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OFFERING A COMPREHENSIVE OVERVIEW OF MILITARY CONFLICT OVER SEVERAL CENTURIES THIS BOOK CONSISTS OF FASCINATING THEMATIC CHAPTERS COVERING AIR AND SEA WARFARE COMBAT EXPERIENCE TECHNOLOGY AND EVEN OPPOSITION TO WAR WARFARE IS ONE OF THE MOST DANGEROUS THREAT FACED BY MODERN HUMANITY IT IS ALSO ONE OF THE KEY INFLUENCES THAT HAS SHAPED THE POLITICS ECONOMICS AND CULTURE OF THE MODERN WORLD THIS BOOK EXPLORES THE ASSUMPTIONS WE MAKE ABOUT MODERN WARFARE AND CONSIDERS WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM THE HISTORICAL REALITY WHAT CHALLENGES WILL AMERICA FACE IN ARMED CONFLICTS OF THE FUTURE AND HOW WILL WE PREPARE FOR THEM NATIONAL SECURITY DEPENDS UPON THE ABILITY OF THE MILITARY TO PREDICT THE FUTURE NATURE OF WAR DESPITE THE DIFFICULTY IN MAKING SUCH PREDICTIONS ONE MUST REMEMBER NATION STATES AND OTHER COUNTRIES WILL CONTINUE TO USE ARMED CONFLICT AS A MEANS TO FURTHER THEIR AIMS AND THESE AIMS WILL AT TIMES RUN CONTRARY TO AMERICAN INTERESTS AS A RESULT THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE TO BE CONFRONTED WITH ARMED CONFLICT IN THE DAYS AND YEARS AHEAD A MILITARY THEORIST AND EXPERIENCED ARMOR OFFICER BRIAN STEED PROVIDES INSIGHTS INTO THE FUTURE OF ARMED CONFLICT BY FOCUSING ON WHAT HAS OCCURRED IN THE PAST NOT BECAUSE THE PAST REPEATS ITSELF BUT BECAUSE IT REVEALS TIMELESS PRINCIPLES OF WARFARE FIVE BATTLES ONE EACH IN KOREA VIETNAM THE FALKLANDS THE PERSIAN GULF AND SOMALIA ARE ANALYZED HISTORICALLY GEOGRAPHICALLY AND STRATEGICALLY STEED S ANALYSIS OF THESE ENGAGEMENTS CLEARLY DEMONSTRATES THAT THE KEY TO VICTORY ON THE BATTLEFIELDS OF THE FUTURE IS THE SMALL UNIT IN REFRESHING LAYMAN S PROSE THE AUTHOR FOCUSES ON WHY THE EVENTS OCCURRED AS THEY DID AND EXPLORES THE SIGNIFICANCE OF EACH BATTLE IN TERMS OF ITS POLITICAL AND MILITARY RAMIFICATIONS HE CONCLUDES WITH LESSONS LEARNED THAT WILL GREATLY BENEFIT FUTURE AMERICAN GROUND COMBAT COMMANDERS ARMED CONFLICT INFORMS THE READER ABOUT THE HISTORICAL TRENDS OF COMBAT OPERATIONS AND THE REALITIES OF WAR TODAY AND INTO THE FUTURE IT WILL ALSO SERVE TO GUIDE A NEW GENERATION OF MILITARY AND CIVILIAN LEADERS AS THEY PREPARE TO FACE THE INEVITABLE CONFLICTS IN THE NEW CENTURY LEARNING THE LESSONS OF MODERN WAR USES THE STUDY OF THE RECENT PAST TO ILLUMINATE THE FUTURE MORE SPECIFICALLY IT EXAMINES THE LESSONS OF RECENT WARS AS A WAY OF UNDERSTANDING CONTINUITY AND CHANGE IN THE CHARACTER AND CONDUCT OF WAR THE VOLUME BRINGS TOGETHER CONTRIBUTIONS FROM A GROUP OF WELL KNOWN SCHOLARS AND PRACTITIONERS FROM ACROSS THE WORLD TO EXAMINE THE CONDUCT OF RECENT WARS IN IRAQ AFGHANISTAN THE MIDDLE EAST SOUTH AMERICA AND ASIA THE BOOK S FIRST SECTION CONSISTS OF CHAPTERS THAT EXPLORE THE VALUE OF A CONTEMPORARY APPROACH TO HISTORY AND REFLECT ON THE VALUE OF LEARNING LESSONS FROM THE PAST ITS SECOND SECTION FOCUSES ON THE WARS IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN CHAPTERS ON IRAQ DISCUSS THE LESSONS OF THE IRAQ WAR THE BRITISH PERSPECTIVE ON THE CONFLICT AND THE WAR AS SEEN THROUGH THE LENS OF SADDAM HUSSEIN S MILITARY CHAPTERS ON AFGHANISTAN DISCUSS COUNTERINSURGENCY OPERATIONS DURING THE WAR BRITAIN S EXPERIENCE IN AFGHANISTAN RAISING AND TRAINING AFGHAN FORCES AND U S INTERAGENCY PERFORMANCE THE BOOK S THIRD SECTION EXAMINES THE LESSONS OF WARS INVOLVING RUSSIA ISRAEL SRI LANKA THE PHILIPPINES GEORGIA AND COLOMBIA IT CONCLUDES BY EXPLORING OVERARCHING THEMES ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONDUCT OF RECENT WARS CONTAINING A FOREWORD BY FORMER NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR LIEUTENANT GENERAL H R MCMASTER LEARNING THE LESSONS OF MODERN WAR IS AN INDISPENSABLE RESOURCE FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND SECURITY STUDIES SCHOLARS POLICYMAKERS AND MILITARY PROFESSIONALS A COMPLETE ILLUSTRATED HISTORY OF MODERN WARFARE DISCUSSES THE TECHNIQUES TECHNOLOGY AND THEORY OF WARFARE FROM THE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY TO TODAY S HIGH TECH WEAPONRY AND ILLUMINATES SUCH HISTORICAL ERAS AS NAPOLEON S EMPIRE AND THE U S CIVIL WAR UP THE ILLUSION OF VICTORY DEMONSTRATES THAT MOST OF THE REWARDS OF VICTORY IN MODERN WARFARE ARE EITHER EXAGGERATED OR FALSE WHEN THE OSTENSIBLE BENEFITS OF VICTORY ARE EXAMINED A GENERATION AFTER A WAR IT BECOMES INESCAPABLY EVIDENT THAT THE DEFEATED BELLIGERENT RARELY CONFORMS TO THE DEMANDS AND EXPECTATIONS OF THE VICTOR CONSEQUENTLY LONG TERM POLITICAL AND MILITARY STABILITY IS DENIED TO BOTH THE VICTORIOUS POWER AND TO THE DEFEATED ONE AS A RESULT NEITHER VICTORY NOR DEFEAT DETER FURTHER OUTBREAKS OF WAR THIS SOBERING REALITY IS INCREASINGLY THE CASE IN THE TWENTIETH AND TWENTY FIRST CENTURIES IAN BICKERTON PERSUASIVELY ARGUES THAT AS THE RHETORIC OF VICTORY BECOMES MORE HOLLOW ALL COUNTRIES MUST ADOPT CREATIVE NEW APPROACHES TO RESOLVING DISPUTES A MAJOR STUDY OF THE THEORY AND PRACTICE OF WARFARE IN THE TWENTIETH AND TWENTY FIRST CENTURIES USING RELEVANT EXAMPLES FROM RECENT HISTORY THIS BOOK PROVIDES A COMPLETE INTRODUCTION TO THE ISSUES IDEAS CONCEPTS CONTEXT AND VOCABULARY OF MODERN WARFARE THE EXPERT TEAM OF AUTHORS EXPLORE THE CONDUCT OF WAR ACROSS LAND SEA AIR AND SPACE IN ADDITION TO ADDRESSING KEY ISSUES RELATING TO CONTEMPORARY STRATEGY WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION AND IRREGULAR WARFARE INCLUDING INSURGENCY TERRORISM AND CIVIL WAR THEY PROVIDE AN INCISIVE AND STRUCTURED GROUNDING IN MILITARY THEORY AND ARGUE FOR THE IMPORTANCE OF UNDERSTANDING WARFARE WITHIN THE JOINT INTER SERVICE CONTEXT AND AS AN EVOLUTIONARY RATHER THAN A REVOLUTIONARY PHENOMENON BY PROVIDING THE TOOLS REQUIRED TO TRULY UNDERSTAND CONTEMPORARY MILITARY DOCTRINE THIS ACCESSIBLE SURVEY WILL BE AN INVALUABLE RESOURCE FOR ANY STUDENT OF MILITARY HISTORY OR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AS WELL AS FOR MILITARY PROFESSIONALS THIS BOOK EXPLORES THE ISSUE OF CIVILIAN DEVASTATION IN MODERN WARFARE FOCUSING ON THE COMPLEX PROCESSES THAT EFFECTIVELY ESTABLISH CIVILIANS IDENTITY IN TIMES OF WAR UNDERPINNING THE PHYSICALITY OF WAR S TUMULT ARE STRUCTURAL FORCES THAT CREATE LANDSCAPES OF CIVILIAN VULNERABILITY SUCH FORCES OPERATE IN FOUR SECTORS OF MODERN WARFARE NATIONALISTIC IDEOLOGY STATE SPONSORED MILITARIES GLOBAL MEDIA AND INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS EACH SECTOR PROMOTES ITS OWN CONSTRUCTIONS OF CIVILIAN IDENTITY IN RELATION TO MILITANT COMBATANTS CONSTRUCTIONS THAT PROVE LETHAL TO THE CIVILIAN NONCOMBATANT WHO LACKS POLITICAL POWER AND DECISION MAKING CAPACITY WITH REGARDS TO THEIR OWN SURVIVAL CIVILIANS AND MODERN WAR PROVIDES A CRITICAL OVERVIEW OF THE PLIGHT OF CIVILIANS IN WAR EXAMINING THE POLITICAL AND NORMATIVE UNDERPINNINGS OF THE DECISIONS ACTIONS POLICIES AND PRACTICES OF MAJOR SECTORS OF WAR THE CONTRIBUTORS SEEK TO UNDERMINE THE TUNNELING EFFECT OF THE MILITARISTIC FRAMEWORK REGARDING THE EXPERIENCES OF NONCOMBATANTS THIS BOOK WILL BE OF MUCH INTEREST TO STUDENTS OF WAR AND CONFLICT STUDIES ETHICS CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND IR SECURITY STUDIES SELECTIONS FROM POETRY AND FICTION DESCRIBE THE 20TH CENTURY S MAJOR CONFLICTS A THOUGHT PROVOKING EXAMINATION OF THE INTERSECTIONS OF KNOWLEDGE AND VIOLENCE AND THE QUANDARIES AND COSTS OF MODERN TECHNOSCIENTIFIC WARFARE SCIENCE AND VIOLENCE CONVERGE IN MODERN WARFARE WHILE THE FINEST MINDS OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY HAVE IMPROVED HUMAN LIFE THEY HAVE ALSO PRODUCED HUMAN INJURY THEY ENGINEERED RADAR DEVELOPED ELECTRONIC COMPUTERS AND HELPED MASS PRODUCE PENICILLIN ALL IN THE CONTEXT OF MILITARY MOBILIZATION SCIENTISTS ALSO DEVELOPED CHEMICAL WEAPONS ATOMIC

