

BOOK REVIEWS



Jane's Publishing Company recently sent us for review another of its outstanding and authoritative reference publications — the 1984-1985 edition of *JANE'S ARMOUR AND ARTILLERY* (897 pages. \$125.00). This edition, like its predecessors, is edited by Christopher F. Foss, who is quite knowledgeable in matters pertaining to armor and armored vehicles. The addenda pages update the volume's contents to September 1984.

In his foreword, Foss looks at the major production efforts and the possible future endeavors of the armor and artillery producing countries of the world, and foresees more intense international competition in the field than there has been during the past few years. He does not look for any marked decrease in those production efforts.

Foss has followed his usual breakdown of 13 subjects, among which are reconnaissance vehicles, armored personnel carriers, self-propelled guns and howitzers, multiple rocket launchers, and tanks. The volume includes a tabular listing of all the armor and artillery in service throughout the world. Historical data, where relevant, is also presented.

What Foss does not say about the Patton series of U.S. main battle tanks — the M46 through the M60 — Richard Hunnicutt says in his latest book on U.S. tanks — *PATTON: A HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN MAIN BATTLE TANK, Volume 1* (Presidio Press, 1984. 464 Pages. \$55.00). In his two previous books, similar in format to this one, Hunnicutt described the Sherman and the Pershing tank series.

He overlooks little if anything in detailing the Patton tank story, and writes of its historical development, armor, armament, power trains, running gear, and ammunition. But he also feels that this is an interim history

at best, that Patton tanks, in one variation or another, will be around for years to come. As he says, "possible future developments ... will, no doubt, provide a wealth of material for yet another volume to complete the story."

Another Jane's book we want you to know about is the recently published *ARMED FORCES OF LATIN AMERICA: THEIR HISTORIES, DEVELOPMENT, PRESENT STRENGTH, AND MILITARY POTENTIAL*, by Adrian J. English (1984. 490 Pages. \$50.00). This is a first-of-its-kind survey of Latin America's armies, navies, and air forces. A British author, English is an acknowledged expert on Latin American military affairs and is a military analyst.

Numerous maps and photographs complement a well-ordered text, which traces each armed force from its beginning to the present against a background of geographic, economic, and political factors. It is a particularly timely, as well as useful, reference book, one that the U.S. military professional should not ignore.

Another fine and useful reference work is Greenwood Press's three-volume *DICTIONARY OF AMERICAN MILITARY BIOGRAPHY*, edited by Roger J. Spiller and Joseph G. Dawson (1984. \$145.00 the set). The publisher asked 237 scholars to contribute one or more 1,500-word biographical essays on particular men and women — 400 all told — who figured importantly in American military history. Only a few of the 400 are still living.

Roughly half of each essay is taken up with a narrative of the person's career, including, where possible, the exact facts of birth and death. The latter half contains the essayist's appraisal of the person's importance to the course of American military history.

Each essay not only bears the writer's name but also includes a list of books for further research selected on the basis of scholarly accuracy and availability to the general public. An asterisk following a name within an essay indicates a cross-reference to another entry in the dictionary.

The series also includes six appendices — a chronology of American military developments, military ranks, military units, persons by birthplace, entries by conflict, entries by service — and a comprehensive name index.

The publisher refers to this series as "a milestone reference work." We agree wholeheartedly.

The Osprey Publishing Company of London, England, has sent us a number of its recently published soft-bound volumes in its *Men-at-Arms*, *Elite*, and *Vanguard* series.

The *Men-at-Arms* volumes contain authentic, detailed, and attractively presented information on the history and appearance of the world's fighting men. Each 48-page book includes a concise narrative, some 40 photographs and diagrams, and eight pages of full-color artwork. The series covers subjects from ancient Egypt to the armies of the 1980s. Each book sells for \$7.95.

The books in the *Elite* series follow the same format as the *Men-at-Arms* books but have more text pages and captions. Each of these books has more than 50 photographs and 12 full-color drawings, all in 52 pages, and sells for \$9.95.

The *Vanguard* books, each 40 pages in length, also are printed in the same format but are used to describe key units and weapon systems of 20th century warfare, with a strong emphasis on armored equipment and operations. Each book sells for \$7.95.

Here are some of the more recent

titles in each series:

• **THE AGE OF CHARLEMAGNE**, text by David Nicolle, color plates by Angus McBride (Men-at-Arms #150).

