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RECOMMENDED READING

For those officers wishing to pursue a course in professional reading, the Naval War College *Reading List* is published here-with. The list contains books and articles in many varied fields totaling over 13,000 pages. Officers at the Naval War College are urged to read selectively from the many categories during their ten months' course for a total of 5,000 pages.

GEOPOLITICS*Most Of The World*

Linton

New York: Columbia University Press, 1949.
873 pp.

Descriptions of the geography, natural resources, populations, and of political and other basic factors in most of the countries of the world.

*New Compass Of The World*Weigert and
Stefansson

New York: Macmillan, 1948.
375 pp.

A symposium on world political geography which includes articles by many noted authors on the influence of geography on the course of history.

The Geography Of Air Transport

Van Zandt

Washington, D. C.: Brookings Institution, 1944.
64 pp.

The first of three volumes dealing with problems of world air transport. This volume (Vol. 1) deals with the purely geographical aspects of air transport, evaluating the world's air routes as to economic, military and linear factors.

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Foundations Of National Power
(Selections)

Sprout

Princeton, N. J.: Princeton University Press, 1945

Readings on world politics and American security; speeches, papers, and essays from books by Lippman, Welles, Chamberlin and many others.

Democratic Ideals And Reality

Mackinder

New York: Holt, 1919.
208 pp.

This book, first published in 1919 and reissued unchanged in 1942, deals with "Grand Strategy"—the integration of the military, political, economic, geographic, and psychological factors of national power. Emphasis is placed on the development of the "Heartland" theory and the conflict between land power and sea power.

Geopolitics

Strausz-Hupe

New York: G. P. Putnam & Company, 1942.
274 pp.

This book traces with keen insight the trend of thought from Mahan and Mackinder through Homer Lea and Ratzel to Haushofer and the Munich Work-Group for Geopolitik.

GEOGRAPHY

*The Mediterranean, Its Role In
America's Foreign Policy*

Reitzel

New York: Harcourt, Brace & Company, 1948
185 pp.

A study of foreign relations and power politics in the Mediterranean area, with the main emphasis on U. S., British and Soviet relations in recent years.

Latin America

Josephs

New York: Random House, 1948.
492 pp.

A report on the present political and economic situation in Cuba and in each of the South American countries except Paraguay. A straight-forward and apparently unbiased report.

The United States and China

Fairbank

Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1948.
367 pp.

Professor Fairbank states that his purpose is "to indicate some of the major currents which now form the tide of social change in China" and "to summarize the major patterns of thought and conduct, the major political and economic forms" which are ingrained in Chinese society. This purpose he accomplishes admirably.

The United States And The Near East

Speiser

Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1947 .
246 pp.

Brief explanation of the geographic and cultural background of the Near East, followed by a summary of political developments in that area up to the present time. Concise, scholarly and unbiased.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Britain: Partner For Peace

Corbett

New York: Harcourt, Brace & Co., 1946.
161 pp.

A thorough study of the position of England with respect to the United Kingdom, the Empire, the Commonwealth, and the world.

The Charter Of The United States

Goodrich-Hambro

Boston: World Peace Foundation, 1949.
658 pp.

Recognized as the best work on the Charter of the United Nations. A comprehensive discussion and interpretation of each article of the Charter. Very valuable for reference pur-

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poses and recommended for study by those with a particular interest in international relations.

Major Problems of U. S. Foreign Policy

Washington, D. C.: Brookings Institution, 1948.
241 pp.

An excellent survey of the basic questions of foreign policy. Published annually. Monthly supplements, entitled "Summary of Developments in Major Problems of U. S. Foreign Policy", are issued by the publishers.

The North Atlantic Treaty

Washington, D. C.: Government Printing Office, 1949.
2 pp.

Department of State Publication 3464. The preamble and text of the North Atlantic Treaty.

The Western Hemisphere Defense Pact

Washington, D. C.: Government Printing Office, 1947.
2 pp.

The Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance.
Executive Report No. 11.

MILITARY ART AND SCIENCE

Air Power In War

Tedder

London: Hodder and Stoughton, 1949.
124 pp.

A distinguished officer of the Royal Air Force discusses some of the effects of the impact of air power on the course of World War II.

Bombing And Strategy

Dickens

London: Sampson Low, Marston & Co., 1947.
90 pp.

In this short book the author analyzes and criticizes British aerial strategy (particularly strategic bombing) of World War II, and reaches several important conclusions concerning the use of the armed forces of a maritime power.

Mahan On Sea Power

Livesey

Norman, Okla.: University of Oklahoma Press, 1947.
300 pp.

An interpretation and evaluation of Admiral Mahan's theories of sea power and its effect on history. The list of Mahan's writings, which is included, is complete and provides a useful guide for anyone who desires to study the development of these theories.