BOMBS AND PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE STRATEGIES RATIONAL FOG EXPLORES THE QUANDARY OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL PRODUCTIVITY IN AN ERA OF PERPETUAL WAR SCIENCE IS AT ITS FOUNDATION AN INTERNATIONAL ENDEAVOR ORIENTED TOWARD ADVANCING HUMAN WELFARE AT THE SAME TIME IT HAS BEEN NATIONALISTIC AND MILITARISTIC IN TIMES OF CRISIS AND CONFLICT AS OUR WEAPONS HAVE BECOME MORE POWERFUL SCIENTISTS HAVE STRUGGLED TO RECONCILE THESE TENSIONS ENGAGING IN HEATED DEBATES OVER THE PROBLEMS INHERENT IN EXPLOITING SCIENCE FOR MILITARY PURPOSES M SUSAN LINDEE EXAMINES THIS INTERPLAY BETWEEN SCIENCE AND STATE VIOLENCE AND TAKES STOCK OF RESEARCHERS EFFORTS TO RESPOND MANY SCIENTISTS WHO WANTED TO DISTANCE THEIR WORK FROM KILLING HAVE FOUND IT DIFFICULT AND HAVE SUCCEMDED TO THE EXIGENCIES OF WAR INDEED LINDEE NOTES THAT SCIENTISTS WHO OTHERWISE OPPOSE VIOLENCE HAVE SOMETIMES BEEN SWEEPED UP IN THE SPIRIT OF MILITARISM WHEN WAR BREAKS OUT FROM THE FIRST USES OF THE GUN TO THE MASS PRODUCTION OF DDT AND THE TWENTY FIRST CENTURY BATTLEFIELD OF THE MIND THE SCIENCE OF WAR HAS ACHIEVED REMARKABLE THINGS AT GREAT HUMAN COST RATIONAL FOG REMINDS US THAT FOR SCIENTISTS AND FOR US ALL MORAL COSTS SOMETIMES MOUNT ALONGSIDE TECHNOLOGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC ADVANCES SINCE THE END OF THE COLD WAR SCHOLARS MILITARY HISTORIANS AND ANALYSTS HAVE STRUGGLED TO AGREE A WORKABLE DEFINITION OF CONTEMPORARY WARFARE WITH REFERENCE TO THE CONFLICTS THAT HAVE ERUPTED SINCE 1989 WHETHER IN THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA IRAQ OR AFGHANISTAN TO NAME ONLY A FEW AMONG THE MANY ATTEMPTS TO HIT THE RIGHT CONCEPTUAL NOTE ARE ASYMMETRICAL WAR FOURTH GENERATION WAR AND PERHAPS THE MOST INFLUENTIAL OF ALL NEW WARS IN ADDITION TO THESE ATTEMPTS TO DEFINE WAR THE WEST S MILITARY ESTABLISHMENTS WITH THE PENTAGON IN THE VANGUARD HAVE WORKED HARD TO MAP OUT NEW STRATEGIC AND TACTICAL CONCEPTS IN ORDER TO TRY TO WIN THESE WARS TWO OF THE MORE INFLUENTIAL FROM RECENT YEARS ARE NETWORK CENTRIC WARFARE NCW AND EFFECTS BASED OPERATIONS EBO THE CONTRIBUTORS TO CONCEPTUALISING MODERN WAR CONTENT THAT VERY FEW OF THESE TERMS AND CONCEPTS ARE PARTICULARLY USEFUL WHEN IT COMES TO DEFINING WAR OR TO CREATING A WINNING STRATEGY ON THAT BASIS IT IS EASY TO RIDICULE EVERY ONE OF THESE TERMS AND CONCEPTS BUT THE AIM OF THE CONTRIBUTORS TO THIS BOOK WHO INCLUDE HEW STRACHAN DAVID KILCULLEN STEVEN METZ HELEN DEXTER AND IAN BECKETT IS INSTEAD TO SEARCH FOR MEANING WHERE MEANING CAN BE FOUND CAN THESE TERMS AND CONCEPTS TELL US SOMETHING ABOUT THE DEVELOPMENT OF WAR AND HOW WARS CAN BE WON IN WAR IN THE MODERN WORLD 1990 2014 JEREMY BLACK LOOKS AT THE MOST MODERN OF CONFLICTS FROM THE PERSPECTIVE THAT WAR IS A CENTRAL FEATURE OF THE MODERN WORLD ARGUING THAT UNDERSTANDING NON WESTERN DEVELOPMENTS IS CRUCIAL IF THE POTENTIAL OF WESTERN WAR MAKING IS TO BE ASSESSED ACCURATELY THE BOOK ALSO ASSERTS THAT KNOWING THE HISTORY OF CONFLICT CAN ONLY HELP FUTURE GENERATIONS BLACK ARGUES FOR THE NEED TO EMPHASISE THE VARIETY OF MILITARY CIRCUMSTANCES AS WELL AS THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE UNDERSTANDING OF FORCE AND THE DEFINITIONS OF VICTORY AND DEFEAT ARE GUIDED BY CULTURAL ASSUMPTIONS WAR HAS A MULTI FACETED IMPACT IN THE MODERN WORLD AND THIS BOOK SHOWS ITS SIGNIFICANCE AS THE LATEST VOLUME IN THE WARFARE AND HISTORY SERIES THIS TITLE TAKES A GLOBAL AND HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE ON MODERN WARFARE ENABLING THE READER TO APPROACH FAMILIAR CONFLICTS THROUGH A NEW ANALYTICAL FRAMEWORK THIS BOOK IS AN INVALUABLE RESOURCE FOR ALL STUDENTS OF THE HISTORY OF MODERN WARFARE SINCE VIETNAM BOTH THE WAY WE FIGHT AND OUR REASONS FOR GOING TO WAR HAVE BECOME MUCH MORE COMPLEX THE IMPORTANCE OF A CONFLICT IS DETERMINED NOT BY ITS SIZE OR BY THE NUMBERS OF COMBATANTS INVOLVED BUT BY ITS RIPPLE EFFECTS AND ITS INFLUENCE UPON FUTURE EVENTS IN A SERIES OF THRILLING RECREATIONS OF EIGHT OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ENCOUNTERS OF THE LAST THREE DECADES MILITARY HISTORIAN RICHARD CONNAUGHTON PRESENTS A FASCINATING INSIGHT INTO MODERN WARFARE INCLUDING INTERVIEWS WITH SOME OF THE MAJOR FIGURES THE CONFLICTS INCLUDE GOOSE GREEN IN THE FALKLANDS THE INVASION OF GRENADA OPERATION DESERT STORM THE FIRST IRAQ WAR OPERATIONS IN MOGADISHU AS IMMORTALIZED IN THE BOOK AND FILM BLACKHAWK DOWN THE SIEGE OF GORAZDE AND OPERATION BARRAS IN SIERRA LEONE AS WELL AS MORE RECENT EVENTS AT FALLUJAH IRAQ AND IN HELMAND PROVINCE AFGHANISTAN RICHARD CONNAUGHTON HAS INTERVIEWED MOST OF THE MAJOR FIGURES INVOLVED IN EACH OF THE CONFLICTS AND OFFERS POWERFUL INSIGHTS INTO WHY BATTLES EITHER WORK OR DON T THIS BOOK WILL TELL YOU WHAT WARFARE MEANS IN THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD AND HOW IT CAN AFFECT TOMORROW DESPITE THE END OF THE COLD WAR PROGRESS IN MILITARY TECHNOLOGY POWER HAS NOT ENDED THE RESULT IS THAT THE TERMINOLOGY HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY COMPLEX CONFUSING FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC THIS GUIDE TO DECIPHERING THE VOCABULARY OF MODERN WARFARE BRINGS THE KNOWLEDGE OF EXPERT MILITARY ANALYSTS TO THE GENERAL READER IN SIMPLE ACCESSIBLE LANGUAGE WITH OVER 1 100 ARTICLES ENTRIES IT INCLUDES GENERAL MILITARY CONCEPTS WEAPONS WEAPON SYSTEMS MILITARY ORGANIZATIONS MILITARY TECHNOLOGIES MODES OF WARFARE NEGOTIATIONS TREATIES THE DICTIONARY IS THOROUGHLY CROSS REFERENCED FOR MORE SPECIFIC DETAILED ENTRIES THE RIVETING CLOSE UP ACCOUNT OF A 1993 FIREFIGHT IN MOGADISHU SOMALIA BLACK HAWK DOWN IS ONE OF THE MOST VIVID AND THOROUGH REPORTS OF MODERN COMBAT EVER WRITTEN THIS BOOK INVESTIGATES THE USE AND UTILITY OF MILITARY FORCE IN MODERN WAR AFTER THE COLD WAR WESTERN ARMED FORCES HAVE INCREASINGLY BEEN CALLED UPON TO INTERVENE IN INTERNAL CONFLICTS IN THE FORMER THIRD WORLD THESE FORCES HAVE BEEN CALLED UPON TO CARRY OUT MISSIONS THAT THEY TRADITIONALLY HAVE NOT BEEN TRAINED AND EQUIPPED FOR IN ENVIRONMENTS THAT THEY OFTEN HAVE NOT BEEN PREPARED FOR A NUMBER OF THESE NEW TYPES OF OPERATIONS IN ALLEGEDLY NEW WARS STAND OUT SUCH AS PEACE ENFORCEMENT STATE BUILDING COUNTER INSURGENCY HUMANITARIAN AID AND NOT THE LEAST COUNTER TERRORISM THE SUCCESS RATE OF THESE MISSIONS HAS HOWEVER BEEN MIXED PROVIDING FUEL FOR AN INCREASINGLY LOUD DEBATE ON THE UTILITY OF FORCE IN MODERN WAR THIS EDITED VOLUME POSES AS ITS CENTRAL QUESTION WHAT IS IN FACT THE UTILITY OF FORCE IS FORCE USEFUL FOR ANYTHING OTHER THAN A COMPLETE CONVENTIONAL DEFEAT OF A REGULAR OPPONENT WHO IS CONFRONTED IN THE OPEN FIELD THIS BOOK WILL BE OF MUCH INTEREST TO STUDENTS OF STRATEGIC STUDIES WAR AND CONFLICT STUDIES COUNTER INSURGENCY SECURITY STUDIES AND IR ISABELLE DUYVESTYEN IS AN ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AT THE DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS UTRECHT UNIVERSITY IN THE NETHERLANDS JAN ANGSTROM IS A RESEARCHER AT THE SWEDISH NATIONAL DEFENCE COLLEGE THROUGHOUT HISTORY ARMIES OF OCCUPATION AND CIVIL POWER HAVE BEEN FACED WITH THE CHALLENGES OF INSURGENCY BRITISH AND AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN HAS HIGHLIGHTED THIS FORM OF CONFLICT IN THE MODERN WORLD ARMIES HAVE HAD TO ADOPT NEW DOCTRINES AND TACTICS TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEMS OF INSURGENCY AND DIVERSE COUNTERINSURGENCY STRATEGIES HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED HERE FOURTEEN AUTHORS EXAMINE THE DEVELOPMENT OF COUNTERINSURGENCY FROM THE EARLY 20TH CENTURY TO THE PRESENT INCLUDING INFORMATION ON THE ARAB ISRAELI CONFLICT AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ THIS BOOK IS A TIMELY AND ACCESSIBLE SURVEY OF A CRITICAL FACET OF MODERN WARFARE THIS NEW PAPERBACK EDITION FEATURES A REVISED INTRODUCTION UPDATED CHAPTERS ON IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN AND A COMPLETELY NEW CHAPTER ON COLUMBIA BY EXPERT THOMAS MARKS ROGER CHICKERING OFFERS THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE HISTORY EVER WRITTEN OF A GERMAN CITY AT WAR EXTENSIVELY ILLUSTRATED WITH 52 DETAILED CAMPAIGN AND BATTLE MAPS AND DIAGRAMS THIS BOOK ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED IN 1990 SURVEYS THE EVOLUTION OF WARFARE IN EUROPE FROM NAPOLEON TO THE END OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY AND IN ASIA FROM THE MIDDLE AGES IT CONSIDERS THE INTERACTION