• **THE PARAS: BRITISH AIRBORNE FORCES, 1940-1984**, text by George Ferguson, color plates by Kevin Lyles (Elite series #1).

• **THE U.S. MARINE CORPS SINCE 1945**, text by Lee E. Russell, color plates by Andy Carroll (Elite series #2).

• **ARMOUR OF THE VIETNAM WAR**, text by Simon Dunstan, color plates by Peter Sarson and Tony Bryan (Vanguard series #42).

• **THE M1 ABRAMS BATTLE TANK**, text and color plates by Steven J. Zaloga (Vanguard series #41).

• **THE SCOTTISH AND WELSH WARS, 1250-1400**, text and color plates by Christopher Rothero (Men-at-Arms #151).

• **PRUSSIAN LINE INFANTRY, 1792-1815**, text by Peter Hofschroer, color plates by Bryan Fosten (Men-at-Arms #152).

• **NAPOLEON'S GUARD INFANTRY (I)**, text by Philip Haythornthwaite, color plates by Bryan Fosten (Men-at-Arms #153).

Finally, we want you to know about the latest edition of the Government Printing Office's catalog Y-5 titled **U.S. GOVERNMENT BOOKS**. It lists nearly 1,000 new and popular Government books, including a fine selection of military publications. The catalog is issued quarterly and is available free upon request.

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Here are a number of our longer reviews of books we think you should know about:

HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY. Enlarged Edition. By Russell F. Weigley (Indiana University Press, 1984, 730 Pages.) Re-

viewed by Lieutenant Colonel Richard P. Dexter, United States Army. In this revised version of his well-received original history of the Army, Professor Russell Weigley, from Temple University, has followed the same basic outline. He has partitioned this book neatly into four areas: the foundation (1607-1794), the formative century (1794-1898), a destiny of world power (1898-1945), and the years from 1945 to the present, which includes a new Chapter 23. He has also updated his appendixes, but for some unexplained reason he has deleted warrant officers from the Army's strength figures beginning with 1971. The 93 pages of notes and documents alone are worth the price of the book. General William DePuy may be upset, though, that his name was misspelled the only time it was mentioned as the main contributor to the 1976 version of Field Manual 100-5.

In some of the early chapters, the reader may feel the author has fallen prey to what another historian, Barbara Tuchman, has called the "overload of the negative." Weigley's chronicle of the administrative disasters that have befallen the Army during the past 200 years, may cause a reader to wonder how the Army has succeeded in any of our country's wars. In a few instances I felt I was reading the script for a major television network's evening news.

A common theme throughout the book is the role of the citizen-soldier versus that of a member of the standing professional army. Weigley goes on record as being non-Uptonian in his views on that problem, for he still sees the role of the Reserve Components today as being as "murky as at any time" in our history. He also challenges the "short war" theory that is presently in vogue, feeling instead that any future war will be a protracted affair in which the Reserve Components will have an appropriate role.

This book should be read by every military professional. It may make some people mad, but it will make all of them think.

MILITARY LESSONS OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS WAR: VIEWS FROM THE UNITED STATES. Edited by Bruce W. Watson and Peter M. Dunn (Westview Press, 1984, 181 Pages, \$18.50). Reviewed by Leroy Thompson, Mapaville, Missouri.

This book is a typical "think tank" product in that it offers a lot of information, only a small percentage of which is of direct value to a field commander. In fact, the most valuable lesson the contributors to this book underscore as a result of the fighting in the Falkland Islands is that, despite a wealth of sophisticated technology available on all sides, a combat infantryman is still needed.

This particular war may be cited as being a testing ground for modern technology, but it was the men of the Parachute Regiment, the SAS and SBS, and 40, 42, and 45 Commandos who won the decisive victory with their rifles, their bayonets, and their feet.

The book is divided into nine principal chapters, each dealing with different "lessons" learned from the fighting. For the readers of **INFANTRY**, the one titled "Ground Warfare Lessons" is probably the most interesting, but the chapters titled "Smart Weapons" and "Intelligence and Warning Lessons" also have something to offer.

Many of the book's conclusions seem rather simplistic to anyone who has really studied the South Atlantic conflict. Still, the book can serve as a primer for someone just beginning a study of the war.

FOR YOU THE WAR IS OVER. By David A. Foy (Stein and Day, 1984, 193 Pages, \$18.95). Reviewed by Captain John C. Edgcomb, United States Army.

