

From the Frontline of History - Teddy Champion at war with the Seaforth Highlanders 1895 - 1916

Major new addition to regimental history of Seaforth Highlanders, including first-hand accounts of the Crete Occupation, Sudan Campaign, Boer War and Great War.

LONDON, MIDDLESEX, UK, October 6, 2022 /EINPresswire.com/ -- A major new biography of Lieutenant Colonel Edward "Teddy" Champion of the [Seaforth Highlanders](#) has been published by [Nick Bastin](#), the author of the thriller BloodBond. The book draws on Teddy Champion's never before published, private diaries and letters which bring a unique, personal and fresh perspective to some of the British Empire's most well-known and forgotten wars.

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Lieutenant Colonel Teddy Champion

A career officer in the Seaforth Highlanders, Teddy Champion starts his account as a cheeky 2nd Lieutenant, the babe of the Regiment, during the International Occupation of Crete in 1897, before campaigning in Sudan in 1898, including participating in the Battles of Atbara and

Omdurman, the Boer War, and duty in India. Landing in France in August 1914, his visceral account of rebuffing the German advance and the descent into trench warfare end with his command of the Seaforths through the horror of the Second Battle of Ypres and one of the first uses of poison gas against British troops by German forces.

Colonel (Retired) James Hopkinson OBE, former Commanding Officer of The Highlanders, 4th Battalion The Royal Regiment of Scotland in Iraq, has written a foreword.

Nick Bastin commented:

“Teddy is an engaging companion through the wars that brought the long 19th century to a close. His first-hand accounts give a rare personal perspective across a sweep of British history, from the confident zenith of Empire to the sowing of the seeds of its destruction in the mud and blood of Flanders Fields. The heart-breaking horror of poison gas and death in the trenches are

brought to life here with visceral feeling.”

In his foreword, Colonel Hopkinson OBE, states:

“There are many books and accounts covering the period before and during the First World War but few span as full a career as Teddy’s or give such a personal insight to the many campaigns and theatres where he saw service.

“What is extraordinary, is that despite the numbers of casualties, battalions like 2nd Seaforth never wavered and never broke, due in large measure to the toughness of the Jocks and the steadfast leadership at both Non-Commissioned Officer and Commissioned Officer levels. Nowhere is this better epitomised than Teddy’s order to 2nd Seaforth:

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“This in the face of a gas attack.

“I like to think that this steadfast battle discipline endures today as warranted by the bravery of so many British soldiers, men and women, during the recent conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. Worthy descendants of an earlier extraordinary generation.”

The book contains a large number of previously unseen photographs that bring the campaigns and personalities to life.

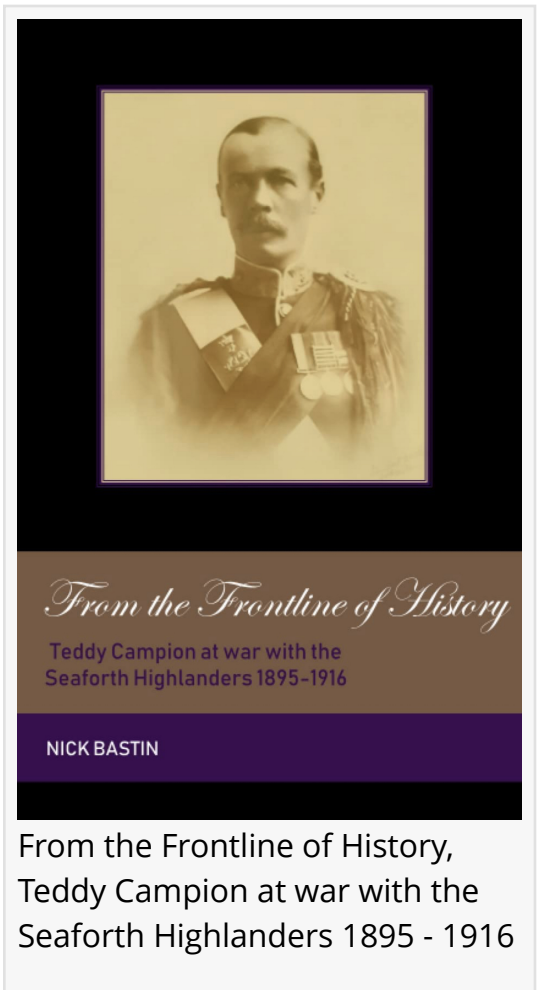
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Nick Bastin lives in London with his wife, three children and two cats. Teddy Campion is his Great Great Uncle, and the book draws on many personal diaries and letters that have remained in family hands ever since they were written.



Nick previously co-authored A Very Canny Scot – Daniel Campbell of Shawfield and Islay, a well-received biography of one of Scotland's leading figures of the early 18th century.

Most recently, he authored BloodBond, BloodFeud and BloodLine; a trilogy of fast-paced, gritty, thrillers set in an alternate contemporary Britain. BloodLine is published by Chiselbury, the independent publisher. More information at www.nick-bastin.com

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