OF TECHNOLOGY AND WARFARE WITH WIDE RANGING EXAMPLES THE BOOK INCLUDES TWO IN DEPTH CASE STUDIES ONE ON THE SOVIET OPERATIONAL MANOEUVRE GROUP AND ITS PREDECESSORS IN THE RUSSIAN IMPERIAL ARMY THE OTHER ON THE HISTORY OF LAND WARFARE INCLUDING GUERILLA WARFARE IN ASIA IN THIS BOOK THE AUTHOR DEMONSTRATES THAT MILITARY HISTORY CAN BE OF IMMENSE PRACTICAL HELP TO THE MODERN MILITARY ANALYST AND PROFESSIONAL NOW UPDATED WITH A NEW INTRODUCTION TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT CHANGES SINCE 1990 THIS BOOK REMAINS OF ESSENTIAL VALUE TO STUDENTS TEACHERS PROFESSIONALS IN POLITICAL SOCIAL HISTORY INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS DEFENCE WAR PEACE STUDIES THIS VOLUME AIMS TO ANALYSE THE NATURE OF MODERN WAR WITH A SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON WARFARE IN THE NON WESTERN WORLD BEGINNING WITH AN EXPLORATION INTO THE QUESTION OF WHAT WAR IS WAR AND WARFARE SINCE 1945 PROVIDES A CHRONOLOGICAL ANALYSIS OF MILITARY HISTORY SINCE THE END OF WORLD WAR II EXTENDING THROUGH TO AN ANALYSIS OF THE LIMITS OF MODERN WARFARE IN THE NUCLEAR AGE WITH THE PURPOSE OF EXAMINING WHY WAR OCCURS AND HOW IT IS CARRIED OUT AMONG THE TYPES OF CONFLICT CONSIDERED WITHIN THE BOOK ARE STATE CONFLICTS CIVIL WARS PROXY WARS TERRORISM AND COUNTERTERRORISM INSURGENCY GENOCIDE BOTH THEORETICAL AND HISTORICAL WAR AND WARFARE SINCE 1945 ALSO EXPLORES THE DEFINITIONS ETHICS MORALS AND EFFECTS OF THE USE OF MILITARIES IN AND AFTER WAR AND PUTS FORWARD IMPORTANT QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW WARS ARE RESOLVED THE WARS DISCUSSED INCLUDE THE FIRST ARAB ISRAELI WAR THE CHINESE CIVIL WAR THE KOREAN WAR THE COLD WAR THE VIETNAM WAR AND THE IRAQ WAR THE BOOK CONCLUDES WITH AN INVESTIGATION INTO MODERN WAR AND SPECULATION ON THE CHANGING FACE OF WARFARE THIS WORK HAS BEEN SELECTED BY SCHOLARS AS BEING CULTURALLY IMPORTANT AND IS PART OF THE KNOWLEDGE BASE OF CIVILIZATION AS WE KNOW IT THIS WORK IS IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND POSSIBLY OTHER NATIONS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES YOU MAY FREELY COPY AND DISTRIBUTE THIS WORK AS NO ENTITY INDIVIDUAL OR CORPORATE HAS A COPYRIGHT ON THE BODY OF THE WORK SCHOLARS BELIEVE AND WE CONCUR THAT THIS WORK IS IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO BE PRESERVED REPRODUCED AND MADE GENERALLY AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PRESERVATION PROCESS AND THANK YOU FOR BEING AN IMPORTANT PART OF KEEPING THIS KNOWLEDGE ALIVE AND RELEVANT IN THIS NEW VOLUME OF THE ACCLAIMED LESSONS OF MODERN WAR SERIES MILITARY ANALYSTS CORDESMAN AND WAGNER HAVE PRODUCED WHAT MUST BE CONSIDERED THE DEFINITIVE STUDY OF THE GULF WAR THE AUTHORS DRAW CAREFUL CONCLUSIONS BASED ON EXTENSIVE RESEARCH FROM A WIDE VARIETY OF SOURCES INCLUDING NEWLY DECLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS OFFICIAL MILITARY REPORTS INTERVIEWS FIELD RESEARCH IN SAUDI ARABIA KUWAIT AND SOUTHERN IRAQ AND ANTHONY CORDESMAN S OWN FIRSTHAND OBSERVATIONS OF THE UNFOLDING BATTLE THE BOOK EXAMINES IN UNPRECEDENTED DETAIL THE EFFORTS OF ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE COALITION NOT JUST THE UNITED STATES THE AUTHORS ARE CAREFUL TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN THE GENERAL LESSONS ABOUT WARFARE THAT CAN BE DRAWN FROM THE GULF WAR AND THOSE THAT ARE UNIQUE TO THIS CONFLICT THE MANY LESSONS PRESENTED IN THIS BOOK COVER THE WHOLE RANGE OF POLITICAL STRATEGIC TACTICAL TECHNICAL AND HUMAN ELEMENTS OF THIS CONFLICT THE AUTHORS ANALYSIS IS BASED ON THE DYNAMIC INTERACTION OF ALL OF THESE FACTORS THE CENTRAL LESSON IS THAT THIS HIGHLY COMPLEX WEB OF HUMAN AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS HAS RESULTED IN A NEW MILITARY REVOLUTION OF PROFOUND SIGNIFICANCE FOR THE HISTORY OF MODERN WAR THE GULF WAR EXPLODES MANY MYTHS AND IS ESSENTIAL READING FOR ANYONE CONCERNED ABOUT THE NEW BUT STILL DANGEROUS WORLD IN WHICH WE LIVE SCHOLARS HAVE STRUGGLED TO ESTABLISH A DEFINITION OF CONTEMPORARY WARFARE THAT RECOGNIZES THE UNIQUE CHARACTER OF CONFLICT SINCE THE END OF THE COLD WAR WHETHER SUCH BATTLES HAVE BEEN FOUGHT IN THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA IRAQ OR AFGHANISTAN ASYMMETRICAL WARFARE FOURTH GENERATION WAR AND NEW WAR ARE THE BEST TERMS WE HAVE TO DESCRIBE THEM 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THE AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY WAR AND THE ONGOING INSURGENCY IN SYRIA READERS WILL GAIN A SOLID UNDERSTANDING OF HOW INSURGENCY WARFARE AND COUNTERINSURGENCY COIN STRATEGY HAS PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN THE U S CONFLICTS IN AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ IN THE EARLY 21ST CENTURY AND GRASP HOW THIS IMPORTANT MILITARY STRATEGY HAS EVOLVED DURING MODERN TIMES THIS SERIES TAKES A COMPREHENSIVE LOOK AT FIVE MAJOR CONFLICTS IN THE LATER PART OF THE 20TH CENTURY HISTORY OF MODERN WARFARE PROVIDES A COMPREHENSIVE EXPLORATION OF THE EVOLUTION OF WARFARE IN THE 20TH AND 21ST CENTURIES FROM THE WORLD WARS TO THE COLD WAR AND FROM THE RISE OF ASYMMETRIC WARFARE TO THE AGE OF CYBER WARFARE THIS BOOK DELVES INTO THE POLITICAL TECHNOLOGICAL AND SOCIAL FACTORS THAT HAVE SHAPED MODERN CONFLICT WITH DETAILED ACCOUNTS OF KEY BATTLES MILITARY STRATEGIES AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF WEAPONS TECHNOLOGY THIS BOOK OFFERS A COMPELLING NARRATIVE OF THE PIVOTAL MOMENTS AND TURNING POINTS IN MODERN WARFARE THROUGH VIVID STORYTELLING AND 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NATIONAL CULTURE GEOGRAPHY AND SCIENTIFIC INDUSTRIAL CAPACITY HE THEORIZES THAT STRATEGY AND GEOPOLITICS ARE ULTIMATELY MORE INFLUENTIAL THAN IDEOLOGY MACGREGOR STRESSES THAT IF NATION STATES WANT TO BE SUCCESSFUL THEY MUST ACCEPT THE NEED FOR AND THE INEVITABILITY OF CHANGE THE FIVE WARFIGHTING DRAMAS IN THIS BOOK RENDERED IN VIVID DETAIL BY LIVELY PROSE OFFER MANY LESSONS ON THE TACTICAL OPERATIONAL AND STRATEGIC LEVELS OF WAR

