

# BOOK REVIEWS



As part of its participation in the Army's 50th anniversary commemoration of World War II, the Center of Military History (CMH) has begun publishing various materials to help educate the American public about that war. The Center also hopes its new publications will, "renew pride in an Army that fought so magnificently in what has been called 'the mighty endeavor.'"

Last year, the Center published a number of slim brochures, in softcover but containing photographs and maps, that are part of a continuing series of campaign studies highlighting the Army's World War II operations. Each brochure includes suggestions for further reading, which is most useful.

We have received copies of the first seven brochures and heartily recommend them to you:

• **DEFENSE OF THE AMERICAS, 7 DECEMBER 1941 - 2 SEPTEMBER 1945.** By Charles E. Kirkpatrick. CMH Pub 72-1, 1992. GPO S/N 008-029-00230-2. 24 Pages. \$1.50.

• **A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE U.S. ARMY IN WORLD WAR II.** By Wayne M. Dzwonchyk and John Ray Skates. CMH Pub 72-2, 1992. GPO S/N 008-029-00245-1. 48 Pages. \$2.25.

• **PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, 7 DECEMBER 1941 - 10 MAY 1942.** By Jennifer L. Bailey. CMH Pub 72-3, 1992. GPO S/N 008-029-00231-1. 23 Pages. \$1.00.

• **CENTRAL PACIFIC, 7 DECEMBER 1941 - 6 DECEMBER 1943.** By Clayton R. Newell. CMH Pub 72-4, 1992. GPO S/N 008-029-00232-9. 23 Pages. \$1.00.

• **INDIA-BURMA, 2 APRIL 1942 - 28 JANUARY 1945.** By David W. Hogan, Jr. CMH Pub 72-5, 1992. GPO S/N 008-029-00233-7. 26 Pages. \$1.25.

• **ALEUTIAN ISLANDS, 3 JUNE 1942 - 24 AUGUST 1943.** By George L. McGarrigle. CMH Pub 72-6, 1992. GPO S/N 008-029-00234-5. 26 Pages. \$1.25.

• **PAPUA, 23 JULY 1942 - 23 JANUARY 1943.** By Charles R. Anderson. CMH Pub 72-7, 1992. GPO S/N 008-029-00235-3. 22 Pages. \$1.00.

Another CMH World War II commemorative publication, not part of the above-mentioned series, is: **U.S. ARMY SPECIAL**

**OPERATIONS IN WORLD WAR II.** By David W. Hogan, Jr. CMH Pub 70-42, 1992. GPO S/N 008-029-00248-5. 158 Pages. \$5.00, Softbound. The Center's definition of special operations as used in this publication refers to "commando or guerrilla activities conducted by the U.S. Army in World War II." The book has numerous maps and photographs. (It should be noted that the author's doctoral dissertation was a history of the U.S. Army's Rangers from 1942 to 1983.)

Thus, there are brief discussions of such units as the Rangers (including the little-known 29th Ranger Battalion), the 1st Special Service Force, the Alamo Scouts, the Galahad force (better known as Merrill's Marauders), OSS Detachment 101, and the Jedburghs (the subject of a previously published CMH brochure).

The author concludes that because of the nature of the war, "special operations could do little more than provide support to the conventional forces that dominated the battlefield." But he believes that while "special operations played a secondary role in Allied military efforts throughout the war, they made significant contributions to the final victory" and "the Army can still learn much from its [special operations] experiences during World War II."

One final CMH World War II commemorative publication is the Center's first reprint of a World War II "green book," one of the volumes in the official Army World War II series: **NORTHWEST AFRICA: SEIZING THE INITIATIVE IN THE WEST**, by George F. Howe. (First printed in hardcover in 1957.) CMH, 1993. 748 Pages. CMH Pub 6-1-1. No price listed.

In paperback format, this book is a faithful reprint of the original hardcover version, with two minor exceptions. The 12 maps that were tipped-in at the back of the original book here have been reprinted, gathered together, and placed in an accompanying envelope instead of being made a physical part of the volume. (The paperback format does not lend itself to tipping-in a large number of maps all at one spot.) In addition, the large *National Geographic* map found in a special envelope affixed to the inside back cover of the hardcover version has been omitted.

The "green books" have long been recognized for their historical importance. Unfortunately, many of them have been out of print for years. It is good to see the Center has decided to bring them back in this fashion, which should also make them more readily available and less costly to students of the war.

A different sort of publication from CMH has also come our way: **AMERICAN ARMIES AND BATTLEFIELDS IN EUROPE: A HISTORY, GUIDE, AND REFERENCE BOOK.** First CMH Edition. CMH Pub 23-24, 1992. No GPO S/N available. 547 Pages. \$27.00. This is a reprint (with a new introduction) of a 1938 guidebook produced by the American Battle Monuments Commission. The guidebook, with its numerous photographs and excellent maps, was designed to provide visitors to the American Battlefields in Europe with a detailed documented itinerary as well as a history of the American Expeditionary Force (AEF). It had been out of print since World War II, and many individuals and groups had indicated their desire to own copies. The reader should note that one chapter (VIII) is devoted to U.S. operations in Italy and northern Russia, and another (X) to U.S. Navy operations in World War I.

