

Books Reviewed



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of the people or their attitudes toward their enemies—unless you read the book.

A basic understanding of the French language will be helpful.

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MODERN MILITARY DICTIONARY. English/Arabic. Arabic/English. By Maher S. Kayyali. Published by Hippocrene Books. 250 pages. \$27.00 MCA Members. \$30.00 Non-members. Stock #987.

This is a very handy reference for those having a need to translate English into Arabic and vice versa. Obviously, not all military words are covered (Marine is not), but there are enough to make this a most useful book.

The author, a graduate of the Universities of Jordan and Wisconsin, is director of the Arab Institute for Research and Publishing.

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SUPER BREED I. By George W. Wyatt. Wyatt Publishing Company. 216 pages, with photos and maps. Hardback. \$39.95, plus \$2.00 for postage and handling. Cannot be purchased through the MCA Bookservice. Write to George W. Wyatt, 5617 S. Winston, Tulsa, OK 74135-4332.

Subtitled: "A Journal of the First Marine Engineers, Pioneers and Seabees."

Many good photos provided by Corporal Harold Tippet and Master Gunnery Sergeant Ralph E. Smith, including a shot provided by Gordon Morgan of "Chesty" Puller's outfit at Bloody Nose Ridge on Guadalcanal, taken during October 1942.

Wyatt recounts history and adds personal touches to recall events as they pertained to engineers, pioneers and Seabees. He takes the reader back to Guadalcanal, New Britain, New Guinea and Peleliu. His use of the word "I," the consistent misspelling of General A. A. Vandegrift's name and the use of poetry ("Gunga Din," "Hiawatha," and "The Power of the Dog") are somewhat distracting.

Page 11 lists "Slang" and states

that "Banzai" is a Japanese word meaning "charge."

The photos are of interest. The book is cleanly printed and well-defined. Those to whom the book is dedicated will appreciate the effort extended by George W. Wyatt to the 1st Combat Engineer Battalion.

The last eight pages of the book show a reproduction of the Muster Roll of Officers and Enlisted Marines from December 1 to December 31, 1942.

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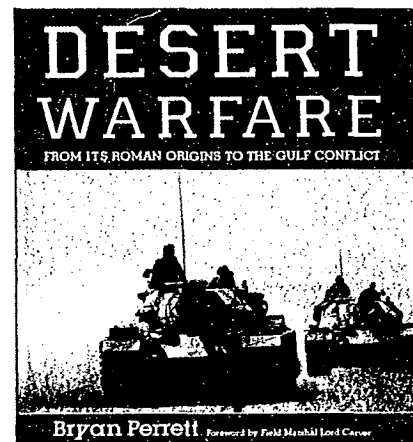
A SAVAGE WAR OF PEACE. By Alistair Horne. Published by Penguin Books. \$11.65 MCA Members. \$12.95 Non-members. Stock #010191. Softcover. Some illustrations and maps. On the Commandant's Reading List.

The story of the Algerian War (1954-1962) is one in which a million Muslim Algerians died. The savage colonial war caused the fall of six French prime ministers and nearly brought down Charles de Gaulle.

Alistair Horne has authored a number of books, but none have been so well-received as "A Savage War of Peace," which earned him the *Yorkshire Post* Book of the Year and the Wolfson History Award. (This book was first published in 1977. It was revised and reissued in 1987.)

During the eight-year revolution, unspeakable mutilations took place. Violence spread in Algeria, in France, and in other locations. Recall the defeat of the French at Dien Bien Phu, Indo-China (Vietnam) on May 7, 1954. Time passed; the massacre at Philippeville in August 1955, the massacre of French conscripts, the bombing of a milk-bar and cafeteria by young girls, and the battle of Algiers beginning in mid-1956.

If you weren't a part of the revolution, you won't understand the mood



DESERT WARFARE: From its Roman origins to the Gulf conflict. By Bryan Perrett. Foreword by Field Marshal Lord Carver. Published by Patrick Stephens Limited. 217 pages. Illustrated. \$22.45 MCA members. \$24.95 Non-members. Stock #917.

Bryan Perrett dives into history, all the way back to Roman times, the Crusades and the two World Wars. He served in the Royal Armoured Corps from 1952 to 1971 and knows the language of the military.

The Gulf conflict in the subtitle of the book refers to the Iran/Iraq conflict, but the photographs and anecdotes all will have a special meaning to the young servicemen and women who survived Desert Shield and Desert Storm.