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MODERN WAR: A VERY SHORT INTRODUCTION 2013-07-25

WARFARE IS ONE OF THE MOST DANGEROUS THREAT FACED BY MODERN HUMANITY IT IS ALSO ONE OF THE KEY INFLUENCES THAT HAS SHAPED THE POLITICS ECONOMICS AND CULTURE OF THE MODERN WORLD THIS BOOK EXPLORES THE ASSUMPTIONS WE MAKE ABOUT MODERN WARFARE AND CONSIDERS WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM THE HISTORICAL REALITY

ENCYCLOPEDIA OF MODERN WAR 1975

WHAT CHALLENGES WILL AMERICA FACE IN ARMED CONFLICTS OF THE FUTURE AND HOW WILL WE PREPARE FOR THEM NATIONAL SECURITY DEPENDS UPON THE ABILITY OF THE MILITARY TO PREDICT THE FUTURE NATURE OF WAR DESPITE THE DIFFICULTY IN MAKING SUCH PREDICTIONS ONE MUST REMEMBER NATION STATES AND OTHER COUNTRIES WILL CONTINUE TO USE ARMED CONFLICT AS A MEANS TO FURTHER THEIR AIMS AND THESE AIMS WILL AT TIMES RUN CONTRARY TO AMERICAN INTERESTS AS A RESULT THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE TO BE CONFRONTED WITH ARMED CONFLICT IN THE DAYS AND YEARS AHEAD A MILITARY THEORIST AND EXPERIENCED ARMOR OFFICER BRIAN STEED PROVIDES INSIGHTS INTO THE FUTURE OF ARMED CONFLICT BY FOCUSING ON WHAT HAS OCCURRED IN THE PAST NOT BECAUSE THE PAST REPEATS ITSELF BUT BECAUSE IT REVEALS TIMELESS PRINCIPLES OF WARFARE FIVE BATTLES ONE EACH IN KOREA VIETNAM THE FALKLANDS THE PERSIAN GULF AND SOMALIA ARE ANALYZED HISTORICALLY GEOGRAPHICALLY AND STRATEGICALLY STEED S ANALYSIS OF THESE ENGAGEMENTS CLEARLY DEMONSTRATES THAT THE KEY TO VICTORY ON THE BATTLEFIELDS OF THE FUTURE IS THE SMALL UNIT IN REFRESHING LAYMAN S PROSE THE AUTHOR FOCUSES ON WHY THE EVENTS OCCURRED AS THEY DID AND EXPLORES THE SIGNIFICANCE OF EACH BATTLE IN TERMS OF ITS POLITICAL AND MILITARY RAMIFICATIONS HE CONCLUDES WITH LESSONS LEARNED THAT WILL GREATLY BENEFIT FUTURE AMERICAN GROUND COMBAT COMMANDERS ARMED CONFLICT INFORMS THE READER ABOUT THE HISTORICAL TRENDS OF COMBAT OPERATIONS AND THE REALITIES OF WAR TODAY AND INTO THE FUTURE IT WILL ALSO SERVE TO GUIDE A NEW GENERATION OF MILITARY AND CIVILIAN LEADERS AS THEY PREPARE TO FACE THE INEVITABLE CONFLICTS IN THE NEW CENTURY