The Future Employment Of Naval Forces

Nimitz

U. S. Department of the Navy, 1948
12 pp.

A short paper expressing the views of Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz on the function of naval forces in maintaining the future security of the United States.

Some Principles Of Maritime Strategy

Corbett

New York: Longmans, Green & Co., 1911
278 pp.

A classic work on naval strategy by a distinguished British naval writer.

The Atom Bomb

96 pp.

Part II (pages 324-418) of the March 1947 issue of "Air Affairs". Articles by officers of the Army, Navy, Air Force and by distinguished civilians dealing with the impact of the atomic bomb on society.

The Role Of Sea Power In Global Warfare Of The Future

Rosinski

From Brassey's *Naval Annual*, 1947.
14 pp.

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A brief article in which Dr. Rosinski develops the thesis that sea power will continue to be a fundamental and decisive historical force.

The Place Of War In History

Rosinski

From "Infantry Journal", November, 1947.

7 pp.

A critical analysis of Cyril Fall's short sixteen page booklet entitled "The Place of War in History", which booklet should be read in conjunction.

The Art Of War

Sun Tzu

Harrisburg, Pa.: Military Service Publishing Co., 1944.

97 pp.

A 1944 edition of the Giles translation. The book comprises thirteen short chapters. In the first paragraph Sun Tzu writes: "The art of war is of vital importance to the state. It is a matter of life and death, a road either to safety or to ruin. Hence it is a subject of inquiry which can on no account be neglected". From that point he proceeds to an enunciation of the principles of war, and to an examination of their application.

Psychological Warfare

Linebarger

Washington, D. C.: Infantry Journal Press, 1948.

251 pp.

Covers the historical background, functions, limitations, and applications of the science of psychology to the conduct of war.

Airborne Warfare

Gavin

Washington, D. C.: Infantry Journal Press, 1947.

175 pp.

A very interesting, well written book by an officer of long and varied experience. It goes briefly into the history of airborne operations, reviews some of the highlights of the major airborne operations of World War II, and then delves into the future.

The Price Of Power

Baldwin

New York: Harper & Bros., 1948.
328 pp.

Produced by a group of specialists brought together by the Council on Foreign Relations. The book considers the relative positions (present and potential) of the United States and Russia as regards political, economic, and strategic strengths, resources, man power, ideologies, and vulnerability.

Makers Of Modern Strategy (Selections)

Earle

Princeton, N. J.: Princeton University Press, 1943.

This book is an outgrowth of a seminar on military affairs which was conducted at the Institute for Advanced Study. Twenty well known historians trace the development of modern military thought in brief, and in some cases brilliant studies of the contributions of Clausewitz, Jomini, Mahan, Douhet, and Foch (among others) to current military thinking.

Naval Strategy

Mahan

Boston: Little, Brown and Company, 1919.
447 pp.

This book is substantially a compilation of lectures delivered by Captain Mahan at the Naval War College between the years 1887 and 1911. Naval strategy is compared and contrasted with the principles and practice of military operations on land.

U. S. S. R. AND COMMUNISM

Sources Of Soviet Conduct

“X”

From “Foreign Affairs,” July, 1947.
29 pp.

A splendid (and brief) analysis of the interaction of Soviet ideology and power and the role played by each in Soviet official conduct.

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Stalin On Revolution

“Historicus”

From “Foreign Affairs,” January, 1949.
42 pp.

An authoritative analysis of Stalin’s pronouncements and of their influence on Communist thinking and policy throughout the world.

World Communism Today

Ebon

New York: Whittlesey House, McGraw-Hill Book Co., 1948.
482 pp.

Well balanced and objective discussion of the world Communist situation and of possible developments.

The Strategy And Tactics Of World Communism

House Document #619

Washington, D. C.: Government Printing Office, 1948.
429 pp.

A comprehensive, well documented report by sub-committee No. 5 of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs. It consists of the report proper and two supplements. The report proper covers the theory, practice and tactics of Communism. Supplement No. 1 “One Hundred Years of Communism” documents and discusses the development and objectives of the Communists, and is the major part of the report. Supplement No. 2 consists of official protests of the U. S. against Communist policies or actions.

Russia, A Short History

Pratt and Moore

New York: John Day Co., 1947.
282 pp.

An excellent history, interesting to read and valuable for reference purposes.

Blueprint For World Conquest

Washington, D. C.: Human Events, 1946..
258 pp.

The Communist equivalent of *Mein Kampf*. It presents the

thesis and programs of the Second and Sixth World Congresses of the Communist International which were held in Moscow in 1920 and 1928.

LOGIC: ENGLISH WRITTEN AND SPOKEN

How To Think Straight Thouless

New York: Simon & Schuster, 1939.
246 pp.

