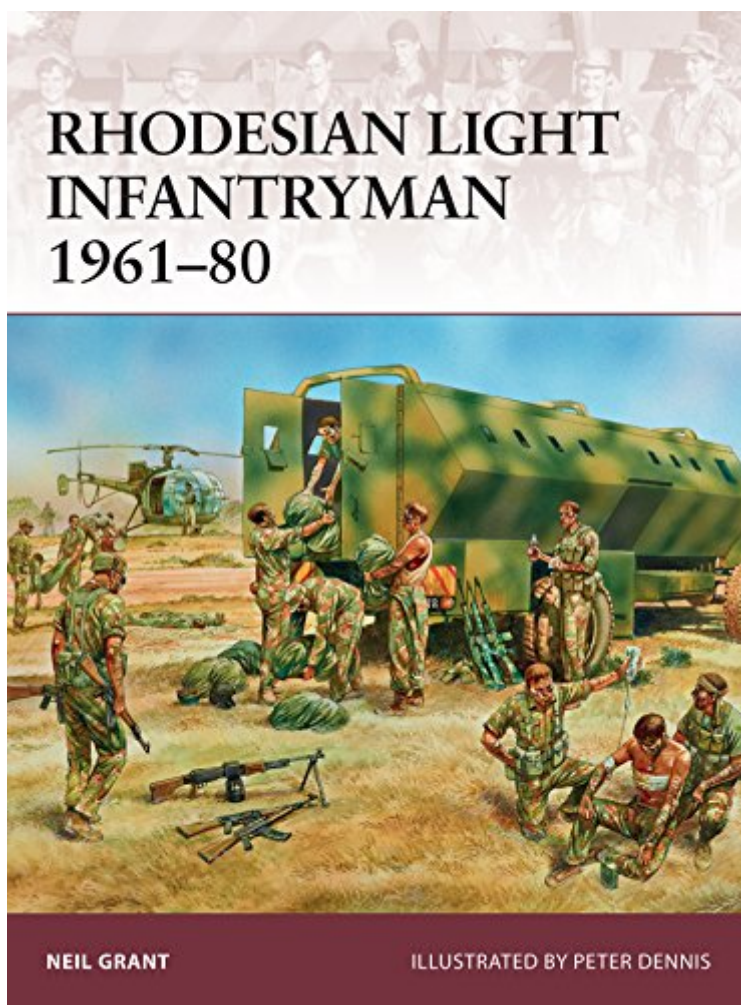


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Synopsis

The 1st Battalion, The Rhodesian Light Infantry, was one of the most innovative and successful counter-insurgency units in modern history. Formed as a commando battalion in 1964 after the dissolution of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, the RLI was an all-white unit made up of South Africans and men from the UK, Europe and US. It was a key weapon in independent Rhodesia's struggle against the Zimbabwe African National Liberation Army and Zimbabwe People's Revolutionary Army during the bloody Rhodesian Bush War. This comprehensive study explores the unit's dramatic history, revealing the RLI's fearsome airborne and combat capacity, which gave the unit, at times, near total tactical superiority against its opponents.

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Good Osprey book on this subject with many pictures and colored drawing. Easy to read and understand, well presented with information covering training tactics and formation during the civil war in this country.

I'll keep this book by my recliner as a reference while reading other books on the Bush War. Well written, excellent color drawings to supplement many photos I haven't seen before. Good

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I really enjoyed this book. It does a great job of covering the RLI from start to finish, and has some things not mentioned in any of my other books. It's an impressive amount of information crammed in here, though the drawings could be a notch better.

Minor criticism with the illustrations of some of the Infantryman's kit, where the artist seems to be confusing it with the very similar, but different issue items used by the Zimbabwe National Army (particularly the flap-cap).

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