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## Recommended Reading

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## RECOMMENDED READING

The evaluation of books listed below include those recommended to resident students of the Naval War College. Officers in the fleet and elsewhere may find these of interest.

The listings herein should not be construed as an endorsement by the Naval War College; they are indicated only on the basis of interesting reading matter.

Many of these publications may be found in ship and station libraries. Some of the publications not available from these sources may be obtained from the Bureau of Naval Personnel Auxiliary Library Service, where a collection of books is available for loan to individual officers. Requests for the loan of these books should be made by the individual to the nearest branch of the Chief of Naval Personnel. (See Article C-9604, Bureau of Naval Personnel Manual, 1948).

- Title:** *The Supreme Command.* 607 p.
- Author:** Pogue, Forrest C. Washington, Department of the Army, 1954.
- Evaluation:** One of the Official series, United States Army in World War II. It is a detailed story of the origin, background, formation and conduct of General Eisenhower's Supreme Command in western Europe. Other volumes in the series, *Cross Channel Attack* and *The Lorraine Campaign*, for example, cover the tactical plans of the European Theater of Operations in detail. The entire campaign in western Europe is treated from the point of view of the Supreme Commander and his special problems of overall strategic direction of the war. Differences of opinion with the British leaders and the difficulties of dealing with the French are treated fully and frankly. The high quality and encyclopedic scope of the other volumes in the series is maintained.
- Title:** *Germany: Dilemma for American Foreign Policy.* 69 p.
- Author:** Butz, Otto. N. Y. Doubleday, 1954.
- Evaluation:** A short, concise summary of the U. S. foreign policy with regard to Germany and Soviet Russia from 1940 to the present. It includes a discussion of E.D.C., and the implications of its acceptance, or rejection, by the countries concerned.

- Title:** *Communist Guerrilla Warfare.* 229 p.
- Authors:** Dixon, C. Aubrey and Heilbrunn, Otto. London, Allen and Unwin, 1954.
- Evaluation:** A comprehensive view of guerrilla warfare in the U.S.S.R. during World War II. Coverage is given to the organization and tactics employed by both the Soviet guerrillas and the German anti-guerrillas with emphasis on the relative success of the former. The success of the Soviet guerrilla effort is shown to have been due primarily to two causes: first, the Germans failed to appreciate the potential threat prior to the war, totally ignoring this consideration in their planning; and, second, they increased the base of support for guerrilla operations immeasurably by their ruthless occupation policy, which united the resistance of the entire Russian population. In view of effectiveness of the communist capability for organizing guerrilla warfare and its potential impact on the outcome of any future war, the authors emphasize the importance of a proper appreciation of this threat and the need for adequate consideration in war planning. The book is recommended for those officers interested in the impact of para-military operations on the traditional concept of warfare.
- Title:** *The British Submarine.* 269 p.
- Author:** Lipscomb, F. W. London, Adam and Black, Charles, 1954.
- Evaluation:** Commander Lipscomb has presented a broad view of the British submarine force, its history, the structural features of its ships, its accomplishments and operations in World War II and the prospects for the future. This is an excellent general reference book on submarine warfare.
- Title:** *The Compleat Strategyst.* 234 p.
- Author:** Williams, J. D. N. Y., McGraw-Hill, 1954.
- Evaluation:** A cleverly-written introduction to the theory of games of strategy as opposed to games of pure chance. While uncertainty exists as to the degree to which such theories can be usefully applied to real problems of war, it is known that there are certain problems of search and reconnaissance in which these and similar approaches have been very valuable. As operations analysts and mathematicians continue to study these matters, fur-

ther progress can be expected in both the theory and its application to military planning. In the meantime all military research groups should be alert for possible application, and, what may be even more important, for the intellectual stimulation which may improve their own approach to difficult problems.

## PERIODICALS

- Title:** *Put Tac Air in Navy Blue.*
- Author:** Reinhardt, George C., Colonel, U. S. A.
- Publication:** THE ARMY COMBAT FORCES JOURNAL, September, 1954, p. 21-25.
- Annotation:** Urges that Navy-Marine Air be charged with all surface support over land and sea and that the Air Force be charged with the dual mission of strategic air offense and air defense of the United States.
- Title:** *Is The European Army Dead?*
- Author:** O'Donnell, James P.
- Publication:** THE SATURDAY EVENING POST, August 28, 1954, p. 25, 64-68.
- Annotation:** An analysis of the political crisis in Europe, brought about mainly by French disagreement over rearming Germany and failure to ratify the European Army Treaty.
- Title:** *"Massive Retaliation" — Its True Meaning.*
- Publication:** U. S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT, September 3, 1954, p. 120-123.
- Annotation:** An address by the Deputy Under Secretary of State, Robert Murphy, to the Air Force Association in which he discusses the policy of "massive retaliation."
- Title:** *When Russia is Ready.*
- Author:** Finletter, Thomas, K.
- Publication:** THE ATLANTIC, September, 1954, p. 29-34.
- Annotation:** The first of two articles drawn from the author's forthcoming book, *Power and Policy*, deals with the Russian threat to U. S. air-atomic power.

Title: *Peripheral Strategy . . . Littoral Tactics . . .  
Limited War . . .*

Author: Hayes, John D., Rear Admiral, U. S. N. (Ret.)

Publication: THE ARMY COMBAT FORCES JOURNAL,  
September, 1954, p. 36-39.

Annotation: The author proposes to show that a strategy and a system of tactics applicable for limited warfare are available to the United States.

Title: *A Prescription For The World.*

Author: Russell, Bertrand.

Publication: THE SATURDAY REVIEW, August 28, 1954,  
p. 9-11, 38-40.

Annotation: Discusses the conflict between the Communist and Western worlds and argues that international government has become a condition of human survival.