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Fuller, John F.C. *The Conduct of War 1789-1961*.
New Brunswick, N.J.: Rutgers University Press,
1961. 352 p.

This book by one of Britain's foremost military writers is both a history and analysis of the wars fought since 1789. Although the author quotes freely from other writers, which makes for tedious reading at times, this is an interesting and complete documentary of the personalities, weapons, tactics and societies associated with these conflicts.

McDougal, Myres S. and Feliciano, Florentino P.
Law and Minimum World Public Order. New Haven:
Yale University Press, 1961. 872 p.

This scholarly and comprehensive treatment of the process and function of coercion in the world community is a legal landmark in this vexed, misunderstood and mismanaged area of human affairs. A naval officer who reads this book will think about it long after returning it to the shelf.

Speier, Hans. *Divided Berlin: the Anatomy of Soviet Political Blackmail*. New York: Praeger, 1961.
201 p.

This book can be considered among the most up-to-date volumes on the Berlin problem. The study deals with the *political* history of divided Berlin, with but a short portion of the total work devoted to events prior to 1958. One of the author's main theses is that Khrushchev has little regard for the magnitude of the risks involved in his political warfare, so long as he is in control of the risks. When Western countermoves threaten to lessen his own control, he has always decreased the pressure of the political offensive. Although this book proposes no solutions, nonetheless it is recommended for students who would seek some clarification of the question of a "divided Berlin."