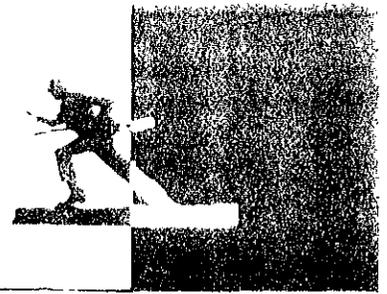


BOOK REVIEWS



The United States Government Printing Office again has told us about a number of its more recent publications that military professionals should find interesting and useful. Among those publications are:

- **U.S. ARMY CENTER OF MILITARY HISTORY PUBLICATIONS**, Fall/Winter, 1984-85, CMH PUB 105-1. This partially annotated catalog lists CMH's forthcoming, newly published, and still current titles. Titles are grouped by major wars or by the series in which they fall. The catalog, free for the asking, is designed for use by the military professional as well as by the academic community and the general public.

- **THE FUTURE OF CONFLICT**. 1979 Edition. 198 Pages. \$5.50, Paperbound. S/N 008-020-00793-5. This book looks at the future of conflict and explores from a variety of viewpoints the inherent risks to the United States during the next 20 years. The book discusses arms control, the prospects for conflict, the new faces of conflict, and modern societies.

- **COMPETING GLOBAL DEMANDS FOR U.S. ARMY FORCES**. 1984 Edition. 136 Pages. \$4.00, Paperbound. S/N 008-020-00977-6. This study looks at current plans for deploying the United States Army and other land combat forces throughout the world and suggests options for deploying only limited forces that might be better able to meet various contingencies.

- **GERMAN ARMORED TRAFFIC CONTROL DURING THE RUSSIAN CAMPAIGN**. 1984 Reprint. 52 Pages. \$2.25, Paperbound. S/N 008-020-00989-0. A booklet titled "The March of Motorized Troops," published by the German Armored School in the fall of 1941, was used as a reference source for this study. In actual practice during the course of the

war, the troops adapted traffic control to the various terrain, weather, and road conditions they found in the different theaters of operation. This study describes and develops those principles that were proved valid and worthy of application during combat operations in Russia.

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We also continue to receive a large number of publications for review from publishing houses throughout the world. Here are a number of such publications we found most interesting:

- **ORDER OF BATTLE, U.S. ARMY, WORLD WAR II**. By Shelby L. Stanton (Presidio Press, 1984. 621 Pages. \$60.00). Several years ago Shelby Stanton published his Vietnam order of battle book, which has been accorded rave reviews by both military historians and military history buffs. This new order of battle book deserves the same treatment; it is an outstanding example of painstaking digging for facts and a tribute to Stanton's desire to keep alive the U.S. Army's organizational history. Perhaps one point should be emphasized: Stanton includes information only on the Army's World War II infantry, armor, tank destroyer, cavalry, field artillery, coast artillery, antiaircraft artillery, and engineer units, each of which is treated in a separate chapter. Stanton does include, however, a section of four-color unit patches; a discussion of the Army's World War II organizational changes; four fact-filled appendixes; an erratum page; and a discussion of his principal

sources.

- **SOLDIER TALK**. By Frank Hailey (D. Irving and Company, 1982. 73 Pages. \$5.95, Softbound). Frank Hailey is a retired Army first sergeant who became concerned that "the jargon of the 'old soldier' is seldom heard in today's Army" and decided to do something about it. This book is the result. Hailey has refrained from including some of the more filthy words, terms, and phrases — a wise decision — and has "laundered" others. What is left is good soldier stuff that military professionals of all ranks will appreciate.

- **AIRBORNE ALBUM: VOLUME I, PARACHUTE TEST PLATOON TO NORMANDY**. By John C. Andrews (Phillips Publications, 1981. 50 Pages. \$6.95, Softbound). This is a fine pictorial reference publication; it contains more than 100 photographs (some quite rare) and 40 line drawings. The narrative portions are quite short, but complete. Instead, the photo captions are used to tell the story of the U.S. airborne forces from their beginnings to June 1944. Brief sections also deal with the Marine Corps' jump units; the 1st Special Service Force; and OSS (Office of Strategic Services) operational groups.

