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†Olsson, Carl. From hell to breakfast. Macmillan \$2.50 940.548

From soldiers, sailors, airmen and others, a well-known newspaper man obtained the subject matter for these simple, direct narratives describing "some of the experiences terrible and sublime which this war has provided in abundance." The men's cool, expert handling of their jobs, their fine teamwork and nonchalant acceptance of dangerous assignments, new military technics and lesser known services are emphasized in brief, dramatic tales of such exploits as the destruction of the St Nazaire dock, the first 1000-plane bombing of Cologne, a daylight raid on Havre, submarine action in the North sea, the rescue of airmen from death by exposure or drowning, a weather reconnaissance patrol and a torpedo attack against enemy shipping. Some of the stories have appeared in *Life* and other magazines. Photograph frontispiece and other photographs.

†Pyle, E. T. Here is your war. Holt \$3 940.542

In the fall of 1942, "Ernie" Pyle, a Scripps-Howard correspondent, went to Africa in a convoy from England, and this casual, entertaining and warmly human account of his experiences and observations en route and during the Tunisian campaign pictures realistically the adjustment of the American men to life at the front and the "brotherhood" of the battlefield. Providing graphic pen portraits of individual soldiers, of doctors and nurses, of aviators, of members of the Foreign French Legion, native characters and a general or two, the author describes the actual fighting and the course of the campaign, concluding that there was an exhilaration in war, "an inner excitement that built up into a buoyant tenseness seldom achieved in peacetime." Decorated title page and expressive drawings in black and white by Carol Johnson.

Romulo, C. P. Mother America. Doubleday \$2.50 991.4

Writing "as a Filipino who is one of the beneficiaries of Philippine-American collaboration," the author of *I saw the fall of the Philippines* (Bookmark, March 1943) contributes a frank and enlightening analysis of the Oriental mind as contrasted with that of

the white man. No pictures "the slow process of democracy in his native land and the present urgent problems of other Oriental countries such as China, Japan and India and points out that American policy in the Philippines must be the pattern for British, French and Dutch postwar dealings with the Far East. Documents in appendixes show important steps in the evolution of self-government in the Philippines.

Smedley, Agnes. Battle hymn of China. Knopf \$3.50 951

"To tell America the truth about China, how the Chinese had fought and were still fighting" is the purpose of this fearless, outspoken account of Agnes Smedley's turbulent, dangerous years in China between 1928 and 1941 as special correspondent for the *Frankfurter Zeitung* and the *Manchester Guardian* and later, as a field member of the Chinese Red Cross Medical Corps. The text, realistic, often grim and always full of pity for the poverty-stricken common man, and of admiration for the supreme heroism of the armies, traces the efforts for the united front, the strengthening of the democratic peoples' movement and the spreading of the Chinese Industrial Cooperatives all over western China. Throughout there are excellent pen portraits of leading representatives of the Communist party, of the Red Army and of various Chinese generals. Some readers will be offended by frank and unconventional passages. Folding map frontispiece. Index.

Van Paassen, Pierre. The forgotten ally. Dial Press \$2.75 940.531

In a controversial, challenging narrative, Pierre Van Paassen presents both a vigorous plea for the preservation of Palestine as the Jewish homeland and a plain-spoken criticism of Great Britain's Colonial policy in the Far East. Denouncing the White Paper as an abrogation of the Balfour Declaration, closing "the gates of freedom" to "the remnants of the martyred Jewish masses in Europe," he enumerates the contributions of Jews to the British war effort and to the improvement of Palestine, holding out, as the solution of the problem, absorption by Iraq of Egypt's surplus population. Colored map on end papers.