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quick description of where the division served. The book however omits commandos, airborne and Indian divisions stating there was simply not enough room to cover them all, however this is a small book one feels they could have adequately been covered in the same book. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. An Interesting Book on a little visited subject By D. D Lawson RSM Chappell has done an excellent job on a subject that is not well known or covered over here in the States. Altogether considering the complex subject of the rampant Tribalism of the British Army especially during WWII. This book is an excellent effort and deserves a place in any good library covering the Fight against the Axis or one that is interested in the British Army.