THE DICTIONARY OF MODERN WAR 1991

LEARNING THE LESSONS OF MODERN WAR USES THE STUDY OF THE RECENT PAST TO ILLUMINATE THE FUTURE MORE SPECIFICALLY IT EXAMINES THE LESSONS OF RECENT WARS AS A WAY OF UNDERSTANDING CONTINUITY AND CHANGE IN THE CHARACTER AND CONDUCT OF WAR THE VOLUME BRINGS TOGETHER CONTRIBUTIONS FROM A GROUP OF WELL KNOWN SCHOLARS AND PRACTITIONERS FROM ACROSS THE WORLD TO EXAMINE THE CONDUCT OF RECENT WARS IN IRAQ AFGHANISTAN THE MIDDLE EAST SOUTH AMERICA AND ASIA THE BOOK S FIRST SECTION CONSISTS OF CHAPTERS THAT EXPLORE THE VALUE OF A CONTEMPORARY APPROACH TO HISTORY AND REFLECT ON THE VALUE OF LEARNING LESSONS FROM THE PAST ITS SECOND SECTION FOCUSES ON THE WARS IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN CHAPTERS ON IRAQ DISCUSS THE LESSONS OF THE IRAQ WAR THE BRITISH PERSPECTIVE ON THE CONFLICT AND THE WAR AS SEEN THROUGH THE LENS OF SADDAM HUSSEIN S MILITARY CHAPTERS ON AFGHANISTAN DISCUSS COUNTERINSURGENCY OPERATIONS DURING THE WAR BRITAIN S EXPERIENCE IN AFGHANISTAN RAISING AND TRAINING AFGHAN FORCES AND U S INTERAGENCY PERFORMANCE THE BOOK S THIRD SECTION EXAMINES THE LESSONS OF WARS INVOLVING RUSSIA ISRAEL SRI LANKA THE PHILIPPINES GEORGIA AND COLOMBIA IT CONCLUDES BY EXPLORING OVERARCHING THEMES ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONDUCT OF RECENT WARS CONTAINING A FOREWORD BY FORMER NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR LIEUTENANT GENERAL H R MCMASTER LEARNING THE LESSONS OF MODERN WAR IS AN INDISPENSABLE RESOURCE FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND SECURITY STUDIES SCHOLARS POLICYMAKERS AND MILITARY PROFESSIONALS

ARMED CONFLICT 2009-03-25

A COMPLETE ILLUSTRATED HISTORY OF MODERN WARFARE DISCUSSES THE TECHNIQUES TECHNOLOGY AND THEORY OF WARFARE FROM THE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY TO TODAY S HIGH TECH WEAPONRY AND ILLUMINATES SUCH HISTORICAL ERAS AS NAPOLEON S EMPIRE AND THE U S CIVIL WAR UP

THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF MODERN WAR 1977

THE ILLUSION OF VICTORY DEMONSTRATES THAT MOST OF THE REWARDS OF VICTORY IN MODERN WARFARE ARE EITHER EXAGGERATED OR FALSE WHEN THE OSTENSIBLE BENEFITS OF VICTORY ARE EXAMINED A GENERATION AFTER A WAR IT BECOMES INESCAPABLY EVIDENT THAT THE DEFEATED BELLIGERENT RARELY CONFORMS TO THE DEMANDS AND EXPECTATIONS OF THE VICTOR CONSEQUENTLY LONG TERM POLITICAL AND MILITARY STABILITY IS DENIED TO BOTH THE VICTORIOUS POWER AND TO THE DEFEATED ONE AS A RESULT NEITHER VICTORY NOR DEFEAT DETER FURTHER OUTBREAKS OF WAR THIS SOBERING REALITY IS INCREASINGLY THE CASE IN THE TWENTIETH AND TWENTY FIRST CENTURIES IAN BICKERTON PERSUASIVELY ARGUES THAT AS THE RHETORIC OF VICTORY BECOMES MORE HOLLOW ALL COUNTRIES MUST ADOPT CREATIVE NEW APPROACHES TO RESOLVING DISPUTES

LEARNING THE LESSONS OF MODERN WAR 2020-06-16

A MAJOR STUDY OF THE THEORY AND PRACTICE OF WARFARE IN THE TWENTIETH AND TWENTY FIRST CENTURIES USING RELEVANT EXAMPLES FROM RECENT HISTORY THIS BOOK PROVIDES A COMPLETE INTRODUCTION TO THE ISSUES IDEAS CONCEPTS CONTEXT AND VOCABULARY OF MODERN WARFARE THE EXPERT TEAM OF AUTHORS EXPLORE THE CONDUCT OF WAR ACROSS LAND SEA AIR AND SPACE IN ADDITION TO ADDRESSING KEY ISSUES RELATING TO CONTEMPORARY STRATEGY WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION AND IRREGULAR WARFARE INCLUDING INSURGENCY TERRORISM AND CIVIL WAR THEY PROVIDE AN INCISIVE AND STRUCTURED GROUNDING IN MILITARY THEORY AND ARGUE FOR THE IMPORTANCE OF UNDERSTANDING WARFARE WITHIN THE JOINT INTER SERVICE CONTEXT AND AS AN EVOLUTIONARY RATHER THAN A REVOLUTIONARY PHENOMENON BY PROVIDING THE TOOLS REQUIRED TO TRULY UNDERSTAND CONTEMPORARY MILITARY DOCTRINE THIS ACCESSIBLE SURVEY WILL BE AN INVALUABLE RESOURCE FOR ANY STUDENT OF MILITARY HISTORY OR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AS WELL AS FOR MILITARY PROFESSIONALS

THE OXFORD ILLUSTRATED HISTORY OF MODERN WAR 1997

THIS BOOK EXPLORES THE ISSUE OF CIVILIAN DEVASTATION IN MODERN WARFARE FOCUSING ON THE COMPLEX PROCESSES THAT EFFECTIVELY ESTABLISH CIVILIANS IDENTITY IN TIMES OF WAR UNDERPINNING THE PHYSICALITY OF WAR S TUMULT ARE STRUCTURAL FORCES THAT CREATE LANDSCAPES OF CIVILIAN VULNERABILITY SUCH FORCES OPERATE IN FOUR SECTORS OF MODERN WARFARE NATIONALISTIC IDEOLOGY STATE SPONSORED MILITARIES GLOBAL MEDIA AND INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS EACH SECTOR PROMOTES ITS OWN CONSTRUCTIONS OF CIVILIAN IDENTITY IN RELATION TO MILITANT COMBATANTS CONSTRUCTIONS THAT PROVE LETHAL TO THE CIVILIAN NONCOMBATANT WHO LACKS POLITICAL POWER AND DECISION MAKING CAPACITY WITH REGARDS TO THEIR OWN SURVIVAL CIVILIANS AND MODERN WAR PROVIDES A CRITICAL OVERVIEW OF THE PLIGHT OF CIVILIANS IN WAR EXAMINING THE POLITICAL AND NORMATIVE UNDERPINNINGS OF THE DECISIONS ACTIONS POLICIES AND PRACTICES OF MAJOR SECTORS OF WAR THE CONTRIBUTORS SEEK TO UNDERMINE THE TUNNELLING EFFECT OF THE MILITARISTIC FRAMEWORK REGARDING THE EXPERIENCES OF NONCOMBATANTS THIS BOOK WILL BE OF MUCH INTEREST TO STUDENTS OF WAR AND CONFLICT STUDIES ETHICS CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND IR SECURITY STUDIES

