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**Bevan, Denys.** *United States Forces in New Zealand, 1942–1945.* Quantico, Va.: Marine Corps Assoc. Bookstore, 1992. 408pp. \$22.45

Labors of love can be either wonderful works of infatuation or terribly tedious. This work lies somewhere in between, depending solely upon one's interests. Denys Bevan has written what must be the most factual history so far of the substantial U.S. military presence in New Zealand during the Second World War. While it is not widely recognized here, the large numbers of, particularly, U.S. Marine Corps and Army personnel who were stationed in or passed through New Zealand had a significant impact on that small country. When this book was published, a comprehensive history of the American presence in New Zealand had yet to appear: Denys Bevan has admirably filled this important gap. To be sure, the potential readership of this exhaustive study will be small, which is unfortunate, given the effort and time the author has dedicated to it. However, this book will find a very receptive audience not only among those with an interest in New Zealand but also, and particularly, those whose units spent time in *Aotearoa*, "the island of the long white cloud," during the Second World War.

**Bobrick, Benson.** *East of the Sun: The Epic Conquest and Tragic History of Siberia.* New York: Poseidon Press, 1992. 543pp. \$28

Few place-names are as widely known as Siberia, and none—unless it is Timbuktu—is more evocative. For all such familiarity, however, and for all its size and potential wealth, few Westerners, or even European Russians, know much about Siberia, still less about its history. Until the first Russian (actually Cossack) trans-Urals forays in the late sixteenth century, it had been settled by a myriad of peoples recalled today almost solely by place-names: the Yakuts, Kamchadals, Chukchi. The European settlement of Siberia, the presumed ancient home of the American Indians, proceeded in ways strikingly like and yet unlike that of the American West. Bobrick, the author of other popular histories, speaks with the authority of extensive Siberian travel and tells compellingly the Siberian story—which is, inextricably, that of Russia itself. Naval readers will be especially struck by the settling of the Okhotsk and Kamchatka regions, and by the decades-long effort to feel out the shape of the Chukchi Peninsula and the location of Japan and of Alaska as well as to confirm finally the absence of a mythical North Pacific landmass. Map, photographs, index.

**Brandon, Henry, ed.** *In Search of a New World Order: The Future of U.S.-European Relations.* Washington, D.C.: The Brookings Institution, 1992. 171pp. \$19.95

Edited by the longtime Washington correspondent for the *London Sunday Times*, this collection of essays presents the views of eight experts (seven Europeans, one American) on the future of U.S.-European relations. These pundits differ widely as to the prospective course of that relationship in light of the collapse of the Soviet threat and the growing economic power of an increasingly unified Western Europe, but the predictive value of their collective effort is seriously weakened by two shaky assumptions that undergird the analytical foundations of this book: first, that an East Bloc in disarray is far less threatening to European security than was the Soviet monolith; and second, that European integration is irreversible, only its pace and geographic scope being in question.

The Serbian rape of Bosnia has made a mockery of such comfortable thinking. And Bosnia's fate is only the starkest example of the poisonous nationalistic, ethnic, and religious tensions no longer kept in check throughout Europe by the antidote of the Cold War. These tensions have painfully exposed the European Community's (and Nato's) impotence in the face of a virulent new threat to Europe's hard-won security and hoped-for unity—and have called into question the moral authority of the very concept of a European Community. All of that is not to say that the search for new world order based on a continuing partnership between the United States and Europe is doomed to fail; but it is to say that, in early 1992, this book's contributors seriously underestimated how much more difficult, dangerous, and uncertain that search would become.

**Clancy, Tom.** *Submarine: A Guided Tour Inside a Nuclear Warship.* New York: Berkeley, 1993. 328pp. \$14.95

Tom Clancy (with acknowledged assistance from the U.S. Navy) presents a solid account of the workings of today's nuclear attack submarines. After a short history of submarines and submarining, Clancy gets right to it with guided tours of USS *Miami* (SSN 755) and HMS *Triumph* (S 93). The level of technical, operational, and mission detail—all of it done to charm the initiated and educate the novice—is really quite extraordinary. Inclusion of the British submarine force and of some first-rate operational scenarios (mock, of course) adds to the excitement. A lively primer on submariners, the crews, and what they do in today's navies.

**Kaplan, Philip and Currie, Jack.** *Round the Clock.* New York: Random House, 1993. 232pp. \$50

In 1942 the United States Army Air Force (USAAF) and the Royal Air Force (RAF) set out to bomb Germany "round the clock"—the USAAF by day and

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the RAF by night. This beautifully composed and illustrated book recaptures the men, the airbases, the bombing runs, and the aircraft. It focuses appropriately on the brave and impossibly young men, in 250 photographs, nearly half of them in color and many previously unpublished. The text, with sidebars from the time, is unabashedly nostalgic and evocative. This is a book for those who were there, or whose fathers, uncles, or elder brothers were.

**Lynch, Barbara A. and Vajda, John E., comps.** *United States Naval History: A Bibliography*. 7th ed. Washington: Naval Historical Center, 1993. 173pp. (Available from the Supt. of Documents, U.S. Govt. Print. Off.)

Under the direction of Dean C. Allard, the Director of Naval History, a team led by Barbara Lynch and John Vajda of the Navy Department Library have updated this basic bibliography, which last appeared in 1972. The present work appears as the first of a "Naval History Bibliographies" series. The 450 entries (generally not annotated) are not meant to be exhaustive but to list references most likely to be available through libraries; a few items in the 1972 edition have been deleted, and new ones have been added through September 1992. In making their selections, the compilers had in mind more the needs of "naval professionals, students, and the public" than those of specialists. The cited works are given (once each) under the following major headings: general, chronologies, pictorial histories, specific periods (twenty-four of them), organizational histories, particular topics (seventeen), the U.S. Coast Guard, biographies, and memoirs. The work ends with sections on lists, registers, periodicals, research aids, and an index of authors.

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