This is a unique book in that it is a detailed account of the manner in which the Germans handled American prisoners of war during World War II. The author has done his homework well, and his account is well researched and documented. His story

should eliminate any doubt a reader may have had about the extreme hardships, constant death threats, and continuous fear the American prisoners lived with and endured. In fact, this book is a tribute to the strength and courage those men showed.

This is an interesting book, easy to read, and one that should appeal to all readers.

SOME SURVIVED. By Manny Lawton (Algonquin Books, 1984. 295 Pages. \$16.95). Reviewed by Lieutenant Colonel David R. Kiernan, United States Army.

Manny Lawton is a survivor. For the current generation of Americans who may not be aware of the Bataan death march, Lawton takes the reader along on it step by agonizing step.

Lawton's book is a tribute not only to him as a survivor but to the American soldier and his ability to adapt to unbelievably harsh conditions. His capacity for compassion and the camaraderie of suffering seem never ending as the survivors combat adversity minute by minute, day by day, and, ultimately, year by year.

Today's infantryman may take Lawton's chronicle as a lesson he will not find in the technical manuals or field expedient handbooks. That lesson is endurance. In this age of star wars and lasers, it is fitting to consider the human combat multiplier. While other kinds of battles were being fought by other American soldiers in Europe, in Asia, and throughout the Pacific Ocean basin, Lawton and his band measured the success of their daily battle to survive with a mental micrometer. In the end, we, too, survive with the Battling Bastards of Bataan.

To survive is to remember, and to remember is to acknowledge the fact that the indomitable spirit of the fighting man is the ultimate strength of any army.

THOSE GALLANT MEN: ON TRIAL IN VIETNAM. By John S. Berry (Presidio Press, 1984. 173

Pages. \$14.95). Reviewed by Captain F.R. Hayse, United States Army.

This book tells a story about the law, the military services, and military law as it was practiced during the Vietnam War by then Captain John Stevens Berry. Now a practicing attorney in Lincoln, Nebraska, Berry looks at the Vietnam War from the little known and seldom considered perspective of a military defense counsel. And much like Doctor Ronald Glasser's book, 365 DAYS, Berry's book shows the true compassion, humanitarianism, and sense of legal equality that is found wherever American youth is confronted with the terrifying realities of war. Unlike the many-storied portfolio of 365 DAYS, however, Berry's book is divided into only two parts.

The first part tells of Berry's experiences as the chief defense counsel for II Field Force, Vietnam, in 1968 and 1969 and his legal representation of soldiers who were accused of offenses ranging from theft and desertion to rape, murder, and "fragging." These cases illustrate how the author attained the skills he used so successfully to defend his most difficult and famous case, the almost forgotten trial of Captain Leland Brumley.

Berry's defense of Captain Brumley and six other Special Forces officers (including Colonel Robert Rheault) accused of murdering a North Vietnamese agent in June 1969 forms the second part of his book. Although the case was well publicized at the time by various news sources, Berry uses actual testimony, his personal records, and material released through the Freedom of Information Act to give a unique account of a fascinating case that reached from the highest headquarters in Vietnam to the White House.

This book, well written and informative, should be read by every officer in the Army today.

A MATTER OF HONOR. By Don Kowet (Macmillan, 1984. 317 Pages. \$16.95). Reviewed by Doctor Joe P. Dunn, Converse College.

General William Westmoreland is an honorable man who has been wronged. The famous January 1982 CBS documentary "The Uncounted Enemy" charged that the MACV commander caved in to political pressures and orchestrated a "conspiracy" to undercount the number of enemy prior to the 1968 Tet offensive. The program's implication was clear — Westmoreland bore moral responsibility for the casualties of that event.

I knew a bit about the eccentricities of orders of battle in Vietnam, and I had read CIA analyst Sam Adams's explosive 1975 "expose" in *Harpers*, the genesis of this whole controversy. Thus, I was taken in by the documentary. The problem is that the documentary was false.

Westmoreland claimed that he had been tricked and defamed; and an independent *TV Guide* cover story found the documentary flawed and grossly unfair. Although CBS's own internal investigation substantiated most of the *TV Guide* charges, the network was determined to stand by its product. Ultimately, General Westmoreland sued for libel.

