



A Reluctant Soldier (Paperback)

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Createspace, United States, 2013. Paperback. Book Condition: New. David McEwan (illustrator). 216 x 140 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.In Britain from 1947 (after WW2) and right through until 1960 there was what was called National Service. Young men aged 18, were Called Up to do their 2 years compulsory military service. The men who gave up two years of their young lives to King or Queen and Country are now in their seventies or eighties and many of them think it was a complete waste of time. Most of these men were sent overseas to serve out their two years, they were sent to many of the trouble spots in a rapidly shrinking British Empire, to places like Aden, Korea, Cyprus, Malaysia, Hong Kong and Kenya due to the Mau Mau Uprising. National Servicemen also served in the Suez Crisis in 1956. In October 1950, in response to the British involvement in the Korean War, the service period was extended from 18 months to two years. The reserve period after Demob was reduced by six months to compensate. Many of these young men had never left the country of their birth before, and...



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