Accordingly, the Center has republished the guidebook in its original format to commemorate the AEF's 75th birthday. The book's maps and directions can still be used today, but they should be supplemented with a contemporary road map or an official French topographic map.

This republished volume also marks the last in the Center's reprinted World War I series of publications, a most valuable source for anyone doing research in that I era.

Historians, students of World War I, and individuals with an interest in this particular field will also find this guidebook most valuable and informative. And so will World War I veterans (now few in number) and their descendants.

Finally, Brassey's latest contribution to the field of military literature may well be the best yet: The six-volume **INTERNATIONAL MILITARY AND DEFENSE ENCYCLOPEDIA.** Edited by Colonel (Retired) Trevor N. Dupuy. Brassey's (US), 1993.

tested under fire and has shown uncommon courage. Many will say they were lucky; others, those who cannot attend these gatherings because of the seemingly innocuous word "posthumous" attached to their award citations, were not so lucky.

Edward Murphy has dedicated a large part of his life to bringing the story of these courageous men to the public. Before this book, he also wrote *Vietnam Medal of Honor Heroes* and *Heroes of World War II*. He is also the editor and publisher of the *Journal of the Medal of Honor Historical Society*.

In this latest volume, he has interwoven the story of each of the Medal of Honor winners into an overview history of the Korean War. This is more than just a recitation of the winners' medal citations. Murphy interviewed many of the surviving heroes. (As an indication of how savage and how desperate the fighting in Korea was, only 37 of the 131 Medal of Honor recipients survived their heroic actions.) He also searched the unit and personnel records for all the Medal winners. Their heroic deeds are retold within the context of what was going on around them, both in their units and in the larger scope of the war itself.

**JEFFERSON DAVIS AND HIS GENERALS: THE FAILURE OF CONFEDERATE COMMAND IN THE WEST.** By Steven E. Woodworth. University Press of Kansas, 1990. 380 Pages. \$25.00. Reviewed by Major Don Rightmyer, United States Air Force.

This is one of the finest historical volumes written in recent years about the strategy and leadership of the U.S. Civil War. For the book's particular focus—Confederate President Jefferson and his commanding generals in the western theater of operations—it can be compared with T. Harry Williams's *Lincoln and His Generals*. It is a most worthwhile contribution to an aspect of the war that has often been overlooked or neglected.

Steven Woodworth lays the groundwork for his entire study with a concise examination of Davis's life, both in military and political spheres, before his election to the Confederate presidency. He follows that with a detailed discussion of the geography of the territory outside the Virginia theater that the South attempted to control and protect.

The author's study of Davis's relationships with the various generals who had responsibility for military operations in the West includes Albert Sidney Johnston, Leonidas Polk, Joseph Johnston, Braxton Bragg, John B. Hood, Pierre G.T. Beauregard, Sterling Price, Earl VanDorn and numerous other

generals who played important roles in the command relationships of the Confederate armies and their relation to the government at Richmond.

The author's in-depth research into the interaction between Davis and his generals is immediately obvious. Along with the give and take between the Southern commanders and their civilian political master, Woodworth interweaves a good description of the flow of military campaigns in both the West and the East. His analysis is even-handed, and he does not try to place all of the blame or the glory at the feet of one individual or group. The fault for the South's ultimate defeat lay in many areas, and Woodworth focuses a great deal of objective analysis on the leadership successes and failures.

This well-written study of military and political leadership in the Confederacy provides a valuable reference for both the general reader and the military professional.

#### RECENT AND RECOMMENDED

**THE COLDEST WAR: A MEMOIR OF KOREA.** By James Brady. Originally published in hardcover in 1990. Pocket Books, 1991. 292 Pages, Softbound.

**SURVIVING A JAPANESE P.O.W. CAMP: FATHER AND SON ENDURE INTERNMENT IN MANILA DURING WORLD WAR II.** By Peter R. Wygle. Pathfinder, 1991. 213 Pages. \$11.95, Softbound.

**DRAGONS AT WAR.** By Daniel P. Bolger. First published in hardcover in 1986. Ballantine, 1991. 299 Pages. \$5.95, Softbound.

**STRATEGY AFTER DETERRENCE.** By Stephen J. Cimbala. Praeger, 1991. 288 Pages. \$45.00.

**SOLDIERS OF THE OLD ARMY.** By Victor Vogel. Texas A&M University Press, 1990. 124 Pages. \$22.50.

**UNIFORMS OF THE CIVIL WAR.** By Philip Haythornthwaite. First published in the United Kingdom in 1975. Sterling, 1990. 128 Pages. \$9.95, Softbound.

