



Captains Courageous: Gunner Gregg, Donny MacKenzie the Liberation of the Nure Valley

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Createspace, United States, 2014. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 279 x 216 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.The Italian prisoner-of-war camp PG29 Veano was a converted seminary which stood on a slope overlooking the river Nure in Piacenza province. By late 1942, it housed some three hundred Allied personnel - mostly British, New Zealanders and South Africans - who had been captured in North Africa. A large contingent had arrived after the fall of Tobruk in June that year. One of them was a Scot, Captain 64178 Archibald Donald Donny Mackenzie. He was in his late twenties, though he looked younger. One of his fellow prisoners later described him as a big, solid man, clearly highly intelligent (he had read Classics at Oxford), but quiet, perhaps even taciturn and slightly dour. No doubt his capture was partly to blame for his quietness. Having spent several years on the staff in the Middle East, Donny had returned to his parent unit - 2nd Battalion, Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders - only a month before they had made a determined and heroic stand at Tobruk. When the Germans had made it clear that further resistance would result...



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