

23 July 1952

Colonel Henning Linden  
Department of Military Art  
The Engineer School  
U. S. Army  
Fort Belvoir, Virginia

Dear Colonel Hennings:

General Smith has asked me to acknowledge your letter of 15 July and to thank you for your kindness and interest. He was complimented that you included his book, "MY THREE YEARS IN MOSCOW," in your reading list.

Because of the great demands placed upon him as Director of Central Intelligence, the General was only able to go over the list rather hurriedly, and as a result, is unable to suggest any additions or deletions. He regrets very much that he is unable to devote sufficient time to make a proper study of the list.

Again thanking you, I am

Very truly yours,

  
Assistant to the Director

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DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY ART  
THE ENGINEER SCHOOL  
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FORT BELVOIR, VIRGINIA

15 July 1952

Lieutenant General Walter B. Smith  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear General Smith:

The challenging role now being played by the United States on the international stage is having a profound and complex effect upon the lives of all Americans. For those in the military services the effects are, perhaps, more pronounced than for others.

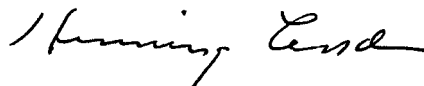
The Engineer School feels that it is now, more than ever, necessary that the American citizen and soldier gain the broadest possible background to assist them in analyzing the events that shape their destinies. To this end, we have published a listing of works that we feel should be read by officers of the Corps of Engineers. We are enclosing a copy of this list.

Your work, "My Three Years in Moscow", is included on page 10.

We are very anxious to improve the list for future publication. For this reason, we invite your comment - both as to completeness of the list and as to additional remarks you feel should be made about your own work. We have also enclosed a time-saving comment sheet, which may be of assistance to you.

The Engineer School will be most grateful for your help on its future reading list.

Very truly yours,



HENNING LINDEN  
Colonel, Infantry  
Chief, Dept of Military Art

1 Incl: The Engineer School  
Reading List

COMMENTS ON THE ENGINEER SCHOOL READING LIST

I would add the following books:

Title and Author	Reason

I would delete the following books:

Title and Author	Reason

If my personal library were destroyed and I could obtain only, a dictionary, an encyclopedia, a Bible, and 10 other books, on the subjects: History, Economics, Politics and Military Affairs, the 10 books I would select are:

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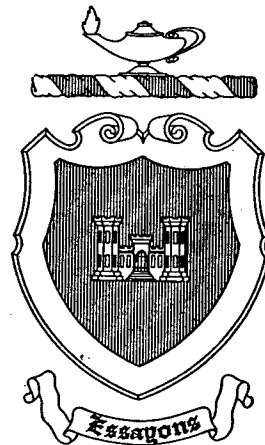
REMARKS

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# THE ENGINEER SCHOOL READING LIST

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THE ENGINEER SCHOOL  
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FORT BELVOIR, VIRGINIA

## INTRODUCTION

In this "cold war" period, when maintenance of the national military and political strength is the business of everyone, more than ever it is necessary for all officers in the Army of the United States to have a good knowledge of world affairs. The effects of economics, politics, geography, sociology, arts and sciences on the minds of people, and the resulting policies of governments become of vital importance. The battle for the minds of men is of equal importance to you as an Army Officer as it is for every citizen.

The objective of this list is to help each officer to understand his own profession of arms (and its background) more thoroughly and to comprehend generally what makes the world as it is today and what influences its peoples to act as they do. You as an Army Officer will be called on to do many jobs over and beyond combat duties.

The young officer should not in any way feel limited by this list. If he feels that his knowledge in any field is lacking he should consult that particular section in the bibliography for some suggested works to be read. A rough attempt has been made to place less technical works in earlier periods of service, and those books which can be read only after some knowledge of the field has been attained in following periods of service.

This list is divided into two main sections:

### SECTION I - SUGGESTED READING

- Part 1 - First five years of commissioned service. Junior Officer (Troop school to company officer's course)
- Part 2 - The period of company grade. About 5-10 years service. (Company officer's course to advanced course)
- Part 3 - The period of grade of major. About 10-15 years service. (Advanced course to Command and General Staff School)
- Part 4 - The period of grade of Lieutenant Colonel to Colonel. About 15-20 years service. (Command and General Staff School to Army War College)
- Part 5 - Optional books, which are considered significant, but of more limited value than those listed in previous parts.
- Part 6 - Periodicals.

SECTION II - BACKGROUND READING

Part 1 - Works suggested as good background material by the United States Military Academy which do not appear in other sections where they are designated as (MA).

Part 2 - Works listed as 100 significant books by civilian colleges, selected by the Committee on College Reading and published in A GUIDE TO GOOD READING (sponsored by The National Council of Teachers of English), 1948. A fair sampling of these books should have been examined before entering Service; however, these works are included for those officers whose academic study has not included the liberal arts at undergraduate college level.

Works contained in Section I are broken down into Fields of Study and listed alphabetically by author within each part with a brief description of their contents. Also, works which have been recommended by other service schools are indicated in parentheses to the right of the title as follows:

Recommended List for National War College Students, (NWC)  
1951-52

Recommended Background Reading List for Air War College, (AWC)  
1950-51

Collateral Reading, Armed Forces Staff College, 1951-52 (AFSC)

Recommended Background Reading List for U.S. Military Academy, D/MA&E 1948 (MA)

A Guide for Professional Reading by Air Force Officers, (AF)  
1950-51 (AFP 212-1-1)

Required Reading for USAF Extension Courses, 1949 edition (AF)

Officers Call, 1950-52 (OC)

Recommended by the Army War College in War Department Bulletin 44, dated 24 August 1928, and included to show standard, classic works. (WD)

Recommended civilian publications on Military subjects, (MC)  
by U.S. Marine Corps (USMC Memo 71-50) 1950

Books recommended on other lists are indicated by code letters in parentheses as in Section I.

It is realized that there have been included in this list some authors who express views foreign to our American way of life, both economically and politically. This has been done purposely on the following premises: The American officer is capable of discerning the truth from falsehood. Ideologically, as well as militarily, it is a good idea to obtain as much information as possible about potential opponents. A young reader may find one list of anti-American authors in an article by Mr. Burton Rascoe in the May, 1951, issue of "American Legion" magazine.

This list is admittedly brief; many fine books have been omitted and some sub-standard ones included. It is requested that any officer who feels a work has universal value for Army officers or finds a better authority of items covered report it with reasons for recommendation to the Department of Military Art, The Engineer School, Fort Belvoir, Virginia, for inclusion in future revisions of this list.



SECTION I

PART I

(Junior Officers)

FIRST FIVE YEARS

(Period between Troop School and Company Officers' Course)

MILITARY AFFAIRS

- Bradley, Omar N. : A SOLDIER'S STORY (AFSC) (NWC)  
A broad description of the European phase of World War II with simple explanations of why decisions were made and candid observations of leading military figures, U.S., British, and French.
- Creasy, E. S. : THE FIFTEEN DECISIVE BATTLES OF HISTORY (WD)  
Classic discussion of the 15 most decisive (though not in all cases the largest) battles which affected the western world from Marathon (490 B.C.) to Waterloo (1815).
- Eisenhower, Dwight D. : CRUSADE IN EUROPE (AFSC) (AF) (OC) (MC)  
Personal narrative of events leading to war and of European campaigns of World War II by the supreme commander.
- Ely, L. B. : THE RED ARMY TODAY (AF) (OC)  
An evaluation of Soviet armed might as of 1950 and an estimate of the manner of employment in the event of war. Author is a Colonel, USA.
- Freeman, Douglas S. : LEE'S LIEUTENANTS (AF) (MA) (MC)  
A multiple biography of outstanding leaders in the Army of Northern Virginia in 3 volumes. An excellent, well-documented study of American command and leadership.
- Fuller, J. F. C. : THE GENERALSHIP OF U.S. GRANT (AF) (MA) (MC)  
Biography of Grant dealing mostly with his military, not political or personal, life.
- Ganoe, W. A. : HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY (WD) (MC)  
A history of the Army's organization and achievements from its beginning until 1942. Useful in showing a young officer the fine tradition in which he has a part.
- Henderson, G. F. R. : STONEWALL JACKSON (NWC) (AF) (MA) (WD) (MC)  
A standard biography which has been used as a text at West Point and the British War College.