**THE VIOLENT DECADE: A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT IN EUROPE AND THE MIDDLE EAST, 1935-1945.** By Frank Gervasi. Norton, 1989. 629 Pages. \$25.00.

**WARRIOR: THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF ARIEL SHARON.** By David Chanoff. Simon and Schuster, 1989. 571 Pages. \$24.95.

**THEN AND NOW: HOW THE WORLD HAS CHANGED SINCE WW II.** By Tad Szulc. Morrow, 1990. 515 Pages. \$22.95.

**CURRENT MILITARY AND POLITICAL LITERATURE, VOLUME 6, NUMBER 1.** Edited by Simon King and J.I.H. Owen. The Military Press, 1990. 158 Pages. \$140.00, Softbound.

**THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION: FACTS AND FIGURES.** 11th Edition. Published by the NATO Information Service, 1989. 577 Pages, Softbound.

**INTERNAL SECURITY AND CO-IN. NUMBER 1.** An Editorial Supplement to the May 1990

Issue of *International Defense Review*. Jane's Information Group. 35 Pages, Softbound.

**AMERICAN, CHINESE, AND JAPANESE PERSPECTIVES ON WARTIME ASIA, 1931-1949.** By Akira Iriye and Warren Cohen. SR Books, 1990. 308 Pages. \$40.00.

**GREAT MILITARY DISASTERS.** By Geoffrey Regan. Evans, 1988. 320 Pages. \$22.50.

**CENTRAL AMERICAN WARS, 1959-89.** Text by Carlos Caballero Jurado and Nigel Thomas. Color Plates by Simon McCouaig. Men-at-Arms Series No. 221. Osprey, 1990. 48 Pages, Softbound.

**THE SA 1921-45: HITLER'S STORM-TROOPERS.** Text by David Littlejohn. Color Plates by Ron Volstad. Men-at-Arms Series No. 220. Osprey, 1990. 48 Pages, Softbound.

**ANCIENT CHINESE ARMIES, 1500-200 BC.** Text by C.J. Peers. Color Plates by Angus McBride. Men-at-Arms Series No. 218. Osprey, 1990. 48 Pages, Softbound.

**QUEEN VICTORIA'S ENEMIES (3): INDIA.** Text by Ian Knight. Color Plates by Richard Scollins. Men-at-Arms Series No. 219. Osprey, 1990. 48 Pages, Softbound.

**FIGHTING FOR PEACE: SEVEN CRITICAL YEARS IN THE PENTAGON.** By Caspar Weinberger. Warner Books, 1990. 445 Pages. \$24.95.

**CRACKING THE ZERO MYSTERY.** By Jim Rearden. Stackpole, 1990. 128 Pages. \$11.95, Softbound.

**LIFE AFTER VIETNAM: HOW VETERANS AND THEIR LOVED ONES CAN HEAL THE PSYCHOLOGICAL WOUNDS OF WAR.** By Delores A. Kuenning. Paragon House, 1991. 389 Pages. \$22.95.

**THE CHINESE SECRET SERVICE: KANG SHENG AND THE SHADOW GOVERNMENT IN RED CHINA.** By Roger Faligot and Remi Kauffer. Translated from the French by Christine Donougher. Morrow, 1990. 527 Pages. \$24.95.

**A P.O.W.'S STORY: 2801 DAYS IN HANOI.** By Colonel Larry Guarino. Ballantine, 1990. 341 Pages. \$4.95.

**THE CIVIL WAR NOTEBOOK OF DANIEL CHISHOLM: A CHRONICLE OF DAILY LIFE IN THE UNION ARMY, 1864-1865.** Edited by W. Springer Menge and J. August Shimrak. Originally published in 1989. Ballantine, 1990. 202 Pages. \$9.95.

**SLIM BUTTES, 1876: AN EPISODE OF THE GREAT SIOUX WAR.** By Jerome A. Greene. University of Oklahoma Press, 1990. 208 Pages. \$9.95, Softbound.

**PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS AND POLITICAL WARFARE IN LONG-TERM STRATEGIC PLANNING.** Edited by Janos Radvanyi. Praeger, 1990. 168 Pages. \$37.95.

**THE BLACK CAT SQUADRON: NIGHT BOMBING IN WORLD WAR I.** By Humphrey Wynn. Smithsonian Institution Press, 1990. 240 Pages. \$24.95.

**ARCTIC LEVERAGE: CANADIAN SOVEREIGNTY AND SECURITY.** By Nathaniel F. Caldwell, Jr. Praeger, 1990. 144 Pages. \$37.95.

**FORGING THE ALLIANCE: NATO, 1945-1959.** By Don Cook. Originally published in hardcover in 1989. Morrow, 1990. 306 Pages. \$12.95, Softbound.

**UNITED STATES OVERSEAS BASING: AN ANATOMY OF THE DILEMMA.** By James R. Blaker. Praeger, 1990. 216 Pages. \$39.95.