In direct, sprightly, nontechnical English, Professor Thouless discusses the most effective ways of achieving and maintaining a clear-thinking, well-balanced and flexible mind.

The Art Of Plain Talk Flesch

New York: Harper & Bros., 1946.
194 pp.

A book that explains the art of plain talk. People whose business or desire it is to convey ideas will obtain valuable hints on effective presentation.

Principles And Methods Of Discussion McBurney & Hance

New York: Harper & Bros., 1939.
452 pp.

A textbook designed to help those who lead or participate in group or panel discussions, symposiums, and forums.

Principles And Types Of Speech Monroe

New York: Scott, Foresman & Co., 1939.
530 pp.

Good coverage of the basic principles of public speaking.

LEADERSHIP

Generals and Generalship Wavell

New York: Macmillan, 1943.
36 pp.

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The qualities that a general must possess, the abilities he must have to handle his troops, and his relationship with the statesmen who command his activities are ably presented by Field Marshal Wavell in this book.

Lee's Lieutenants (Introduction to Vol. III) Freeman

New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1942.
17 pp.

Sketches of the personalities who were the commanders under Lee in the Army of Northern Virginia.

ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

Organization, A Formulation Of Principle Brown

New York: Hibbert Printing Co., 1945.
308 pp.

A treatise on the basic principles of organization.

The Principles Of Organization Mooney & Reiley

New York: Harper & Bros., 1939.
217 pp.

The principles and structure of organization throughout history with special reference to successful organizations which have stood the test of time.

WORLD WAR II

War Reports Of Marshall, Arnold And King (Selections)

Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott Co., 1947.

A factual and complete official account of the U. S. effort in World War II. A basic historical document.

U. S. Naval Logistics In World War II Ballantine

Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1947.
301 pp.

The book confines itself primarily to a discussion of National and Departmental Logistics. In this restricted field the author makes an excellent analysis of an important problem.

Crusade In Europe

Eisenhower

New York: Doubleday & Co., 1948.
478 pp.

A work of great significance by the Supreme Commander, Allied Expeditionary Forces.

Roosevelt And Hopkins

Sherwood

New York: Harper & Bros., 1948.
934 pp.

A remarkable biographical work covering the pre-war and war years. Sherwood is able to make the reader feel personally present in the White House and at the conference tables.

Scientists Against Time

Baxter

Boston, Mass.: Little, Brown & Co., 1946.
450 pp.

The Official history of the Office of Scientific Research and Development—1940 to the War's end—in which is chronicled the contribution of science to victory in World War II. Abundant proof, if any is needed, of the decisive impact of science on modern war.

Hitler And His Admirals

Martienssen

New York: E. P. Dutton & Co., 1948.
244 pp.

In preparing this text the author has drawn upon the captured archives of the German Navy. Between extensive quotations of documents he has inserted an interpretative narrative to give continuity. Brassey's *Naval Annual* 1948 contains the text of the "Feuhrer Conferences" and is a better source for the basic material.

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*The Effects Of The Atomic Bomb On Hiroshima
And Nagasaki* U. S. S. B. S.

Washington, D. C.: Government Printing Office, 1946.
43 pp.

A condensed but complete report on the effects of the two bombs.

Arsenal Of Democracy Nelson

New York: Harcourt, Brace & Co., 1946.
431 pp.

Mr. Nelson sketches briefly the difficulties and problems which arose in the setting up and functioning of Governmental Boards and Offices designed to organize, control and channel the industrial potential of the United States to meet the needs of the allied war machine in World War II. The book presents numerous facts and details but the coverage is not as complete as would be desirable.

The Second World War, 1939-1945 Fuller

London: Eyre and Spottiswoode, 1948.
431 pp.

A review of the strategy of the war by one of England's most capable authors in the military field. The work is appropriately illustrated and incorporates the comments of many top ranking German officers. A stimulating and provocative book.

Summary Reports, European And Pacific Wars U. S. S. B. S.

Washington, D. C.: Government Printing Office, 1945-46.
32 pp.

A concise report of the results obtained by strategic bombing in the European and Pacific Theaters including conclusions, lessons learned and future trends.

The Gathering Storm Churchill

Boston: Houghton, Mifflin Co., 1948.
667 pp.

No other statesman of our time has such a command of the English language and few have played so large a part in the making of modern history as has Mr. Churchill. In as much as Churchill was Head of His Majesty's Government during the period of World War II, he speaks with more authority here than in his earlier books on the First World War.

Their Finest Hour

Churchill

Boston: Houghton, Mifflin Co., 1949.
630 pp.

Volume II of Churchill's history of the Second World War. This volume starts with the problems confronted by Churchill as he assumed the office of Prime Minister in 1940 and covers the Battle of France, Dunkirk, the Battle of Britain, and the African campaign which culminated at Tobruk.