- Ludwig, Emil : NAPOLEON (AF) (MA)  
A large 1-volume modern biography that deals more with the man and politics than with the general.
- MacDonald, C. B. : COMPANY COMMANDER (AFSC) (MC)  
Story of author's struggle to take the place of his predecessor as company commander. Good study of leadership and responsibility of junior officers in combat.
- Marshall, S. L. A. : MEN AGAINST FIRE (AFSC) (OC) (MC)  
The problems of command in war; interesting study of leadership, based originally on statistics of firepower. Sometimes obscure language is used.
- Patton, General George S. : WAR AS I KNEW IT (AFSC) (AF) (MC)  
Military memoirs of General Patton in Europe and Africa during World War II. Appendices include his famous Letters of Instruction. Excellent comments on leadership written in trenchant style.
- Pratt : ELEVEN GENERALS (MC)  
A brief survey of prominent military leaders whose ideas have influenced American military thinking, from Nathaniel Greene to Omar Bradley. (Noted that no Confederate generals of Civil War are included)
- Wilmot, Chester : THE STRUGGLE FOR EUROPE  
Written by an Australian general, this work is candidly critical of American generalship in Europe.
- Young, Desmond : ROMMEL (AFSC) (AWC) (AF)  
A biography by a former general in the English 8th Army who was Rommel's prisoner.

POLITICAL AFFAIRS

- Dimock, M. E. : AMERICAN GOVERNMENT IN ACTION  
Discussion of practical politics in 20th Century America.
- Fiske, John : THE BEGINNINGS OF NEW ENGLAND (WD)  
A standard 1-volume history about early settlements around Massachusetts Bay.
- Haskin, F. J. : AMERICAN GOVERNMENT TODAY  
An informal guidebook to the workings of the Federal government.

Maxey, C. C. : THE AMERICAN PROBLEM OF GOVERNMENT (AF) (MA)  
An excellent discussion of 20th Century American government.  
Used as a text in U.S.M.A.

Ogg & Ray : INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN GOVERNMENT  
Basic discussion of constitutional organization of federal  
government.

#### FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Deane, John R. : THE STRANGE ALLIANCE (NWC)(AWC)(AFSC)(AF)(MA)(MC)  
An account of our efforts at wartime cooperation with Russia by  
a general who was present in Moscow.

#### ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Hazlitt, Henry : ECONOMICS IN ONE LESSON (AFSC)  
An introduction to economics through analysis of the economic  
fallacies most popular today. Noncollectivist in theme.

Slichter, S. H. : THE AMERICAN ECONOMY (NWC) (AF)  
An analysis of American economic institutions, by an American  
economist.

#### RELIGION

##### BIBLE

Basis of our Democratic society. Narratives, as well as precepts,  
are a source of knowledge to the soldier. Good idea to keep this  
book with you during your career.

Marshall, Peter : MR. JONES, MEET THE MASTER  
A collection of sermons and prayers of the late Chaplain of the  
Senate.

Oursler, Fulton : THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD  
A compilation of stories from the radio program - "The Greatest  
Story Ever Told". Discussion of Life of Jesus and other biblical  
stories.

Sheen, F. J. : PEACE OF SOUL  
Probably the most persuasive speaker for Roman Catholicism in  
America today explains achievement of spiritual security. Not  
denominational in application.

(Note with these four books the subject of religion is left for  
your own exploration in future periods)

HISTORY

Beard, Charles & Mary : THE REPUBLIC (AWC) (AF)  
Series of conversations in which the growth of the American  
republic is discussed. Rather economic interpretation.

Wells, H. G. : OUTLINE OF HISTORY (WD)  
A cursory 1-volume socio-political history of the world from  
earliest recorded history to World War II. Helpful to give a  
"big picture" and for quick reference.

MISCELLANEOUS

Flesch, Rudolph : THE ART OF READABLE WRITING (AF)  
A book on rhetoric including some frequently omitted facets.

Humphrey, George : DIRECTED THINKING (AF)  
Discussion of logical thinking and its application to personnel  
management.

Lee, Josh : HOW TO HOLD AN AUDIENCE WITHOUT A ROPE (AF)  
Discussion of the art of public speaking and influencing of the  
audience by the choice of the right word. Good, short, readable.

Shaffer, L. F. : PSYCHOLOGY OF ADJUSTMENT  
Good study of man's adjustment and maladjustment to enviroment.  
Discussions of abnormal reactions are excellent.

Thouless, Robert H. : HOW TO THINK STRAIGHT (AF)  
The technique of applying logic instead of emotion to arrive at  
conclusions.

Titus, C. H. : THE PROCESS OF LEADERSHIP  
Human relations in the making.

Woolley, E. C. et al : HANDBOOK OF WRITING AND SPEAKING (AF)  
Clear discussion of grammar and the understandable communication  
of ideas.

PART II

(Company Grade Officers)

FIVE TO TEN YEARS

(Period between Company Officers' Course and Advanced Course)

MILITARY AFFAIRS

Burne, A. H. : THE ART OF WAR ON LAND (AFSC)  
Strategic concepts illustrated by campaigns and battles of all ages.

Clausewitz, Karl von : ON WAR - PRINCIPLES OF WAR (WD) (AF) (MC)  
Classic works concerning the fundamentals of strategy and tactics by a keen observer of Napoleon's campaigns. Suggested that the officer have general knowledge of 18th and early 19th century European history before he reads these works to gain the most from them. Slow reading; best studied in small sections from time to time.

Dept of Army : FM 100-5 FIELD SERVICE REGULATION, OPERATIONS and FM 100-15 FIELD SERVICE REGULATIONS, LARGER UNITS  
These field manuals are included not simply as texts, but because they contain so much condensed material of general interest. Should be read contemplatively.

Douhet, Guilio : THE COMMAND OF THE AIR (AWC) (AFSC) (AF)  
Aerial warfare - urging an independent air force, coordinated with, but separate from, army and navy. Influential of present D/D organization.

Fuller, J. F. C. : DECISIVE BATTLES: THEIR INFLUENCE UPON HISTORY AND CIVILIZATION (AF)(MC)  
Describes and places in history thirty-seven decisive battles and campaigns from the time of Alexander to the present.

Gavin, James M. : AIRBORNE WARFARE (AF) (AFSC) (OC) (MC)  
A noted airborne commander's views on concepts and strategic use of airborne forces, with historical examples from World War II to back his ideas.

Kahn, Ely J. : McNAIR, EDUCATOR OF AN ARMY  
Biography of Chief of Army Ground Forces, World War II, with considerable study devoted to developing a large Army from a pitifully small one.

- Lytle, A. N. : BEDFORD FORREST (MA)  
A sympathetic biography of a famous Confederate cavalry leader, who had little formal education, but an excellent grasp of the "big picture".
- Mitchell, William A. : OUTLINE OF WORLD'S MILITARY HISTORY (MC)  
Broad treatment of military operations from earliest history through World War I.
- Montross, Lynn : WAR THROUGH THE AGES (MC)  
A survey of the art and science of killing people in large numbers, as developed between 490 B.C. and 1944 A.D.
- Moorehead, Alan : MONTGOMERY (AF) (MC)  
Biography of Field-Marshal Viscount Montgomery.
- Phillips, Thomas R. : ROOTS OF STRATEGY (AF) (MC)  
A collection of military classics, including: "The Art of War", by Sun Tzu, 500 B.C.; "The Military Institutions of the Romans", by Vegetius, 390 A.D.; "My Reveries on the Art of War", by Maurice de Saxe, 1732; "The Instructions of Frederick the Great for his Generals". Actually deals with tactics more than strategy.
- Thomason, J. W. : JEB STUART (MA)  
A short popular biography of an outstanding cavalryman by a Marine Corps Officer.
- Upton, Emory : THE MILITARY POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES(WD)(MA)(MC)  
While this book does not relate to ancient warfare, it is placed on the list so as to bring attention to a standard work on the history of the United States Army. Many feel that it should be required reading for all officers.

