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career opportunities. *Management* is recommended to any officer seeking a contemporary basis for management thought, to any officer schooled or curious in private enterprise management or curious about military application. It is not recommended to any officer looking for an easy book in management and business affairs. It is not a casual treatment of the subject. Rather it is a profound work, 61 chapters of carefully conceived and delivered statements regarding the state of this art. No graphs, no formulas, no quick answers to success. Drucker is verbose, seemingly redundant at times, with good result; he wants the reader to realize fully the significance of his statement and often it bears repeating. The majority of his text deals with American-based business organizations, as they serve as the most visible examples of good and bad management activities. This is not a shortcoming, but a strength. As mentioned earlier, if we are willing to fight for something, it might help to know what it is we are fighting for.

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Higham, Robin, ed. *A Guide to the Sources of United States Military History*. Hamden, Conn.: Archon Books, 1975. 599pp.

At first blush a bibliographic essay appears to be something that would interest only researchers with specific questions in mind. However, this extraordinary compendium will appeal to a rather broad spectrum of students of U.S. military history, because it points out quite clearly those areas and topics that have received study, as well as those areas that so far have been neglected.

The editor wisely divided his subject into 19 chapters, ranging from "European Background of American Military

Affairs" to "Museums as Historical Resources." The contributors are highly qualified, competent, and respected historians, such as Russell Weigley, B. Franklin Cooling III, and Dean Allard.

The ground rules given to each contributor were for 20 pages of double-spaced text pages followed by 300 entries. After first surveying the general literature, the contributors were asked to "proceed logically to cover policy, strategy, tactics, planning, logistics and operations as practicable." Following these guidelines, the 19 contributors produced informative and succinct essays on substantive historical topics, as well as comprehensive bibliographies, frequently exceeding 300 entries. The result is a useful reference as well as an impressive summary of U.S. military history.

Unfortunately, the major flaw in this otherwise splendid volume is an excessive number of irritating typographical errors. For some unknown reason, the editor did not list this journal in his introduction with 128 other journals as a source of military history. However, this journal is included in the bibliography on "The Navy 1941-1973." A supplement will be forthcoming in 1978.

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Kahan, Jerome H. *Security in the Nuclear Age: Developing U.S. Strategic Arms Policy*. Washington, D.C.: Brookings Institution, 1975. 349pp.

Quanbeck, Alton H. and Wood, Archie L. *Modernizing the Strategic Bomber Force: Why and How*. Washington, D.C.: Brookings Institution, 1976. 116pp.

These two recent publications from the Brookings Institution are in no sense two peas from the same pod: the first is as careful, impressive, comprehensive, and balanced a treatment as has yet to appear on the question of forging a