

# •First Glances at New Books

## MILITARY AND NAVAL SCIENCE

**MILITARY AND NAVAL RECOGNITION BOOK**—J. W. Bunkley—*Van Nostrand*, 297 p., illus., \$2.50. Are you bewildered by the assorted military millinery that is abroad in the land today? Then this is the book for you. It tells how to read the sign-language of officers' caps and shoulder-straps, how to decipher the "hash-marks" on the sleeves of NCO's and petty officers. It even goes into the insignia of the foreign forces: if you should fish a half-drowned sailor out of the sea you will be able to tell at a glance whether you've got an Italian admiral or a Spanish *commandante*. This key to the taxonomy of men in uniform is something we have all been waiting for.

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## ANTHROPOLOGY

**THE SOUTH SEAS IN THE MODERN WORLD**—Felix M. Keesing—*John Day*, 391 p., \$3.50. The University of Hawaii's professor of anthropology has prepared this comprehensive book on a part of the Pacific which seems less far-away, in these days of international tangles. He presents the racial background of the people, and also the economic, geographic, medical, and cultural present.

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## GEOLOGY

**INTRODUCTION TO GEOLOGY** (2d ed.)—E. B. Branson and W. A. Tarr—*McGraw-Hill*, 482 p., illus., \$3.75. New edition of a competently written, well illustrated text in general geology.

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## GEOLOGY

**THE WEST HIGHLANDS AND THE HEBRIDES, A Geologist's Guide for Amateurs**—Alfred Harker—*Cambridge (Macmillan)*, 127 p., illus., \$2. The lands described in this small book were once so remote as to have little interest for American readers. Now, with our newest outpost in Iceland, they are very much nearer, and by that token the more worth knowing about.

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## STRATEGY

**MODERN NAVAL STRATEGY**—Sir Reginald Bacon and Francis E. McMurtrie—*Chemical Pub. Co.*, 208 p., \$3.50. This book almost ruins itself by a couple of initial chapters which purport to be discussions of general principles but are mainly opinion. From there on, however,

it redeems itself by getting down to facts, which are discussed in a most competent manner.

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## SCIENCE—JUVENILE

**OYSTERS**—Work Projects Administration, Writers' Program—*A. Whitman*, 45 p., illus., 50c. For young readers who are still in the big-print stage. It gets a really astonishing lot of information into its few pages, and makes it as appetizing as the bivalves themselves.

**WIND, WATER, AND AIR**—Work Projects Administration, Writers' Program—*A. Whitman*, 47 p., illus., 50c. First facts about meteorology and geology, attractively presented for young readers.

**THE STORY OF GLASS**—Works Projects Administration, Writers' Program—*A. Whitman*, 47 p., illus., 50c. The essential facts about glass, from Phoenicia to Pittsburgh, compacted into a thin little book; well told and well illustrated.

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## AERONAUTICS

**AIRCRAFT PRODUCTION**—E. Molloy—*Chemical Pub. Co.*, 104 p., illus., \$2. Prepared in England, as Volume 2 in the "Complete Engineer" series, this book summarizes the present British practice. It should prove useful in the United States as showing what is being done under war conditions.

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## AERONAUTICS

**GLOSSARY OF AERONAUTICAL TERMS**—Douglas H. Nelson—*Chemical Publishing Co.*, 112 p., illus., \$1.50. Of British origin, the terms included are in accordance with Air Ministry recommendations. Since different words are used for many of these things in the United States, it should prove useful to those concerned with making airplanes for Britain, and those who want to be able to talk intelligently with visitors from overseas.

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## AERONAUTICS

**MANUAL OF AIR NAVIGATION**—*Chemical Pub. Co.*, 363 p., illus., \$3.50. This is a reprint of an official publication by the British government. Naturally, it emphasizes English practices and instruments, but air navigation as performed in the United States is similar enough that the book should be of interest and instruction over here as well.

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## FICTION

**LANCE, A Novel About Multicultural Men**—Edward F. Haskell—*John Day*, 359 p., \$2.50. Written by a man who has spent much of his life abroad, this novel of the first world war is a plea for world civilization and tolerance. "The world's sharp constriction—through rapid transport and communication, through the far-flung movements of refugees and the shifts of entire populations in recent and current wars—has produced millions of rootless, groping multi-cultural men and women. So Edward Haskell, who has been such a person himself, writes their story."

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## AERONAUTICS—WAR

**THE AIRMEN SPEAK—Officers and Men of the Royal Air Force**—*Doubleday, Doran*, 299 p., \$2.50. A series of brief and interesting accounts of their experiences by members of the R. A. F., originally given as broadcasts over the B. B. C.

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## ZOOLOGY

**DEVESCOVINID FLAGELLATES OF TERMITES I. THE GENUS DEVESCOVINA**—Harold Kirby—*Univ. of Calif. Press*, 91 p., 9 pl., \$1.25.

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## BIBLIOGRAPHY

**DIRECTORY OF MICROFILM SOURCES, Including Photostat Service**—Ross C. Cibella, comp.—*Special Libraries Ass'n*, 56 p., 75c. For anyone who needs to have access to the literature of the world through microfilm this is an invaluable directory of where microfilm can be obtained. In addition to lists of libraries furnishing this service, order blanks are reproduced in facsimile.

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## CHEMISTRY—ECONOMICS

**AIR RAID DEFENSE (CIVILIAN)**—Curt Wachtel—*Chemical Pub. Co.*, 240 p., \$3.50. Everyone who wonders what should be done to protect against air raids, improbable as they may seem here in the U. S. A., should read this book, written under a grant from the Emergency Committee in Aid of Displaced Foreign Medical Scientists, by the scientist who organized the pharmacological section of the Kaiser Wilhelm Institute during the World War. Let us hope that such precautions as detailed here will be put into effect before the last minute.

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