POLITICAL AFFAIRS

- Binkley, W. E. : PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS  
Brief history of Presidents and relation to Congress, through 1947, including clashes of executive and legislative branches.
- Burnham, James : THE COMING DEFEAT OF COMMUNISM (AWC) (AF)  
Author believes "that communism can and will be defeated. That it can be defeated without large-scale war".
- Ferguson & McHenry : AMERICAN SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT (AF)  
A text discussing government at all levels, federal through municipal.

Lenin, Allen & Univen : THE STATE AND REVOLUTION  
Marxist teaching about the theory of the state and the tasks of  
the proletariat in the revolution.

ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Balzac, et al : ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY OF THE USSR  
Virtually an encyclopedia of Russian economic resources prepared  
for Russian citizens by three eminent Russian geographers.

Marx, Karl : CAPITAL (MC)  
A critique of political economy, the process of capitalist  
production.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Dallin, D. J. : SOVIET RUSSIA AND THE FAR EAST (NWC) (AFSC) (AF)  
Survey of Soviet policy in China, Japan and Korea, 1931-1947.

Dulles, John Foster : WAR OR PEACE (AFSC) (AF)  
Study of our present international affairs and foreign policy of  
1950.

Fischer, J. : MASTER PLAN, U.S.A. (NWC)  
One explanation of U.S. Foreign policy during last ten years.  
Author is an admirer of D. Acheson.

Fischer, J. : WHY THEY BEHAVE LIKE RUSSIANS (AFSC)  
An attempt to explain Russian international policies on basis  
of geography, history, politics, society.

Lippman, Walter : UNITED STATES FOREIGN POLICY (AWC)(AFSC)(OC)(MC)  
Criticism of American foreign policy 1900-1943. Sound (AF)  
appraisal. Officers will find it of more use if they have a  
broad understanding of 20th Century history.

Smith, Walter Bedell : MY THREE YEARS IN MOSCOW (AWC) (AFSC) (AF)  
An account of three years of the cold war in Russia as viewed  
by the former U.S. ambassador to Moscow in the period March 1946  
to March 1949.

Welles, S. : WHERE ARE WE HEADING?  
Discussion and criticism of American foreign policy. Through  
1946.

Beard, Charles & Mary : A BASIC HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES (AF)  
History as the conflict of ideas, economy, and interests  
evolving in time.

Pares, Bernard : A HISTORY OF RUSSIA (NWC) (AF) (MA)  
Compact history of the Russians from the early Middle Ages to  
1944. Probably the best and most objective short history  
available.

MISCELLANEOUS

Baxter, James P. : SCIENTISTS AGAINST TIME (AFSC) (AF) (OC)  
The scientists' part in winning the war.

Blackett, P. M. S. : FEAR, WAR, AND THE BOMB (AFSC) (AWC) (AF)  
An appeal for a more forthright approach to the subject of the  
atomic bomb.

Cooke, E. D. : ALL BUT ME AND THEE (AFSC) (AF) (MC)  
Battlefield psychology and preventive handling of neuro-  
psychiatric cases. Battle-fatigue's causes, effects. Written  
by a brigadier general.

Gunther, John : THE RIDDLE OF MacARTHUR (NWC) (AFSC)  
Character study of MacArthur, combined with the author's analysis  
of the Korean problem. Superficial at times.

Mooney, James D. : PRINCIPLES OF ORGANIZATION (AF) (MC)  
Problems of organization; applicable to military as well as  
business world.

Poffenberger, A. T. : PRINCIPLES OF APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY  
A work on psychology and its use in daily life which may be of  
some value.

Reischauer, E. O. : MAO TSE TUNG, RULER OF RED CHINA (NWC)  
Description of Mao's life-long struggle against national Chinese  
government, his Russian education and his abilities as a leader.  
Author considers him an opportunist who will serve his own best  
interest, whether or not Soviet-inspired.

Ruch, F. L. : PSYCHOLOGY AND LIFE (AF)  
A study of the thinking, feeling and doing of people, including  
a section on psychological background.

Tiffin, J. : INDUSTRIAL PSYCHOLOGY  
Applications of psychology that have been made in industry, some  
of which are adaptable to military use.



PART III

(Majors)

TEN TO FIFTEEN YEARS(Period between Advanced Course and  
Command and General Staff College)MILITARY AFFAIRS

- Earle, Edward M. : MAKERS OF MODERN STRATEGY (AWC)(AFSC)(AF)(MC)  
Study of military history from the time of Machiavelli (NWC)  
to the present, including collected essays and comments of great  
military thinkers of the period. One of the best compendia  
available.
- Freeman, Douglas S. : R. E. LEE (AF)(MA)(MC)  
An exhaustive 4-volume work, well-documented. An excellent  
study of American Civil War campaigns and of the Confederate  
commander. It is suggested that the officer gain a general  
knowledge of history of the period before starting this biogra-  
phy to get the most out of it.
- Fuller, J. F. C. : THE SECOND WORLD WAR (AFSC) (AF) (MC)  
A strategical and tactical history of World War II by an English  
major general. Emphasis placed on relationship between war and  
policy.
- Guillaume, Augustin : SOVIET ARMS AND SOVIET POWER (AF) (MC)  
A French soldier's appraisal of the forces and resources  
constituting Russia's might.
- Lamb, Harold : ALEXANDER OF MACEDON (MA)  
A novel of considerable historical accuracy which endeavors to  
re-create for the reader today the campaigns of the Macedonians  
under Alexander.
- Morgan, Frederick : OVERTURE TO OVERLORD (NWC)(AWC)(AFSC)(AF)(OC)  
An account of pre-Normandy invasion planning by the Chief of  
Staff, Supreme Allied Command.
- Possony, Stefan T. : STRATEGIC AIR POWER (AFSC) (AF) (MC)  
Attempts to establish the general principles, possibilities, and  
limitations to strategic bombing.
- Vagts, Dr. Alfred : LANDING OPERATIONS (AF)(MC)  
Overall picture of landing operations in history, with emphasis  
on amphibious action in World War II.

POLITICAL AFFAIRS

- Dorpalen, A. : THE WORLD OF GENERAL HAUSHOFER  
An attempt to reduce to simple terms the theories which have been combined under the name of Geopolitics.
- Strausz-Hupe, Robert : THE STRUGGLE FOR SPACE AND POWER (AFSC)  
Traces the trend of thought from Mahan and MacKinder to Haushofer and the Munich Work-Group for Geopolitik.

ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

- Griffin, Clare E. : ENTERPRISE IN A FREE SOCIETY  
Discussion of American economics and personal freedom in which motives for production, necessary conditions for production, and economic philosophy are dealt with.
- Kiekhofler, W. H. : ECONOMIC PRINCIPLES, PROBLEMS AND POLICIES  
A sound, well-written commentary on basic economics.
- Marx, Karl : THE COMMUNIST MANIFESTO (MC)  
Wage, labor, capital, value, price, and profit discussed. Struggle of proletariat explained and eventual success in overthrowing national governments predicted.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

- Bailey, T. A. : AN AMERICAN FACES RUSSIA (NWC)  
Russian-American relations from early times to 1950.
- Burnham, James : THE STRUGGLE FOR THE WORLD (AFSC)(AF)(MA)(MC)  
Struggle between communist and non-communist worlds from 1917 to 1947.
- Clay, Lucius : DECISION IN GERMANY (NWC) (AFSC) (AF)  
A candid account of the setting up of quadripartite government in Berlin.
- Davies, J. E. : MISSION TO MOSCOW  
A record of confidential dispatches to the State department, official and personal correspondence, current diary and journal entries with notes and comment from 1936 to 1941 written by a U. S. ambassador. Pro-USSR slant.

