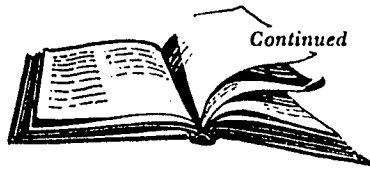


# PROFESSIONAL SCRAPBOOK



## New Books Reviewed

**The Battle For Guadalcanal.** By BGen Samuel B. Griffith, II. (Lippincott, \$3.95)

The Bookservice will sell a bundle of this one. Why? Simply because it's an excellent book, well worth reading. Not a "sea story," but a definitive work in the style of *The Longest Day*, describing the conduct of the campaign from both sides of the MLR. Those officers who are, understandably, resentful of stories about the 'Canal need have no fear.

The author, as a participant in the battle, may be forgiven for his occasional lapses from complete objectivity. He literally keel-hauls the black shoe Navy for its conduct of the surface campaign, while the reader can only wonder if the peacetime Navy did any constructive training between Dick Powell movies. It's a part of the whole story that has been too long untold.

Sam Griffith brings out many aspects of the campaign previously not available in the public press. His sources are excellent. He is able to trace the battle from the grand strategy level of opposing Imperial/Joint Staffs down through Area, Task Force, Landing Force, Division, and company/platoon levels. Yet he never loses contact with the Marine who is sustained only by a sock-full of captured rice and an exceptional sense of humor.

Items:

- The description of the mess on Red Beach will infuriate you.
- The air effort at last gets its just due.
- The US Army had a good bit of hard fighting to do after the 1stMarDiv left.
- The resourcefulness and ingenuity of the Japanese in reinforcing a failure.
- The courage of the combatants where no quarter was asked and none given.

Summation: Recommended without reservation to all ranks.

**ANZIO—The Gamble That Failed.** By Martin Blumenson. (Lippincott, N.Y., \$3.95).

Of the Great Battles of History series edited by Hanson Baldwin, this is the single book so far of greatest interest to Marines. Amphibious war as we know it got its start from an amphibious flop:

Anzio likewise has many lessons of planning and execution to ponder. Mr. Blumenson is a particularly competent historian and writer.

**Strategy and Command: The First Two Years.** By Louis Morton. (Vol 54 of the series U.S. Army in WWII. Published by Department of the Army, GPO \$10.25).

**Triumph in the Philippines.** By Robert R. Smith. (Vol 55 of the series U.S. Army in WWII. Published by Department of the Army, GPO \$10.25).

Two more huge (750 pages, plus charts) volumes in the highly competent Army series. The facts are here for history. The average Marine reader would probably like to see the 11 volumes (so far) in the War in the Pacific sub-series, pruned down a la Morison's Navy books, before investing.

**Annapolis Today.** By Kendall Banning, revised by A. Stuart Pitt. (U.S. Naval Institute, Annapolis, \$6).

For those interested in attending, visiting, or dating at the Naval Academy.

**Applied Imagination—Principles and Procedures of Creative Problem Solving.** By A.F. Osborn. (Scribner's, N.Y. \$3).

This is a big paperback, actually the 3rd revised edition and 14th printing. It goes much deeper than the "brainstorming" fad. It could be of professional interest—in any profession.

**The Darkest Day: 1814—The Washington-Baltimore Campaign.** By Charles G. Muller. (Lippincott, N.Y., \$3.95).

Here's another of the Great Battle series. The burning of Washington and the defense of Ft McHenry were hardly decisive battles, but a quick, authentic study of these complex doings is hard to come by. Contains an interesting account of the doings of Commodore Barney's Marines at Bladensburg. Recommended if you're in the Washington area—or expect to be.

**The U.S. in World War I.** By Don Lawson. (Abelard-Schuman, N.Y., \$3.50).

Just 157 pages for young folks.

**The Two-Ocean War—A Short History of the U.S. Navy in WWII.** By RADM Samuel Eliot Morison (Little, Brown, Boston, \$15).

Here is a 611-page distillation of Adm Morison's monumental and definitive 15-volume "History of U.S. Naval Operations in WWII." It has 52 charts, 25 pages of photos, and many valuations, as well as re-evaluations of successes and failures. Adm Morison is widely known as a great historian; he's also an excellent writer.

For the Marine interested in a professional library, this is one of the most significant books of the year.

**Uniforms of the Sea Services.** By Col Robert H. Rankin, USMC. (U.S. Naval Institute, Annapolis, \$24.50).

This pictorial history sets forth Navy and Marine uniforms of past and present and how they got that way. This is a big, handsome, and informative book. The full color plates are what raise the price.

## Russia's Frogs

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### FROG-3

This improved version of the T-5C has a new warhead shape. It is identified as the BB-1 by the Swiss Armed Forces and has been code-named FROG-3 by NATO. It was first observed during a May Day parade in 1961. This unguided weapon was seen mounted on both the PT-76 and the AFV Type 1955 tank chassis. It has a smaller launching rail and a new type side guide rail clamps. This rocket also has a dual-thrust solid propellant motor, and can reach a velocity of Mach 3.3 (2,500 mph). It is 26½ feet long, 1.1 feet in diameter, and the four fins span 2.1 feet. The total launching weight with a 1,750 lb nuclear warhead is 4,400 lbs. Range is 17 to 25 miles, but "Herkennen" credits the FROG-3 with a range of 24.8 miles. This weapon system is also air-transportable and has a weight of about 30,000 lbs.

### FROG-4

This version of the T-5C is the same as the FROG-3 except for a smaller warhead. It was identified during the November 1961 Red Army Day parade. It has the same specifications and performance as the FROG-3 and is now being placed into service with front line units in an operational status. USMC