- **THE IMAGE OF WAR, 1861-1865: VOLUME VII, THE END OF AN ERA**. Edited by William C. Davis (Doubleday, 1984. 496 Pages. \$39.95). This is the sixth and final volume in a truly monumental photographic history of our Civil War. In this volume, the Confederacy is beaten on land and its navy driven from the seas. The Union Army finally has become a formidable fighting force with professional command and logistical supporting structures. The South can do little to stop the Northern avalanche — Mobile falls; Sher-

man marches from Atlanta to the sea and then turns north into the Carolinas; Lee's lines at Petersburg are broken and he surrenders the remnants of his army to Grant early in April 1865; and the last substantial Confederate force left in the field, Kirby Smith's Trans-Mississippi army, surrenders in May. The editor, William Davis, ends the series with a splendid chapter titled "The 'Late Unpleasantness.'"

• **A PHOTO HISTORY OF TANKS IN TWO WORLD WARS.** By George Forty (Sterling, 1984. 192 Pages. \$16.95). More than 500 photographs are used in this book to trace — through their accompanying captions — the evolution of the modern tank from the "No. 1 Lincoln Machine" through World War II's Panthers, Shermans, Churchills, and T34s. This is an excellent reference book that has been put together by a most knowledgeable tank historian.

• **WORLD TANKS AND RECONNAISSANCE VEHICLES SINCE 1945.** By Noel Ayliffe-Jones (Hippocrene Books, 1984. 144 Pages. \$19.95). This book makes an excellent companion to George Forty's book, mentioned above. Although this one has more narrative, its numerous photographs are also used to good advantage to trace the evolution of the

world's tanks and reconnaissance vehicles from the end of World War II to the present. Other sections of the book are used to discuss armor, firepower, the threat to armored vehicles by guided weapons, and the future of the armored fighting vehicle.

• **SMALL ARMS TODAY: LATEST REPORTS ON THE WORLD'S WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION.** By Edward C. Ezell (Stackpole Books, 1984. 256 Pages. \$18.95, Softbound). The author, a recognized authority on small arms, takes his reader on a tour of the world in this book to discuss each country's use of rifles, handguns, machineguns, submachineguns, and special-purpose weapons. He also includes a chapter on developments in small arms ammunition since 1939. He does not provide technical data — leaving that for the publisher's more detailed **SMALL ARMS OF THE WORLD** — and furnishes only information that someone can use to determine which weapons the world's armies are using today. Ezell's approach to his subject is most interesting, and it certainly is informative.

In addition to these publications, we have also received a number of others we thought you might be interested in:

THE BATTLE FOR HUE. By Keith W. Nolan (Presidio Press, 1983. 201 Pages. \$14.95). Reviewed by Dr. Mike Fisher, University of Kansas.

Apologists for the conduct of the American foot soldier in the Vietnam War should avoid reading this book, for it captures the pride, fury, and elan that characterized American infantry units in many of the war's most violent intervals.

One such chapter began to unfold on the night of 31 January 1968 when 11 battalions of North Vietnamese regular soldiers infiltrated the sacred city of Hue. At dawn on the second day of the Tet holiday period, a Viet Cong flag was draped over Hue's Palace of Peace, and the communists occupied much of the city. U.S. Army and Marine units were south of the city. A command group from the South Vietnamese Army defended part of the Citadel, which formed the city's inner defense.

Against this background, the 20-year-old Nolan, son of a Marine Corps officer, recounts the month-long battle for Hue. He weaves into his narrative 34 interviews with Marine veterans of the battle, and it is through these accounts that the reader can follow an understrength Marine battalion north, up Highway One, and across the Perfume River where two