Stettinius, Edward R. : ROOSEVELT AND THE RUSSIANS (AWC)(AFSC)(AF)  
Attempts to refute current stories that President Roosevelt's concessions to the Russians were so great as to be responsible for our present difficulties with the Soviet Union, based partly on first-hand knowledge.

#### HISTORY

Churchill, Winston : THE GATHERING STORM(AWC)(AFSC)(AF)(OC)(MA)(MC)  
Events leading up to the Second World War from British viewpoint.

Churchill, Winston : THEIR FINEST HOUR (AWC)(AFSC)(AF)(OC)(MA)(MC)  
Second volume of Churchill's memoirs of the War - May 1940 to January 1941.

Churchill, Winston : GRAND ALLIANCE (AWC)(AFSC)(AF)(OC)(MA)  
Third volume Churchill's chronicle of the war to January, 1942.

Churchill, Winston : THE HINGE OF FATE (AWC)(AFSC)(AF)(OC)(MA)  
From the grim days of January, 1942 to May 1943.

Churchill, Winston : CLOSING THE RING (AFSC) (MA)  
Volume five of Mr. Churchill's history of the war extends from the invasion of Sicily to "D" Day.

Fuller, J. F. C. : ARMAMENT AND HISTORY (MC)  
An attempt to trace the influence of armament on history from the ancient Greek era, to World War II.

Sandburg, Carl : A. LINCOLN: THE WAR YEARS (MA) (MC) (AF)  
An exhaustive study of the life of Lincoln from the "Prairie Years" to his assassination and death.

Walsh, E. A. : TOTAL POWER, A FOOTNOTE TO HISTORY (AFSC)  
Probing discussion of post-war problems.

Williams, Kenneth P. : LINCOLN FINDS A GENERAL (AF)  
The first of a multi-volumed study of the Civil War, showing the President's search for competent military leadership and political difficulties involved.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Bush, Vannevar : MODERN ARMS AND FREE MEN (AFSC)(AF)(OC)(MA)(MC)  
A discussion of the role of science in preserving (NWC)(AWC) democracy.

Kent, S. : STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE FOR AMERICAN WORLD POLICY  
Discussion of the different methods of obtaining and evaluating intelligence, and with the relation between producers and consumers of intelligence.

PART IV

(Lieutenant Colonels and Colonels)

FIFTEEN TO TWENTY YEARS

(Period between Command and General Staff College and Army War College)

MILITARY AFFAIRS

Brodie, Bernard : GUIDE TO NAVAL STRATEGY (AFSC)  
The use of naval power in triphibian warfare, written in 1944.

Bureau of Docks & Yards : BUILDING THE NAVY'S BASES IN WORLD WAR II.  
Discussion of problems involved in this type of operation.  
Detailed report, 1940-46.

Chief Engineer, U.S. Army : ENGINEERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC,  
(Pacific) 1941-45 (Vols I & II)  
Final report of Engineers operations in this theater. Detailed, comprehensive.

FINAL REPORT, CHIEF ENGINEER, ETO, 1942-45  
A comprehensive 2-volume report of Engineer activities in Europe during World War II. This work is detailed in portions and is not for general reading.

Mahan, Alfred T. : THE INFLUENCE OF SEA POWER UPON FRENCH  
REVOLUTION AND EMPIRE 1793-1812 (WD)(MA)(MC)  
One of the works of the American admiral and world's greatest writer on sea power. Other important books of his are:  
THE INFLUENCE OF SEA POWER ON HISTORY 1660-1782 (WD)(MA)(MC)  
SEA POWER IN ITS RELATION TO THE WAR OF 1812 (WD)(MA)(MC)

A comprehensive series which is extremely thorough and well-balanced, tracing the organization of our World War II army from its beginnings through the final battles. Excellent; detailed. This series is not yet complete, when finished it will contain 96 volumes under 14 subjects. Volumes available now include:

"Prewar Plans and Preparations"  
"The Organization of Ground Combat Troops"  
"The Procurement of Ground Combat Troops"  
"Guadalcanal, The First Offensive" (AFSC)  
"Okinawa, The Last Battle"  
"The Normandy Invasion"  
"The Lorraine Campaign"

Stanford, Alfred : FORCE MULBERRY  
Explanation of attempts to create artificial harbors for support of the Normandy invasion.

#### FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Baldwin, H. W. : THE PRICE OF POWER (NWC)(AWC)(AFSC)(OC)(MC)  
Power position of the United States in the postwar era to 1948.

Baldwin, H. W. : GREAT MISTAKES OF THE WAR (AF)  
Discussion of political mistakes made during the World War II which are responsible for the present cold war.

Byrnes, James F. : SPEAKING FRANKLY (AFSC) (AF) (OC) (MA)  
Statement of the author's experiences first as an observer at Yalta, and later as Secretary of State.

Perkins, D. : EVOLUTION OF AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY (NWC) (AF) (OC)  
Brief survey of the Foreign policies and the foreign relations of the U. S. during the last two hundred years.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Brodie, Bernard : THE ABSOLUTE WEAPON (AWC) (AF) (MA)  
A conservative discussion of the use and abuse of the atom bomb. Written in 1946.

PART V

OPTIONAL

MILITARY AFFAIRS

- Andrews, Marshall : DISASTER THROUGH AIR POWER (AF)  
Opposes the extremism of certain Air Force views, on value of  
air power.
- De Seversky, Alexander P. : VICTORY THROUGH AIR POWER (AF)  
Air power as the major weapon in warfare in 1942.
- Falls, C. : THE NATURE OF MODERN WARFARE  
Analysis of the deeper military aspects of the present conflict.
- James, Marquis : ANDREW JACKSON, THE BORDER CAPTAIN (AF) (MC)  
An excellent biography of Jackson's career.
- Ludendorf, Eric : LUDEENDORF'S OWN STORY (WD) (MA)  
Gives an excellent insight into the workings of the German  
general staff. Heavy.
- Merriam, Robert E. : DARK DECEMBER (AF)  
An account of the "Battle of the Bulge" in some detail.
- O'Connor, R. : THOMAS: ROCK OF CHICKAMAUGA  
An excellent biography of General George Thomas, a West Pointer  
and a Virginian who fought for the North. One of four top Union  
commanders.
- Saxe, Maurice de : REVERIES ON THE ART OF WAR  
See Phillips, T. R. "Roots of Strategy".
- Steele, M. F. : AMERICAN CAMPAIGNS (W/ATLAS) (WD) (MC)  
Excellent short discussions of tactics and strategy in America's  
campaigns. Maps are most illustrative and accurate to be found.
- Thompson, Paul : ENGINEERS IN BATTLE  
German engineer tactics exemplified by various episodes in the  
Second World War.

POLITICAL AFFAIRS

- Agar, H. : THE PRICE OF UNION  
History of American Political system from Revolution to 1909.