THE ILLUSION OF VICTORY 2011-04-01

SELECTIONS FROM POETRY AND FICTION DESCRIBE THE 20TH CENTURY S MAJOR CONFLICTS

UNDERSTANDING MODERN WARFARE 2008-09-18

A THOUGHT PROVOKING EXAMINATION OF THE INTERSECTIONS OF KNOWLEDGE AND VIOLENCE AND THE QUANDARIES AND COSTS OF MODERN TECHNOSCIENTIFIC WARFARE SCIENCE AND VIOLENCE CONVERGE IN MODERN WARFARE WHILE THE FINEST MINDS OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY HAVE IMPROVED HUMAN LIFE THEY HAVE ALSO PRODUCED HUMAN INJURY THEY ENGINEERED RADAR DEVELOPED ELECTRONIC COMPUTERS AND HELPED MASS PRODUCE PENICILLIN ALL IN THE CONTEXT OF MILITARY MOBILIZATION SCIENTISTS ALSO DEVELOPED CHEMICAL WEAPONS ATOMIC BOMBS AND PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE STRATEGIES RATIONAL FOG EXPLORES THE QUANDARY OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL PRODUCTIVITY IN AN ERA OF PERPETUAL WAR SCIENCE IS AT ITS FOUNDATION AN INTERNATIONAL ENDEAVOR ORIENTED TOWARD ADVANCING HUMAN WELFARE AT THE SAME TIME IT HAS BEEN NATIONALISTIC AND MILITARISTIC IN TIMES OF CRISIS AND CONFLICT AS OUR WEAPONS HAVE BECOME MORE POWERFUL SCIENTISTS HAVE STRUGGLED TO RECONCILE THESE TENSIONS ENGAGING IN HEATED DEBATES OVER THE PROBLEMS INHERENT IN EXPLOITING SCIENCE FOR MILITARY PURPOSES M SUSAN LINDEE EXAMINES THIS INTERPLAY BETWEEN SCIENCE AND STATE VIOLENCE AND TAKES STOCK OF RESEARCHERS EFFORTS TO RESPOND MANY SCIENTISTS WHO WANTED TO DISTANCE THEIR WORK FROM KILLING HAVE FOUND IT DIFFICULT AND HAVE SUCCUMBED TO THE EXIGENCIES OF WAR INDEED LINDEE NOTES THAT SCIENTISTS WHO OTHERWISE OPPOSE VIOLENCE HAVE SOMETIMES BEEN SWEEPED UP IN THE SPIRIT OF MILITARISM WHEN WAR BREAKS OUT FROM THE FIRST USES OF

THE GUN TO THE MASS PRODUCTION OF DDT AND THE TWENTY FIRST CENTURY BATTLEFIELD OF THE MIND THE SCIENCE OF WAR HAS ACHIEVED REMARKABLE THINGS AT GREAT HUMAN COST RATIONAL FOG REMINDS US THAT FOR SCIENTISTS AND FOR US ALL MORAL COSTS SOMETIMES MOUNT ALONGSIDE TECHNOLOGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC ADVANCES

CIVILIANS AND MODERN WAR *2012-08-06*

SINCE THE END OF THE COLD WAR SCHOLARS MILITARY HISTORIANS AND ANALYSTS HAVE STRUGGLED TO AGREE A WORKABLE DEFINITION OF CONTEMPORARY WARFARE WITH REFERENCE TO THE CONFLICTS THAT HAVE ERUPTED SINCE 1989 WHETHER IN THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA IRAQ OR AFGHANISTAN TO NAME ONLY A FEW AMONG THE MANY ATTEMPTS TO HIT THE RIGHT CONCEPTUAL NOTE ARE ASYMMETRICAL WAR FOURTH GENERATION WAR AND PERHAPS THE MOST INFLUENTIAL OF ALL NEW WARS IN ADDITION TO THESE ATTEMPTS TO DEFINE WAR THE WEST S MILITARY ESTABLISHMENTS WITH THE PENTAGON IN THE VANGUARD HAVE WORKED HARD TO MAP OUT NEW STRATEGIC AND TACTICAL CONCEPTS IN ORDER TO TRY TO WIN THESE WARS TWO OF THE MORE INFLUENTIAL FROM RECENT YEARS ARE NETWORK CENTRIC WARFARE NCW AND EFFECTS BASED OPERATIONS EBO THE CONTRIBUTORS TO CONCEPTUALISING MODERN WAR CONTEND THAT VERY FEW OF THESE TERMS AND CONCEPTS ARE PARTICULARLY USEFUL WHEN IT COMES TO DEFINING WAR OR TO CREATING A WINNING STRATEGY ON THAT BASIS IT IS EASY TO RIDICULE EVERY ONE OF THESE TERMS AND CONCEPTS BUT THE AIM OF THE CONTRIBUTORS TO THIS BOOK WHO INCLUDE HEW STRACHAN DAVID KILCULLEN STEVEN METZ HELEN DEXTER AND IAN BECKETT IS INSTEAD TO SEARCH FOR MEANING WHERE MEANING CAN BE FOUND CAN THESE TERMS AND CONCEPTS TELL US SOMETHING ABOUT THE DEVELOPMENT OF WAR AND HOW WARS CAN BE WON

“A” DICTIONARY OF MODERN WAR *1972*

IN WAR IN THE MODERN WORLD 1990 2014 JEREMY BLACK LOOKS AT THE MOST MODERN OF CONFLICTS FROM THE PERSPECTIVE THAT WAR IS A CENTRAL FEATURE OF THE MODERN WORLD ARGUING THAT UNDERSTANDING NON WESTERN DEVELOPMENTS IS CRUCIAL IF THE POTENTIAL OF WESTERN WAR MAKING IS TO BE ASSESSED ACCURATELY THE BOOK ALSO ASSERTS THAT KNOWING THE HISTORY OF CONFLICT CAN ONLY HELP FUTURE GENERATIONS BLACK ARGUES FOR THE NEED TO EMPHASISE THE VARIETY OF MILITARY CIRCUMSTANCES AS WELL AS THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE UNDERSTANDING OF FORCE AND THE DEFINITIONS OF VICTORY AND DEFEAT ARE GUIDED BY CULTURAL ASSUMPTIONS WAR HAS A MULTI FACETED IMPACT IN THE MODERN WORLD AND THIS BOOK SHOWS ITS SIGNIFICANCE AS THE LATEST VOLUME IN THE WARFARE AND HISTORY SERIES THIS TITLE TAKES A GLOBAL AND HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE ON MODERN WARFARE ENABLING THE READER TO APPROACH FAMILIAR CONFLICTS THROUGH A NEW ANALYTICAL FRAMEWORK THIS BOOK IS AN INVALUABLE RESOURCE FOR ALL STUDENTS OF THE HISTORY OF MODERN WARFARE

THE NORTON BOOK OF MODERN WAR 1991

SINCE VIETNAM BOTH THE WAY WE FIGHT AND OUR REASONS FOR GOING TO WAR HAVE BECOME MUCH MORE COMPLEX THE IMPORTANCE OF A CONFLICT IS DETERMINED NOT BY ITS SIZE OR BY THE NUMBERS OF COMBATANTS INVOLVED BUT BY ITS RIPPLE EFFECTS AND ITS INFLUENCE UPON FUTURE EVENTS IN A SERIES OF THRILLING RECREATIONS OF EIGHT OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ENCOUNTERS OF THE LAST THREE DECADES MILITARY HISTORIAN RICHARD CONNAUGHTON PRESENTS A FASCINATING INSIGHT INTO MODERN WARFARE INCLUDING INTERVIEWS WITH SOME OF THE MAJOR FIGURES THE CONFLICTS INCLUDE GOOSE GREEN IN THE FALKLANDS THE INVASION OF GRENADA OPERATION DESERT STORM THE FIRST IRAQ WAR OPERATIONS IN MOGADISHU AS IMMORTALIZED IN THE BOOK AND FILM BLACKHAWK DOWN THE SIEGE OF GORAZDE AND OPERATION BARRAS IN SIERRA LEONE AS WELL AS MORE RECENT EVENTS AT FALLUJAH IRAQ AND IN HELMAND PROVINCE AFGHANISTAN RICHARD CONNAUGHTON HAS INTERVIEWED MOST OF THE MAJOR FIGURES INVOLVED IN EACH OF THE CONFLICTS AND OFFERS POWERFUL INSIGHTS INTO WHY BATTLES EITHER WORK OR DON T THIS BOOK WILL TELL YOU WHAT WARFARE MEANS IN THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD AND HOW IT CAN AFFECT TOMORROW

