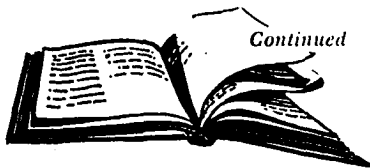


PROFESSIONAL SCRAPBOOK



New Books Reviewed

Dare Call It Treason. Richard M. Watt. (Simon & Schuster, \$6.50 est.)

An astonishing book covering the 1917 mutiny of the French army. A sordid story of treason, corruption and incompetence; faithless men who traded on the despair of a great nation. Details of political amorality and military stupidity climaxed by disastrous defeats and vain bloodletting of criminal proportions.

The author weaves his story with the twin threads of Clemenceau and Pétain—their backgrounds, development, and careers, and happily adds an addenda on the post-war life of each.

More interesting items deal with the relationship of the French people to their army; the tolerance of the French for ineptness of high officials coupled with a burning desire for the man on horseback; provocative accounts of Verdun, the Somme, and the Chemin des Dames.

Excellent comparative reading for all hands. The casualties will astound you. Item: During 1915 alone the French army suffered 1,549,000 casualties. This is a good indication of the meaning of the machine gun as applied to static defense.

Author has an interesting style with outstanding word skill. Easy to read in two sittings. Most artillery men will undoubtedly read it in one sitting. Miles of guns, mountains of ammunition, a routine barrage could last a week; all items which stir the heart of the cannon cocker.

Summation: Highly recommended.

Practical Karate: Fundamentals. By M. Nakayama & Donn F. Draeger. (Tuttle of Tokyo, Japan & Rutland, Vt.) 112 pages, over 100 photos. \$2.75. Quality Paperback.

First in a series. The "traditional" approach is scrapped in order to concentrate on "need-to-know" material. Simple, clear, easy-to-learn. All movements can be performed in ordinary street clothes. Dispenses with hours of practice needed for the professional. This book is designed to give you the learned responses you need to face an emergency attack or to run—both with confidence. Outstanding primer on self-defense. (Available through MCA Bookservice.)

Fighter Pilot. Edited by Stanley M. Ulanoff. (Doubleday, \$5.95.)

Maj Ulanoff, USAFR, has put together a valuable and interesting collection of fighter pilot articles written by the men who did the flying and fighting. Covers WWs I and II, Spanish Civil War, Israeli and Korean Wars. First rate reading.

The Port Hudson Campaign. By Edward Cunningham. (Louisiana State University Press, 173 pages. \$5.00.)

A well researched and laboriously documented account of the little known Port Hudson affair. Good reading for the buff, but of little value to the serious student of military history. The author may be forgiven his sectionalism, but not his lack of objectivity.

One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich. By Alexander Solzhenitsyn. (F. A. Praeger, N.Y., \$3.95.)

Novels are seldom mentioned here. This book is an exception because this account of life in a Siberian slave labor camp has attracted immense attention both within and without the Soviet Union

The Stonewall Brigade. By James I. Robertson, Jr. (Louisiana State University Press, Baton Rouge, \$6.00.)

The emphasis here is on Jackson's men themselves, how they lived, fought, and thought. If you're fed up with dissecting the generals, this could be your meat.

The Hawker Hurricane. By Francis K. Mason. (Doubleday, \$5.95.)

One of the MacDonald Aircraft Monographs, this beautifully produced volume covers contemporary fighter aircraft history with emphasis on the famous Hurricane. Takes it from the drawing board to the end of WW II. Beautiful illustrations, excellent text.

Sun Tzu: The Art of War. Translated by BGen S.B. Griffith, USMC-Ret. (Oxford University Press, N.Y., \$5.60.)

Member of the Lejeune Forum, Oxford scholar, established author of international repute—these are rare qualifications not usually found in a retired Marine general. The translator brings to this volume a skill and insight which makes the book an essential element of every professional library.

Sun Tzu lived and wrote in the year 500BC. (That's 300 years before Plato.) Yet much of modern Mao can be traced directly to Sun Tzu. B. H. Liddell Hart points out in his foreword that this book remains less dated today than Clausewitz. He calls it "the best short introduction to the study of warfare, and no less valuable for constant reference."

Far superior to the translation by Lionel Giles of 50 years ago, BGen Griffith's work contains chapters on China of 500 B.C., maps, Sun Tzu's basic philosophy, war in Sun Tzu's age, and the influence of Sun Tzu on Mao Tse-tung. All of which provides an illuminating setting for the actual translation.

This is not dull Chinese translation. This is the enemy, and these are the lessons he has learned.

Example: To the surrounded enemy you must leave a way of escape. Show him there is a road to safety, and so create in his mind that there is an alternative to death. Then strike.

On morale: When you plunder the countryside, divide your forces. When you conquer the territory, divide the profits.

March to Saratoga—General Burgoyne and the American Campaign, 1777. By Harrison Bird. (Oxford University Press, \$6.50.)

Sparkling writing about a little-known campaign, leading to what has been listed as one of the decisive battles of the world.

A Short History of Espionage. By Col Allison Ind. (David McKay Co., N.Y., \$5.50.)

This is a history, not a how-to-do-it (or stop it) manual. It will keep you in party conversational games for some time.

How to Play War Games in Miniature. By Joseph Morschauser. (Walker and Co., New York, \$3.95.)

An extremely clever book that should appeal to most military juniors (and seniors). Gives step by step instructions in setting up table top battles.