- Faulkner, H. U. : AMERICAN POLITICAL AND SOCIAL HISTORY  
The growth of America as a democratic society.
- Fifield and Percy : GEOPOLITICS IN PRINCIPLE AND PRACTICE  
An instructive work concerned with geopolitics in a broad interpretation.
- Gervasi, Frank : BIG GOVERNMENT  
The meaning and purpose of the Hoover Commission report.
- Guitteau, W. B. : GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS IN THE U. S.  
Problems in American democracy.
- Gyorgy, A. : GEOPOLITICS : THE NEW GERMAN SCIENCE  
An analysis of a system of political thought which is neither sensational nor simple.
- Horrabin, J. F. : OUTLINE OF POLITICAL GEOGRAPHY  
Economic resources of the great World Powers, and the question of the political organization of the world (1942).
- Machiavelli, Nicolo : THE PRINCE  
Ammoral, materialistic and realistic approach to force and politics of 16th Century Italy. Based on activities of Cesare Borgia.
- Mackinder, Sir Halford : DEMOCRATIC IDEALS AND REALITY (MA)  
A study in the politics of geography. From it Haushofer and the modern geopoliticians are supposed to have drawn much of their theory.
- Milton, G. F. : THE USE OF PRESIDENTIAL POWER  
A study of the American Presidency and some of the men who have held that office.
- Odegard & Helms : AMERICAN POLITICS, A STUDY IN POLITICAL DYNAMICS  
An analysis of party politics as practiced in the United States.
- Sprout, H. & M. : FOUNDATIONS OF NATIONAL POWER (MA) (NWC)  
Readings on world politics and American Security.
- Weigert & Stefanson : COMPASS OF THE WORLD (AFSC) (AF)  
A symposium on political geography.
- Weigert & Stefanson : NEW COMPASS OF THE WORLD (AF)  
A symposium on political geography. Continuation of "Compass of the World".

Whittlesey, D. S. : THE EARTH AND THE STATE  
A study of political geography.

ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Lincoln, Stone, Harvey : ECONOMICS OF NATIONAL SECURITY (NWC)  
In non-technical language, surveys the scope and nature of the economic problems caused by our anti-aggression policies. Collectivistic.

Nelson, D. M. : ARSENAL OF DEMOCRACY (AFSC)  
The story of American production during World War II.

Voznesensky, N. A. : THE ECONOMY OF THE USSR DURING WORLD WAR II.  
Official statement of the Russian war effort, both plans and execution, and the program for Soviet post-war economy.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Almond, G. A. : THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND FOREIGN POLICY  
Analysis of American approach toward foreign policy, which attempts to relate it to other basic American attitudes.

Beloff, M. : THE FOREIGN POLICY OF SOVIET RUSSIA  
Survey of Soviet diplomacy.  
Vol I - 1929-1936  
Vol II - 1936-1941

Bemis, S. F. : UNITED STATES AS A WORLD POWER (NWC)  
Offers an immediate background to the present international relations of the United States.

Bliven & Mezerik : WHAT THE INFORMED CITIZEN NEEDS TO KNOW  
A collection of articles discussing some issues which faced the United States and the world after World War II.

Carman, E. D. : SOVIET IMPERIALISM  
Russia's drive toward world domination.

Chamberlin, Wm. H. : BLUEPRINT FOR WORLD CONQUEST, AS OUTLINED BY  
(International Third) THE COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL  
The thesis and programs of the Second and Sixth World Congresses of the Communist International held in Moscow in 1920 and 1928.

Crankshaw, Edward : RUSSIA AND THE RUSSIANS (AF) (OC)  
An English journalist and historian describes Soviet behavior in the light of Russian history and geography.



- Dallin, D. J. : RUSSIA AND POSTWAR EUROPE  
The Kremlin's outlook on world affairs.
- Dallin, D. J. : THE BIG THREE (MA)  
The United Nations Charter and relations of the Big Three.
- Dallin, D. J. : THE REAL SOVIET RUSSIA (AF)  
The dilemma of Russia and possible solutions which mean war or peace to the world.
- Davis, Jerome : BEHIND SOVIET POWER  
One observer's view that Russia is not a peril to the world's peace.
- Dean, V. M. : EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES  
Analysis of the present condition of Europe and definition of America's main objectives toward that continent.
- Duranty, Walter : STALIN AND COMPANY  
The polit-buro - the men who run Russia. An attempt to portray for Americans the characters and backgrounds of those Russians who, according to the author, are Russia. (1949)
- Fitzgerald, Walter : THE NEW EUROPE (AF)  
Present conditions (1946) in the various areas of Europe to give an understanding of environment, background and the natural advantages and disadvantages of each.
- Fitzgibbon, R. H. : GLOBAL POLITICS  
Lectures treating some of the questions involved in world organization after the war.
- Harsch, Joseph C. : THE CURTAIN ISN'T IRON (AF)  
A view of what is going on in the Eastern European countries (1950).
- Kalijarvi, T. : MODERN WORLD POLITICS  
A textbook dealing with international law and relations, power politics, problems of the world, and the question 'peace in our time'.
- Laserson, Max W. : THE AMERICAN IMPACT ON RUSSIA  
A pioneer study on diplomatic and ideological Russian-American relations during the 150 years of Russia's rapprochement to Western civilization.
- Lauterbach, R. E. : DANGER FROM THE EAST (AFSC)  
A report on Japan, Korea, and China - review of occupation of Japan under General MacArthur. (1947)

- Lauterbach, R. E. : THROUGH RUSSIA'S BACK DOOR  
Detailed record of author's journey through Russia.
- Mandel, W. : A GUIDE TO THE SOVIET UNION  
A description of the Soviet Union as it was in 1946.
- Mills, L. A. : THE NEW WORLD OF SOUTHEAST ASIA (NWC)  
Conditions and problems common to the region as a whole and those of the separate countries of southeastern Asia in 1950.
- Nelson, M. F. : KOREA AND THE OLD ORDERS IN EASTERN ASIA  
A study of Korea's international status from the country's earliest recorded history to 1945.
- Oliver, Robert T. : WHY WAR CAME IN KOREA  
Historical background of the present problem.
- Reitzel, William : THE MEDITERRANEAN (NWC) (AF) (OC)  
The role of the Mediterranean in America's foreign policy.
- Schubart, W. : RUSSIA AND WESTERN MAN  
Evolution of East-West relations.
- Settel, Arthur : THIS IS GERMANY  
A collection of twenty-one articles on post-war Germany. (1950)
- Simmons, Ernest J. : USSR, A CONCISE HANDBOOK (AF)  
A collection of studies of the USSR organized topically.
- Snow, Edgar : PATTERN OF SOVIET POWER  
Outlines some of Russia's attitudes and aspirations.
- Stevens, Edmund : THIS IS RUSSIA  
A brief account of USSR. (1945-50)
- Strausz-Hupe & Possony : INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (NWC) (AF)  
International relations in the modern world with special emphasis on the conflict between democracy and dictatorship.
- Thompson, Craig : THE POLICE STATE (AF)  
A journalistic handbook on the conditions inside Soviet Russia.  
Author is a Life & Time Correspondent.
- Virski, Fred : MY LIFE IN THE RED ARMY  
The war experiences of a young Pole drafted into the Russian forces after the Polish occupation.

RELIGION

Bolshakoff, Serge : RUSSIAN NON-CONFORMITY  
Compilation of facts and an account of the development and  
fate of the various Russian churches and sects.

HISTORY

Bassett, J. S. : A PLAIN AND SHORT HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES  
(SHORT HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES)  
A short history of the U. S. covering period of 1492-1938.

Commager, H. S. : DOCUMENTS OF AMERICAN HISTORY  
Collection of key American documents.

Dallin, D. J. : THE RISE OF RUSSIA IN ASIA  
Fills in the historical background of the events which are  
taking place in China today.

French, Marion O. : AMERICA AND WAR (AF)  
A history of our country and its part in world affairs from its  
discovery to 1948.

Klyuchevsky, Vasilyi : HISTORY OF RUSSIA  
The course of Russian history by a Russian.

Lyashclenko, P. I. : HISTORY OF THE NATIONAL ECONOMY OF RUSSIA  
From the primitive economy of first centuries A.D. to the 1917  
revolution.

Maynard, Sir John : RUSSIA IN FLUX (AWC) (AF)  
A history of the USSR.

Monaghan, F. : HERITAGE OF FREEDOM  
Describes each of the 132 documents relating to American history  
which were on display in the Freedom Train.

Somervell, D. C. : A STUDY OF HISTORY BY ARNOLD J. TOYNBEE  
An excellent abridgement of Toynbee's 6-volume work which was  
issued under the auspices of the Royal Institute of International  
Affairs; it is divided into two sections; civilization, history.  
Should be read slowly and thoughtfully.