BATTLEFIELD *1990*

DESPITE THE END OF THE COLD WAR PROGRESS IN MILITARY TECHNOLOGY POWER HAS NOT ENDED THE RESULT IS THAT THE TERMINOLOGY HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY COMPLEX CONFUSING FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC THIS GUIDE TO DECIPHERING THE VOCABULARY OF MODERN WARFARE BRINGS THE KNOWLEDGE OF EXPERT MILITARY ANALYSTS TO THE GENERAL READER IN SIMPLE ACCESSIBLE LANGUAGE WITH OVER 1 100 ARTICLES ENTRIES IT INCLUDES GENERAL MILITARY CONCEPTS WEAPONS WEAPON SYSTEMS MILITARY ORGANIZATIONS MILITARY TECHNOLOGIES MODES OF WARFARE NEGOTIATIONS TREATIES THE DICTIONARY IS THOROUGHLY CROSS REFERENCED FOR MORE SPECIFIC DETAILED ENTRIES

ENCYCLOPEDIA OF MODERN WAR 1979

THE RIVETING CLOSE UP ACCOUNT OF A 1993 FIREFIGHT IN MOGADISHU SOMALIA BLACK HAWK DOWN IS ONE OF THE MOST VIVID AND THOROUGH REPORTS OF MODERN COMBAT EVER WRITTEN

RATIONAL FOG 2020-09-15

THIS BOOK INVESTIGATES THE USE AND UTILITY OF MILITARY FORCE IN MODERN WAR AFTER THE COLD WAR WESTERN ARMED FORCES HAVE INCREASINGLY BEEN CALLED UPON TO INTERVENE IN INTERNAL CONFLICTS IN THE FORMER THIRD WORLD THESE FORCES HAVE BEEN CALLED UPON TO CARRY OUT MISSIONS THAT THEY TRADITIONALLY HAVE NOT BEEN TRAINED AND EQUIPPED FOR IN ENVIRONMENTS THAT THEY OFTEN HAVE NOT BEEN PREPARED FOR A NUMBER OF THESE NEW TYPES OF OPERATIONS IN ALLEGEDLY NEW WARS STAND OUT SUCH AS PEACE ENFORCEMENT STATE BUILDING COUNTER INSURGENCY HUMANITARIAN AID AND NOT THE LEAST COUNTER TERRORISM THE SUCCESS RATE OF THESE MISSIONS HAS HOWEVER BEEN MIXED PROVIDING FUEL FOR AN INCREASINGLY LOUD DEBATE ON THE UTILITY OF FORCE IN MODERN WAR THIS EDITED VOLUME POSES AS ITS CENTRAL QUESTION WHAT IS IN FACT THE UTILITY OF FORCE IS FORCE USEFUL FOR ANYTHING OTHER THAN A COMPLETE CONVENTIONAL DEFEAT OF A REGULAR OPPONENT WHO IS CONFRONTED IN THE OPEN FIELD THIS BOOK WILL BE OF MUCH INTEREST TO STUDENTS OF STRATEGIC STUDIES WAR AND CONFLICT STUDIES COUNTER INSURGENCY SECURITY STUDIES AND IR ISABELLE DUYVESTYEN IS AN ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AT THE DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS UTRECHT UNIVERSITY IN THE NETHERLANDS JAN ANGSTROM IS A RESEARCHER AT THE SWEDISH NATIONAL DEFENCE COLLEGE

THE LESSONS OF MODERN WAR 1990

THROUGHOUT HISTORY ARMIES OF OCCUPATION AND CIVIL POWER HAVE BEEN FACED WITH THE CHALLENGES OF INSURGENCY BRITISH AND AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN HAS HIGHLIGHTED THIS FORM OF CONFLICT IN THE MODERN WORLD ARMIES HAVE HAD TO ADOPT NEW DOCTRINES AND TACTICS TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEMS OF INSURGENCY AND DIVERSE COUNTERINSURGENCY STRATEGIES HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED HERE FOURTEEN AUTHORS EXAMINE THE DEVELOPMENT OF COUNTERINSURGENCY FROM THE EARLY 20TH CENTURY TO THE PRESENT INCLUDING INFORMATION ON THE ARAB ISRAELI CONFLICT AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ THIS BOOK IS A TIMELY AND ACCESSIBLE SURVEY OF A CRITICAL FACET OF MODERN WARFARE THIS NEW PAPERBACK EDITION FEATURES A REVISED INTRODUCTION UPDATED CHAPTERS ON IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN AND A COMPLETELY NEW CHAPTER ON COLUMBIA BY EXPERT THOMAS MARKS

CONCEPTUALISING MODERN WAR 2012

ROGER CHICKERING OFFERS THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE HISTORY EVER WRITTEN OF A GERMAN CITY AT WAR

WAR IN THE MODERN WORLD, 1990-2014 2014-09-15

EXTENSIVELY ILLUSTRATED WITH 52 DETAILED CAMPAIGN AND BATTLE MAPS AND DIAGRAMS THIS BOOK ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED IN 1990 SURVEYS THE EVOLUTION OF WARFARE IN EUROPE FROM NAPOLEON TO THE END OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY AND IN ASIA FROM THE MIDDLE AGES IT CONSIDERS THE INTERACTION OF TECHNOLOGY AND WARFARE WITH WIDE RANGING EXAMPLES THE BOOK INCLUDES TWO IN DEPTH CASE STUDIES ONE ON THE SOVIET OPERATIONAL MANOEUVRE GROUP AND ITS PREDECESSORS IN THE RUSSIAN IMPERIAL ARMY THE OTHER ON THE HISTORY OF LAND WARFARE INCLUDING GUERRILLA WARFARE IN ASIA IN THIS BOOK THE AUTHOR DEMONSTRATES THAT MILITARY HISTORY CAN BE OF IMMENSE PRACTICAL HELP TO THE MODERN MILITARY ANALYST AND PROFESSIONAL NOW UPDATED WITH A NEW INTRODUCTION TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT CHANGES SINCE 1990 THIS BOOK REMAINS OF ESSENTIAL VALUE TO STUDENTS TEACHERS PROFESSIONALS IN POLITICAL SOCIAL HISTORY INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS DEFENCE WAR PEACE STUDIES

A BRIEF HISTORY OF MODERN WARFARE 2013-02-07

THIS VOLUME AIMS TO ANALYSE THE NATURE OF MODERN WAR WITH A SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON WARFARE IN THE NON WESTERN WORLD

THE DAWN OF MODERN WARFARE 1980

BEGINNING WITH AN EXPLORATION INTO THE QUESTION OF WHAT WAR IS WAR AND WARFARE SINCE 1945 PROVIDES A CHRONOLOGICAL ANALYSIS OF MILITARY HISTORY SINCE THE END OF WORLD WAR II EXTENDING THROUGH TO AN ANALYSIS OF THE LIMITS OF MODERN WARFARE IN THE NUCLEAR AGE WITH THE PURPOSE OF EXAMINING WHY WAR OCCURS AND HOW IT IS CARRIED OUT AMONG THE TYPES OF CONFLICT CONSIDERED WITHIN THE BOOK ARE STATE CONFLICTS CIVIL WARS PROXY WARS TERRORISM AND COUNTERTERRORISM INSURGENCY GENOCIDE BOTH THEORETICAL AND HISTORICAL WAR AND WARFARE SINCE 1945 ALSO EXPLORES THE DEFINITIONS ETHICS MORALS AND EFFECTS OF THE USE OF MILITARIES IN AND AFTER WAR AND PUTS FORWARD IMPORTANT QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW WARS ARE RESOLVED THE WARS DISCUSSED INCLUDE THE FIRST ARAB ISRAELI WAR THE CHINESE CIVIL WAR THE KOREAN WAR THE COLD WAR THE VIETNAM WAR AND THE IRAQ WAR THE BOOK CONCLUDES WITH AN INVESTIGATION INTO MODERN WAR AND SPECULATION ON THE CHANGING FACE OF WARFARE