This book is the full account of these convoluted events. It is a devastating, damning indictment of the documentary and its producer and others who were swept into the affair at CBS. But it does have flaws of its own. Kowet, one of the co-authors of the *TV Guide* piece, might have been better advised to stop with the award-winning article. His attempt to stretch it to book length has produced a tedious, overly minute saga. Equally tiring is the book's breathless, soap opera manner with its own strong conspiratorial overtones. But to the extent that Kowet helps us understand the background and the issues, his is a valuable contribution on "a matter of honor."

SOMME. By Lyn Macdonald (Merimack, 1983. 344 Pages. \$19.95). Reviewed by Lieutenant Colonel David A. Rolston, United States Army.

Somme. One word with two meanings: One, a place in France; the other, the epitome of World War I. A name like Belleau Wood, Argonne, Ypres, and Vimy Ridge. Trenches, mud, going over the top, barrages, gas, and, most of all, death. Casualty figures so high that few of us today can comprehend them.

There are many books on the Great War, a number of them good, a few great. Most deal with the order of battle, with the maneuvering, and with who occupied which trench line on what day. Most address the horrors and the futility of trench warfare as it was practiced on the Western Front. Few give a real picture of life on the front; but Macdonald's book does.

Lyn Macdonald has written a masterpiece. She tells the story of life in Kitchener's army as the soldiers saw it, not in terms of grand strategy and tactics — although those too are addressed — but in day to day life. By thoroughly researching personal journals and diaries and interviewing many survivors, she has been able to put together a complete picture of this battle. She tells it through the eyes of those who were there and relates both the good and the bad.

This book is a must for the professional soldier and for those who wish to understand what war is all about.

Like John Keegan's book *THE FACE OF BATTLE*, Macdonald's book provides real insight into combat. Experienced soldiers will read it and immediately identify with their comrades of a previous generation.

THE ROSES OF NO MAN'S LAND. By Lyn Macdonald (Merrimack, 1984. 319 Pages. \$19.95). Reviewed by Jeanette R. Dunn, Spartanburg, South Carolina.

This is Lyn Macdonald's third volume on World War I, and in it she skillfully weaves narrative, historical detail, and eyewitness accounts to portray the struggle of the medical personnel who labored behind the battle lines.

World War I revolutionized medical treatment. As doctors and nurses fought to save lives, researchers developed new treatments for gangrene, effective means of blood typing and transfusion, and improved surgical and dental techniques.

Specifically, the author emphasizes the contributions of the Voluntary Aid Detachments (VADs). Organized in Britain in 1909, the VADs were designed to help the island nation during time of war. The young women who flocked to join the VADs were trained to organize transportation,

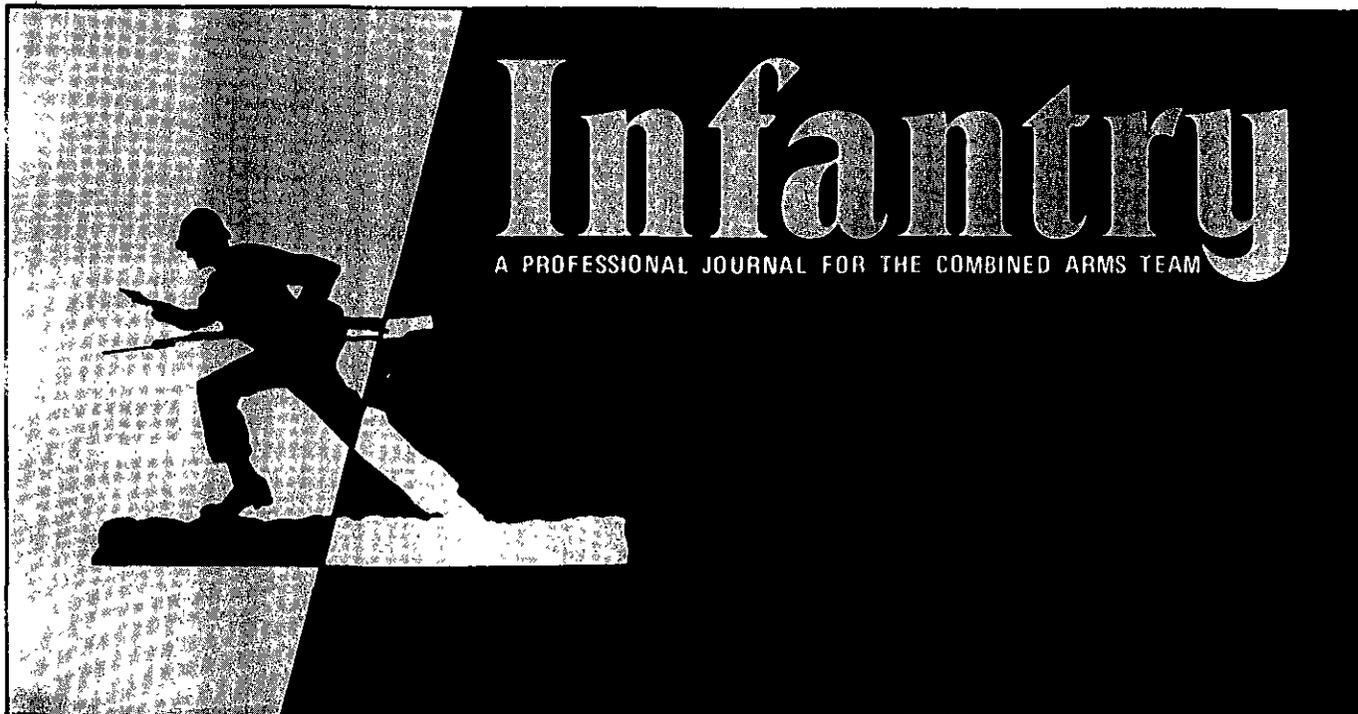
provide food and dressings for ambulance teams, and establish field kitchens and auxiliary hospitals. In short, during World I they became an integral part of England's war effort.