Sumner, B. H. : A SHORT HISTORY OF RUSSIA  
Concrete survey of Russia's institutional development.

A monumental 6-volume historiographical work, which points out various influences upon cultures and the interaction of cultures upon other cultures. This is a highly influential book upon present-day historical study, but it is not simple reading. (See Somervell, D. C.)

MISCELLANEOUS

Angell, Sir Norman : THE STEEP PLACES (NWC) (AFSC) (AF)

A plea for an increasing sense of responsibility for avoiding sweeping judgments rooted in emotional partisanship.

Bilby, K. W. : NEW STAR IN THE NEAR EAST

A report on events during the recent conflict between the Jews and the Arabs for the control of Palestine.

Carroll, Wallace : PERSUADE OR PERISH (NWC) (AF)

The story of psychological warfare where the battleground is the mind both of the enemy and of ourselves.

Colby, Merle : A GUIDE TO ALASKA (AF)  
(Federal Writers' Project)

History, natural wealth, commerce, transportation, government, defense, people and living conditions of Alaska.

Gombrich, E. H. : THE STORY OF ART

Traces the development of art and architecture from ancient Egyptian and Near Eastern civilizations to the present culture. Excellent illustrations. This is only one of many fine works on the fine arts, some knowledge of which should be attained by officers.

Gouzenko, Igor : THE IRON CURTAIN (AFSC) (AF) (OC)

Autobiography of the young Russian code clerk, attached to the Canadian Soviet Embassy, who revealed a plot to turn over atomic bomb secrets to the USSR.

Laurence, William L. : THE HELL BOMB (AFSC)

A book on the hydrogen bomb.

Leighton, Alexander, H. : THE GOVERNING OF MEN (AF)

General principles and recommendations of personnel management based on experience at a Japanese relocation camp.

Stefanson, V. : THE ARCTIC MANUAL

A guide and manual of the North prepared under direction of the chief of the Air Corps, U. S. Army (1944)



SECTION II

PART I

RECOMMENDED BY USMA FOR UNDERGRADUATE READING

(Less work listed in Section I marked (MA))

MILITARY

- Agassiz : MEADE'S HEADQUARTERS (WD)  
An interesting book, about the Second Engineer officer to command the Union Army of the Potomac.
- Ahnlund : GUSTAVUS ADOLPH THE GREAT  
An interesting biography by a Swedish writer.
- Aldington : THE DUKE (MC)  
An interesting one-volume biography of Wellington.
- Alexander : MILITARY MEMOIRS OF A CONFEDERATE (WD)  
This is one of the classics. Alexander was Longstreet's chief of artillery. He writes most interestingly of the campaigns in which he took part, which were most of the important ones. One edition was published as The American Civil War.
- Austin : THE ROAD TO GLORY  
An historical novel that many find interesting.
- Badeau : MILITARY HISTORY OF GENERAL U. S. GRANT  
A three-volume work by Grant's military secretary and "official" biographer.
- Battle Monuments Commission : AMERICAN ARMIES AND BATTLEFIELDS IN EUROPE  
This is the only good account of American operations in World War I. It is authentic and interesting and contains splendid photographs and maps. General Pershing supervised its preparation and personally approved the manuscript.
- Becke : NAPOLEON AND WATERLOO  
The best work on this campaign.
- Belloc : NAPOLEON  
A modern, one-volume, popular work. Is an interesting general account.

Belloc : NAPOLEON'S CAMPAIGN OF 1812 AND RETREAT FROM MOSCOW  
A good book that is not heavy.

Bigelow : THE CAMPAIGN OF CHANCELLORSVILLE  
An excellent example of how the account of a campaign should be written.

Blythe : MARSHAL NEY - A DUAL LIFE  
An interesting modern book that is based on the thesis that Ney was not shot but escaped to this country and lived in North Carolina as Peter Stuart Ney.

Boraston : SIR DOUGLAS HAIG'S COMMAND  
One of the best books on the activities of the British in World War I.

Brussilov : A SOLDIER'S NOTEBOOK  
The memoirs of the ablest Russian general.

Bullard : PERSONALITIES AND REMINISCENSES OF THE WAR  
Interesting memoirs by the commander of the American Second Army, in World War I.

Butler (translated by) : MEMOIRS OF BARON DE MARBOT (WD)  
The adventures of a famous figure of the Napoleonic period.  
Is very interesting.

Callwell : DARDANELLES (WD) (MC)  
The best book on the subject.

Charteres : HAIG  
Another good biography.

Churchill : WORLD CRISIS  
The other highly interesting book by this great writer; treats of the western front. His facts are correct, but his inferences are not always to be trusted.

Cooper, Duff : HAIG  
An excellent biography.

Caulaincourt : WITH NAPOLEON IN RUSSIA and NO PEACE WITH NAPOLEON  
The famous memoirs of the French ambassador to St. Petersburg, who also served at various times on Napoleon's staff. They treat of the Russian campaign and the events through Napoleon's first abdication.

Cruttwell : A HISTORY OF THE GREAT WAR

A one-volume history that is the best yet published except for the fact that it does not do justice to the American operations.

Dodge : GREAT CAPTAINS - ALEXANDER (WD) (MC)

Dodge : GREAT CAPTAINS - HANNIBAL (WD) (MC)

Dodge : GREAT CAPTAINS - CAESAR (WD) (MC)

Dodge : GREAT CAPTAINS - GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS (WD) (MC)

The four books listed above are lengthy and exhaustive works. They are not for the reader whose time is limited.

Dodge : GREAT CAPTAINS - NAPOLEON (WD) (MC)

A four-volume set that is listed here so as to call attention to one of the standard works on Napoleon's campaigns. Since it covers about the same ground as the text studied by the cadets (although in greater detail) it is not believed that the average man will find it of much interest at this time. It does contain much colorful material.

Donaldson : MILITARY HISTORY APPLIED TO MODERN WARFARE

Contains worth-while and interesting discussions of Austerlitz, Jena, Waterloo, and other campaigns.

du Picq, Ardant : BATTLE STUDIES (AFSC) (WD)

A study on leadership; is based largely on Franco-Prussian War of 1870-71. This is a very famous book.

Eliot : WEST POINT IN THE CONFEDERACY

A modern book that is of some interest.

Falkenhayn : THE GERMAN GENERAL STAFF

A valuable book by a chief of staff of the German Army during World War I.

Fiebeger : THE CAMPAIGN AND BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG

The best book for those who wish to study the battle in detail.

Foch : PRINCIPLES OF WAR (WD)

Of interest to those who like to read books on strategy. Slow reading.

French : 1914

A personal account of the early operations by the British Commander.



Frost : THE BATTLE OF JUTLAND

The story of the great sea battle.

Fuller : GRANT AND LEE

A modern book by a brilliant military writer.

Fuller : GENERALSHIP, ITS DISEASES AND THEIR CURE

A little book that officers will find interesting. Can be read in a few minutes.

Gaxotte : FREDERICK THE GREAT

A very interesting biography.

Gordon : REMINISCENCES OF THE CIVIL WAR

General John B. Gordon's memoirs.

Guedella : WELLINGTON

A sound biography.

(WD)

Hagood : THE SERVICES OF SUPPLY

A valuable study in logistics.

Hamilton : GALLIPOLI DIARY

An interesting book by the British commander at Gallipoli.

Harbord : THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE

The memoirs of Pershing's chief of staff; generally considered the best of the memoirs of World War I.

Hart : (Also listed as Liddell Hart) GHOST OF NAPOLEON

A treatise on strategy by a writer who is more interesting than sound. This is a fascinating book.

Hart : SHERMAN

Liddell Hart is a most interesting writer although his views are not always sound.

Hart : A GREATER THAN NAPOLEON

A very readable book on Scipio Africanus by a brilliant British writer.

(WD)

Headley : NAPOLEON AND HIS MARSHALS

A more serious work than that by Macdonnell.