THE DICTIONARY OF MODERN WAR (1990) 2000-07

THIS WORK HAS BEEN SELECTED BY SCHOLARS AS BEING CULTURALLY IMPORTANT AND IS PART OF THE KNOWLEDGE BASE OF CIVILIZATION AS WE KNOW IT THIS WORK IS IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND POSSIBLY OTHER NATIONS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES YOU MAY FREELY COPY AND DISTRIBUTE THIS WORK AS NO ENTITY INDIVIDUAL OR CORPORATE HAS A COPYRIGHT ON THE BODY OF THE WORK SCHOLARS BELIEVE AND WE CONCUR THAT THIS WORK IS IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO BE PRESERVED REPRODUCED AND MADE GENERALLY AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PRESERVATION PROCESS AND THANK YOU FOR BEING AN IMPORTANT PART OF KEEPING THIS KNOWLEDGE ALIVE AND RELEVANT

BLACK HAWK DOWN 1999

IN THIS NEW VOLUME OF THE ACCLAIMED LESSONS OF MODERN WAR SERIES MILITARY ANALYSTS CORDESMAN AND WAGNER HAVE PRODUCED WHAT MUST BE CONSIDERED THE DEFINITIVE STUDY OF THE GULF WAR THE AUTHORS DRAW CAREFUL CONCLUSIONS BASED ON EXTENSIVE RESEARCH FROM A WIDE VARIETY OF SOURCES INCLUDING NEWLY DECLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS OFFICIAL MILITARY REPORTS INTERVIEWS FIELD RESEARCH IN SAUDI ARABIA KUWAIT AND SOUTHERN IRAQ AND ANTHONY CORDESMAN S OWN FIRSTHAND OBSERVATIONS OF THE UNFOLDING BATTLE THE BOOK EXAMINES IN UNPRECEDENTED DETAIL THE EFFORTS OF ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE COALITION NOT JUST THE UNITED STATES THE AUTHORS ARE CAREFUL TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN THE GENERAL LESSONS ABOUT WARFARE THAT CAN BE DRAWN FROM THE GULF WAR AND THOSE THAT ARE UNIQUE TO THIS CONFLICT THE MANY LESSONS PRESENTED IN THIS BOOK COVER THE WHOLE RANGE OF POLITICAL STRATEGIC TACTICAL TECHNICAL AND HUMAN ELEMENTS OF THIS CONFLICT THE AUTHORS ANALYSIS IS BASED ON THE DYNAMIC INTERACTION OF ALL OF THESE FACTORS THE CENTRAL LESSON IS THAT THIS HIGHLY COMPLEX WEB OF HUMAN AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS HAS RESULTED IN A NEW MILITARY REVOLUTION OF PROFOUND SIGNIFICANCE FOR THE HISTORY OF MODERN WAR THE GULF WAR EXPLODES MANY MYTHS AND IS ESSENTIAL READING FOR ANYONE CONCERNED ABOUT THE NEW BUT STILL DANGEROUS WORLD IN WHICH WE LIVE

CULTURAL HISTORY OF MODERN WAR 2004

SCHOLARS HAVE STRUGGLED TO ESTABLISH A DEFINITION OF CONTEMPORARY WARFARE THAT RECOGNIZES THE UNIQUE CHARACTER OF CONFLICT SINCE THE END OF THE COLD WAR WHETHER SUCH BATTLES HAVE BEEN FOUGHT IN THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA IRAQ OR AFGHANISTAN ASYMMETRICAL WARFARE FOURTH GENERATION WAR AND NEW WAR ARE THE BEST TERMS WE HAVE TO DESCRIBE THEM CONCEPTUALIZING WAR ACCURATELY AND EFFECTIVELY IS ESSENTIAL FOR ALONG WITH TRYING TO DEFINE THE NATURE OF MODERN WARFARE WESTERN MILITARY ESTABLISHMENTS LED BY THE PENTAGON MUST FIGHT THESE CONFLICT SUCCESSFULLY AND IN ORDER TO DO SO THEY NEED TO FULLY COMPREHEND EVENTS ON THE GROUND NETWORK CENTRIC WARFARE NCW AND EFFECTS BASED OPERATIONS EBO ARE TWO PROMINENT EXAMPLES OF WORKING USEFUL THEORIES YET BOTH FAIL TO CAPTURE THE COMPLETE DYNAMICS OF MODERN MILITARY REALITIES THE CONTRIBUTORS TO THIS VOLUME HIGHLIGHT THE INABILITY OF CURRENT MODELS TO CREATE WINNING STRATEGIES HEW STRACHAN OXFORD UNIVERSITY DAVID KILCULLEN CAERUS ASSOCIATES STEVEN METZ UNITED STATES ARMY WAR COLLEGE HELEN DEXTER THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER AND IAN BECKETT UNIVERSITY OF NORTHAMPTON AMONG OTHER SCHOLARS EXAMINE EXISTING CONCEPTS AND FORGE NEW PATHS IN THINKING AND RESEARCH THEIR WORK FORCES READERS TO REENGAGE WITH RECENT BATTLES THEY THINK THEY KNOW WELL AND RECONSIDER THE DEVELOPMENT AND WAGING OF WAR ITSELF PUBLISHER S DESCRIPTION

MODERN WAR AND THE UTILITY OF FORCE 2010-04-05

PROVIDES A DETAILED ACCOUNT OF THE ALLIANCES AND TENSIONS THAT TRIGGERED THE GREAT WAR DETAILS THE HORRORS OF TRENCH WARFARE AND THE NEW WEAPONS USED IN THE CONFLICT PROVIDES AN

OVERVIEW OF THE WARS KEY OFFENSIVES AND EXPLAINS THE LEGACY OF THE WAR

COUNTERINSURGENCY IN MODERN WARFARE 2011-01-01

THIS SERIES TAKES A COMPREHENSIVE LOOK AT FIVE MAJOR CONFLICTS IN THE LATER PART OF THE 20TH CENTURY

THE GREAT WAR AND URBAN LIFE IN GERMANY 2007-02-08

A FASCINATING LOOK AT THE INSURGENCIES AND COUNTERINSURGENCIES THROUGHOUT HISTORY WITH A CONCENTRATION ON THE 20TH AND 21ST CENTURIES THIS ENCYCLOPEDIA EXAMINES INSURGENCIES AND THE COUNTERINSURGENCY EFFORTS THEY PROMPT THROUGH HISTORY ADDRESSING MILITARY ACTIONS AND THE TECHNIQUES AND TECHNOLOGIES EMPLOYED IN EACH CONFLICT SIGNIFICANT INSURGENCY LEADERS AND THE LEADING THEORISTS WITH EMPHASIS ON THE SMALL WARS OF THE 20TH CENTURY AND MOST RECENT DECADES THE CLEAR CONCISE ENTRIES PROVIDE A BREADTH OF COVERAGE THAT RANGES FROM THE MACCABEAN REVOLT IN 168 143 BCE AND THE PEASANTS REVOLT IN GERMANY IN THE 1500S TO THE AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY WAR AND THE ONGOING INSURGENCY IN SYRIA READERS WILL GAIN A SOLID UNDERSTANDING OF HOW INSURGENCY WARFARE AND COUNTERINSURGENCY COIN STRATEGY HAS PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN THE U S CONFLICTS IN AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ IN THE EARLY 21ST CENTURY AND GRASP HOW THIS IMPORTANT MILITARY STRATEGY HAS EVOLVED DURING MODERN TIMES

THE EVOLUTION OF MODERN LAND WARFARE 2015-10-05

THIS SERIES TAKES A COMPREHENSIVE LOOK AT FIVE MAJOR CONFLICTS IN THE LATER PART OF THE 20TH CENTURY

THE NATURE OF MODERN WAR 2003

HISTORY OF MODERN WARFARE PROVIDES A COMPREHENSIVE EXPLORATION OF THE EVOLUTION OF WARFARE IN THE 20TH AND 21ST CENTURIES FROM THE WORLD WARS TO THE COLD WAR AND FROM THE RISE OF ASYMMETRIC WARFARE TO THE AGE OF CYBER WARFARE THIS BOOK DELVES INTO THE POLITICAL TECHNOLOGICAL AND SOCIAL FACTORS THAT HAVE SHAPED MODERN CONFLICT WITH DETAILED ACCOUNTS OF KEY BATTLES MILITARY STRATEGIES AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF WEAPONS TECHNOLOGY THIS BOOK OFFERS A COMPELLING NARRATIVE OF THE PIVOTAL MOMENTS AND TURNING POINTS IN MODERN WARFARE THROUGH VIVID STORYTELLING AND INSIGHTFUL ANALYSIS IT ILLUMINATES THE IMPACT OF WAR ON SOCIETIES AND THE EVER CHANGING NATURE OF GLOBAL SECURITY

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