This is a fascinating book. It is easy to read and can be appreciated by a wide audience. Although written by a journalist, it provides valuable historical perspective. Macdonald captures the initial optimism of the Allied soldiers and then their despair as the casualty rolls lengthened relentlessly.

The poignant accounts of the gruesome, wasteful nature of prolonged trench warfare remind us that the experiences of the Vietnam generation were no more horrific than those of our fathers and grandfathers.

OPERATION PEACE FOR GALILEE: THE ISRAELI-PLO WAR IN LEBANON. By Richard A. Gabriel (Hill and Wang, 1984. 242 Pages. \$16.95). Reviewed by Major Robert L. Maginnis, United States Army.

This is a responsible, accurate, and provocative account of the 1982 Israeli invasion of Lebanon. Richard Gabriel, the author of 15 books and scores of articles on military subjects, focuses his attention on the causes and



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conduct of the war, and bases his narrative on numerous interviews he conducted during a visit to the area. His first-hand perspective helps the reader visualize the blow-by-blow dynamics of the modern battlefield.

Gabriel feels that the Israeli aim in Lebanon was to destroy the PLO's military infrastructure and political validity. He supports his theory with a thorough, well-documented analysis of the political histories of both the PLO and its archenemy, Israel.

The author's insights and observations, particularly about the Israeli armed forces, are worth further study, and the combat information and the lessons learned warrant further professional investigation. (In fact, the U.S. Army might learn a great deal from the Israelis' successes with their new Merkava tank and their remotely piloted vehicles.)

These issues, as well as the informative political analysis, the description of those small unit tactics used in the day-to-day fighting, and the innovative Israeli approach to medical support make this book worth reading.

Robert Young. Thames and Hudson, 1984. 212 Pages. \$24.95.

THE BLUE AND WHITE DEVILS: A PERSONAL MEMOIR OF THE THIRD INFANTRY DIVISION IN WORLD WAR II. By Hugh A. Scott. Battery Press, 1984. 173 Pages. \$16.95.

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THE LORE OF ARMS. By William Reid. Facts on File, 1984. 256 Pages. \$10.95.

NORTH AMERICAN FIGHTING UNIFORMS: AN ILLUSTRATED HISTORY SINCE 1756. Edited by Michael Bowers. Sterling, 1984. 128 Pages. \$14.95.

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THE STORY OF THE BOY SOLDIERS. By A.W. Cockerill. David and Charles, 1984. 236 Pages. \$24.95.

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THE PUSAN PERIMETER. By Edwin P. Hoyt. Stein and Day, 1984. \$19.95.

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GERMAN MILITARY INTELLIGENCE IN WORLD WAR II: THE ABWEHR. By Luran Paine. Stein and Day, 1984. 199 Pages. \$16.95.

WAFFEN-SS AT WAR. By A.J. Barker. Hippocrene, 1984. 128 Pages. \$19.95.

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