Hebert : FIGHTING JOE HOOKER

An excellent modern biography.

- Hemingway, Ernest : MEN AT WAR (MC)  
Contains many highly interesting accounts beginning with Caesar's invasion of Britain and ending with the evacuation of Dunkirk in World War II. Will be liked by most.
- Henry : FIRST WITH THE MOST (MC)  
An interesting, modern book on N. B. Forrest.
- Hergesheimer : SHERIDAN  
A modern biography written in a popular vein.
- Hindenberg : OUT OF MY LIFE (WD)  
His memoirs. Heavy.
- Hoffman : WAR OF LOST OPPORTUNITIES  
An interesting discussion of the operations on the eastern front in World War I by the man whom we first met as the German G3 during the Tannenberg campaign.
- Hoffman : TANNENBERG AS IT REALLY WAS  
An interesting account by the German G-3.
- Hood : ADVANCE AND RETREAT. Also listed under the title, PERSONAL EXPERIENCES IN THE UNITED STATES AND CONFEDERATE ARMIES, which describes the contents. The reader of any book of memoirs should always bear in mind that they are seldom unbiased accounts of operations. Almost every man will seek to justify his own actions. However, memoirs throw much light on events and are usually interesting reading.
- Humphreys, A. A. : THE VIRGINIA CAMPAIGN OF '64 and '65 (WD)  
This is the authoritative and detailed account of the operations during the period indicated. A. A. Humphreys was a captain and a corps commander on the Union side by the end of the war, but he gives a sound, unbiased account. It is not light reading.
- The Infantry School : INFANTRY IN BATTLE  
Small-unit actions. Shows how the war was fought and gives battlefield atmosphere.
- Ironside : TANNENBERG (WD)  
A one-volume history of the campaign; the best account yet published; not light reading.
- Johnston, J. E. : JOHNSTON'S NARRATIVE  
The memoirs of Joe Johnston.

and

Johnston, Mary : CEASE FIRING

Accurate historical novels dealing with the campaigns of the Confederate Army in the East. The first-named has been called the best historical novel of the Civil War; deals with Stonewall Jackson's campaigns.

Jomini : LIFE OF NAPOLEON

(WD)

A two-volume work. Jomini is one of the great writers on military subjects and he participated in many of the campaigns about which he writes.

Kirchheim : NAPOLEON

Similar to the work by Belloc, but by a better writer. Is excellent for the "big picture", including social, political, and economic factors. Kirchheim writes from the German viewpoint.

Knox : WITH THE RUSSIAN ARMY 1914-1917

An interesting account by a Britisher.

Lamb : GENGHIS KHAN

(MC)

A popular novel on an astute and daring figure in military history; easy reading.

Lawrence : SEVEN PILLARS OF WISDOM

The famous and highly interesting book by Lawrence of Arabia, a legendary figure of World War I. Good description of guerrilla activities. Lawrence led the Arabs to join the British cause.

Leach : REVEILLE IN WASHINGTON

A rather recent book that gives colorful background material on events in Washington during the Civil War; very interesting.

Lewis : SHERMAN, FIGHTING PROPHET

(AF)(MC)

A very interesting modern biography of Sherman.

Liggett : COMMANDING AN AMERICAN ARMY

An excellent book by the commander of the American First Army, World War I.

Locke : WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN THE HOLY LAND

One of the best books on the Palestine operations, World War I.

Longstreet : FROM MANASSAS TO APPOMATTOX

His version of the events with which he was connected.

- Ludwig : BISMARCK  
An interesting biography that provides good background material for World War I.
- Macdonnell : NAPOLEON AND HIS MARSHALS  
A popular work that contains much color and many sidelights. Most will find it highly interesting.
- March : THE NATION AT WAR  
A valuable book by the Army's chief of staff during World War I. He is at times petty in his comments on Pershing.
- Massey : ALLENBY'S FINAL TRIUMPH and HOW JERUSALEM WAS WON  
Authentic accounts of the fighting on the Palestine front, World War I.
- Maurice (edited by) : AIDE DE CAMP OF LEE (WD)  
Extracts from the papers of Colonel Charles Marshall, one of Lee's aides; very interesting.
- Maurice : ROBERT E. LEE, THE SOLDIER (WD)  
A modern biography written in a popular vein.
- Maurice : STATESMEN AND SOLDIERS OF THE CIVIL WAR (WD)  
A very interesting book that deals with the relations between certain statesmen and generals: Davis and Johnston; Davis and Lee; Lincoln and McClellan; Lincoln and Grant.
- Mott (translated by) : THE PERSONAL MEMOIRS OF JOFFRE  
Well worth reading.
- Myers : McCLELLAN  
A scholarly and interesting work by Prof Myers of Princeton. Like most biographers, he is partial to his subject, the first Engineer officer to command the Union Army of the Potomac.
- Napier : HISTORY OF THE WAR IN THE PENINSULA AND IN THE SOUTH OF FRANCE FROM THE YEAR 1807 TO THE YEAR 1814 (WD)  
This four-volume set is the standard work on the campaign in the peninsula. It is not for the reader with limited time.
- Nicolay and Hay : ABRAHAM LINCOLN, A HISTORY  
The classic older biography of Lincoln. The authors had access to the Lincoln papers that were opened to the public in 1947.
- O'Meara : NAPOLEON IN EXILE  
An interesting account of Napoleon's life on St. Helena.

Pershing : MY EXPERIENCES IN THE WORLD WAR (AF) (MC)  
An important and interesting two-volume set.

Petain : VERDUN  
An authentic account by the "savior" of Verdun.

Petre : NAPOLEON'S CONQUEST OF PRUSSIA  
The Jena campaign.

Petre : NAPOLEON'S CAMPAIGN IN POLAND, 1806-1807  
The Eylau-Friedland campaign.

Petre : NAPOLEON AND THE ARCHDUKE CHARLES  
The Wagram campaign.

Petre : NAPOLEON AT BAY, 1814  
The campaign of 1814 in France.

Petre : NAPOLEON'S LAST CAMPAIGN IN GERMANY  
The Leipsic campaign.

NOTE: The five books listed above, by Petre, are the best for those campaigns. Each is an exhaustive treatise that will be of interest to the man who wishes to make a comprehensive study of that particular campaign.

Porter : CAMPAIGNING WITH GRANT  
A one-volume account of Grant and his headquarters (beginning in October 1863) that is much more readable than Badeau's work.

Pratt : ORDEAL BY FIRE  
A popular work that is interesting; an informal history of the Civil War.

Pratt : ROAD TO EMPIRE  
A popular work by a modern writer, concerning the life and times of Bonaparte (1789-1815).

Ransome : THE BATTLES OF FREDERICK THE GREAT  
Extracts from Carlyle's ten-volume work; interesting reading.

Robertson : SOLDIERS AND STATESMEN, 1914-1918 (WD)  
A very interesting book that goes behind the scenes, explaining strategy and international politics of this period.

- Ropes & Livermore : THE STORY OF THE CIVIL WAR (WD)  
These four volumes, which are classics, carry the narrative to July 1863. The first two volumes, by Ropes, contain less detail and are more interesting than the last two. The latter are more difficult reading.
- Schaff : THE SPIRIT OF OLD WEST POINT  
Gives sidelights on life at West Point at the time of the war and anecdotes of many of the graduates.
- Schofield : FORTY-SIX YEARS IN THE ARMY  
General Schofield's memoirs.
- Seitz : BRAXTON BRAGG  
A modern, popular work about a leading Confederate commander.
- Shepherd : THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR, 1864-65  
A discussion of the strategy of the last few months of the war by an excellent British military writer.
- Spaulding, Nickerson, and Wright : WARFARE  
The best book on warfare prior to the Napoleonic period. If only one book is to be read, this is the one.
- Spears : LIAISON  
One of the two or three best books published on World War I. Is highly interesting and should be an inspiration to young officers. It deals with the early phase.
- Spears : PRELUDE TO VICTORY  
An extremely interesting book that deals with the Nivelle Offensive, World War I.
- Thomas, Lowell : WITH LAWRENCE IN ARABIA  
A very entertaining book on a man who helped interpret the Near East during World War I.
- Thomason : ADVENTURES OF BARON DE MARBOT  
Colorful and interesting account of a contemporary of Napoleon.
- Townsend : MY CAMPAIGN IN MESOPOTAMIA (WD)  
The memoirs of the ablest British commander in that part of the world, World War I.
- Villari : THE WAR ON THE ITALIAN FRONT  
The best book on the subject, during World War I.

von Kuhl : MARNE CAMPAIGN

The operations of the German First Army in that campaign, World War I.

von Sanders : FIVE YEARS IN TURKEY

(WD)

A valuable book of memoirs by the famous German general who operated in Turkey, World War I.

