

In this companion book to *Arms for Empire*, Leach explores the "tensions" between the American colonists and the British regular military and naval forces. He concludes that this friction was a cause of the American Revolution since "exaggerated or distorted images" of both regulars and provincials hardened into "stereotypes and traditions."

The American Revolution

Cunliffe, Marcus. *George Washington: Man and Monument.* New York: New American Library, 1984, (originally published by Little, Brown, 1958). For review see p. 8.

Frey, Sylvia R. *The British Soldier in America: A Social History of Military Life in the Revolutionary Period.* Austin, Texas: University of Texas, Press, 1981.

This is a detailed study of the life of the British soldier in America during the American Revolution. The author emphasizes the soldier's daily routine and living conditions as well as his performance in battle.

Higginbotham, Don. *The War for American Independence: Military Attitudes, Policies, and Practice, 1763-1789.* Macmillan series, *The Wars of the United States*, Gen. ed. Louis Morton. New York: Macmillan, 1971.

An original and revealing study of the causes and consequences of the American Revolution. Threading through the narrative is a judicious plea for recognition of the importance of military history in the wider context of society, and the need for general historians to understand the relationship between warfare and change in political and economic history.

Mackesy, Piers. *The War for America, 1775-1783.* Cambridge, Massachusetts: Harvard University Press, 1964. Reprint, paperback, Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 1993

An intriguing study of the American Revolution which reports a balanced account of the British as well as colonial perspectives. Mr. Mackesy emphasizes that British political and military leaders viewed the war as part of a great world wide struggle which included Canada, the West Indies, India, Gibraltar, and European antagonists.

Royster, Charles. *A Revolutionary People at War: The Continental Army and American Character, 1775-1783.* Chapel Hill North Carolina: University of North Carolina Press, 1979.

An excellent study of the ideals that Americans defined for themselves in creating, recruiting and fighting in their army. The author examines the relationship of America's national character and the military demands of the Revolutionary War.

Shy, John W. *A People Numerous and Armed: Reflections on the Military Struggle for American Independence.* New York: Oxford University Press, 1976. Revised edition, University of Michigan Press, 1990.

This book is a collection of essays revolving somewhat loosely around the theme of the inter-relationship between social and military changes in history. Of special interest to Shy is the creation of the colonial militias. He provides some interesting case studies of representative officers and thinkers from the era. The writing is crisp and thoughtful.

The War of 1812

Coles, Harry L. *The War of 1812.* Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1965.

This work, part of the *Chicago History of American Civilization* Series, is a splendid analysis of the issues of the War of 1812 and how they relate to conflicts in more recent times. Of specific interest is the author's discussion of how this "sobering war" led to key reforms in the federal military forces and militia system.