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**Command and Leadership Series**

**Field Marshal Sir Alan Francis  
Brooke, 1<sup>st</sup> Viscount Alanbrooke**

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## Alanbrooke, Sir Alan Francis Brooke, 1<sup>st</sup> Viscount (1883–1963)

### Introduction

One of the greatest military leaders of both World Wars, Alanbrooke was known for being an excellent commander in the field. Educated abroad, Alanbrooke began his military career in the artillery, soon to command Canadian and Indian troops on the Western Front in World War One. He later showed his skillfulness as a commander during the retreat to Dunkirk and the evacuation in 1940.

Involved in major strategic decisions of war, his position as Chief of the Imperial General Staff in 1941 furthered his reputation as a talented strategist. Not only was he greatly respected by Churchill and Roosevelt for his leadership of British Expeditionary Forces, he also won Stalin's friendship during the Teheran Conference in 1943.

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This bibliography has been designed to provide a guide as to where to find information on Alanbrooke. Please note that the list of references below is a selection of the more relevant titles and information on the subject. The list is not intended to be exhaustive or definitive but is an introductory guide to some of the resources available.

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