Wavell : ALLENBY: A STUDY IN GREATNESS

(MC)

A splendid book by one of the famous commanders of World War II.

Wiley : THE LIFE OF JOHNNY REB

For those interested in how the Confederate soldier lived.

Wilhelm, Crown Prince : MY WAR EXPERIENCE

The memoirs of the German Crown Prince.

Wilkinson : THE RISE OF GENERAL BONAPARTE

A detailed account of the first Italian campaign by a well-known historian. Will be of interest only to those who wish to make a thorough study of that campaign. It is a scholarly work.

Williams : MR. SECRETARY

An interesting, popular book on Secretary Stanton.

Woodward : MEET GENERAL GRANT

A modern book that is interesting reading.

Young : FREDERICK THE GREAT

(WD)

An interesting and sound biography; is the best short work on Frederick.

BATTLES AND LEADERS OF THE CIVIL WAR

This great set of books was published by the Century Company a few years after the end of the war. The publishers got the principal leader on each side to write his version of each campaign. The volumes contain many interesting illustrations.

PERSONAL MEMOIRS OF U. S. GRANT

An interesting work in two volumes. A bit stuffy.

MCCLELLAN'S OWN STORY

The memoirs of McClellan, which indicates that everyone else was wrong but the author.

PERSONAL MEMOIRS OF P. H. SHERIDAN

A valuable contribution to history.

CAMPAIGNS OF THE CIVIL WAR

This is a most valuable sixteen-volume set, there being one volume on each important campaign. In each case the writer is an authority on the campaign. The average reader will not wish to read them all, but will select the campaigns in which he has the most interest.

THE MEMOIRS OF MARSHAL FOCH

The commander's own story.

MEMOIRS OF GENERAL W. T. SHERMAN

In two volumes. Excellent and interesting.

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RECOMMENDED BY USMA FOR BACKGROUND READING  
(less those works listed in Section I marked (MA))

(SOCIAL, POLITICAL)

Political Theory

Becker : How New Will the Better World Be? (AF)  
Dickinson : A Modern Symposium  
Durant : The Story of Philosophy  
Hyde : Five Great Philosophies of Life  
Mac Iver : The Web of Government  
Sabine : A History of Political Theory  
Weldon : States and Morals

International Relations

Carr : The Twenty Years Crisis  
The Conditions of Peace  
The Soviet Impact on the Western World  
Corbett : Britain: Partner for Peace  
Fox : The Super Powers  
Nicholson : Diplomacy  
Spykman : America's Strategy in World Politics

History

Bailey : A Diplomatic History of the United States  
Hacker : The Shaping of the American Tradition  
Marshall : Reports as Chief of Staff  
Vernadsky : A History of Russia

Economics

Abbot : Masterworks of Economics  
Baykov : The Soviet Economic System  
Feis : Seen from E. A. (AF)  
Hansen : America's Role in the World Economy

Miscellaneous

Ebon : World Communism Today (AF)

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Periodicals

Foreign Affairs : a quarterly  
International Affairs : a quarterly  
Current History : a monthly

PART II

100 Significant Books Recommended by The Committee  
on College Reading

ANCIENT TIMES

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| X Aeschylus : Plays                  | X Lucretius : On the Nature of Things    |
| X Aristophanes : Plays               | X Marcus Aurelius : Meditations          |
| X Aristotle : Ethics and Politics    | X Plato : The Republic and the Symposium |
| The Bible                            | Plutarch : Lives                         |
| Confucius : The Analects             | X Sophocles : Plays                      |
| X Euripides : Plays                  | X Thucydides : The Peloponnesian Wars    |
| X Herodotus : History                | X Vergil : The Aeneid                    |
| X Homer : The Illiad and The Odyssey |                                          |

MIDDLE AGES AND RENAISSANCE

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| The Arabian Nights                         | X Machiavelli : The Prince (MA)       |
| Bacon : Essays and Advancement of Learning | Omar Khayyam : The Rubaiyat           |
| Boccaccio : The Decameron                  | X Montaigne : Essays                  |
| Cellini : Autobiography                    | More : Utopia                         |
| X Cervantes : Don Quixote                  | Malory : Le Morte d'Arthur            |
| X Chaucer : The Canterbury Tales           | Mohammed : The Koran                  |
| X Dante : The Divine Comedy                | X Rabelais : Gargantua and Pantagruel |
| Erasmus : In Praise of Folly               | X Shakespeare : Plays and Poetry      |

17th and 18th CENTURIES

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| Boswell : Life of Samuel Johnson                       | Malthus : Principles of Population         |
| Bunyan : Pilgrim's Progress                            | X Milton : Poems                           |
| Burns : Poems                                          | X Moliere : Plays                          |
| Defoe : Robinson Crusoe                                | Paine : Rights of Man                      |
| Descartes : A Discourse on Method                      | Pepys : Diary                              |
| Donne : Poems                                          | X Rousseau : Emile and The Social Contract |
| Fielding : Tom Jones                                   | Smith : The Wealth of Nations              |
| Franklin : Autobiography                               | X Spinoza : Philosophy                     |
| Gibbon : The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire (WD) | Sterne : Tristram Shandy                   |
| Hamilton et al : The Federalist                        | X Swift : Gulliver's Travels               |
|                                                        | Voltaire : Candide                         |

X : Indicates works included on Columbia University's List of 26 significant books.

19th CENTURY

Austen : Pride and Prejudice	Emerson : Essays
Balzac : Eugenie Grandet	Flaubert : Madame Bovary
E. Bronte : Wuthering Heights	Goethe : Faust
Browning : Poems	Hardy : Tess of the D'Urbervilles
Butler : The Way of All Flesh	Hawthorne : The Scarlet Letter
Byron : Poems	Hugo : Les Miserable
Chekhov : Short Stories	Ibsen : Plays
Darwin : The Origin of the Species	Keats : Poems
Dickens : David Copperfield	Marx : Capital
Dostoevski : Crime and Punish- ment	Maupassant : Short Stories
Melville : Moby Dick	Thackeray : Vanity Fair
Poe : Tales	Thoreau : Walden
Reade : The Cloister and the Hearth	Tolstoi : War and Peace (AFSC) (MA)
Shelley : Poems	Twain : Huckleberry Finn
Stendhal : The Red and The Black	Whitman : Leaves of Grass
	Wordsworth : Poems

20th CENTURY

Adams : Education of Henry Adams	Merejkowski : Leonardo da Vinci
Bennett : The Old Wives' Tale	O'Neill : Plays
Dreiser : An American Tragedy	Sandburg : Lincoln (MA) (MC)
Frazer : The Golden Bough	Shaw : Plays and Prefaces
Freud : Introduction to Psycho- analysis	Steinbeck : The Grapes of Wrath
Lewis : Babbitt	Steffens : Autobiography
Mann : The Magic Mountain	Veblen : The Theory of the Leisure Class
Maugham : Of Human Bondage	Wells : Outline of History (WD)
	Yeats : Poems

Only work of C.U.'s list not included above is:

Augustine : The City of God

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The Oxford Book of English Poetry might well be read along with above titles as well as Oxford Book of American Verse.