

Information on Battles and Battle Maps: a Pathfinder

This guide introduces some of the resources available at the Combined Arms Research Library on **Battles and Maps**. Library materials useful in research are described along with some examples of each type. This guide is not a comprehensive listing of sources, but is a starting point for research.

DICTIONARIES

Give a brief summary of battles, listed alphabetically. Some (indicated below) include some maps.

- Perrett, Bryan. *The Battle Book* (REF 904.7 P455b)
 - Eggenberger, David. *Encyclopedia of Battles* (maps) (REF 904.7 E29e)
 - Laffin, John. *Brassey's Battles* (maps) (REF 904.7 L163b)
 - Bruce, George, ed. *Harbottles's Dictionary of Battles*, 3rd ed. (REF 904.7 H255d 1981)
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GENERAL SOURCES

Non-alphabetic treatment of battles, often in a broader context.

- Morelock, J.D. *Army Times Book of Great Land Battles* (maps) (REF 904.7 M842a)
 - Cowley & Parker. *Reader's Companion to Military History* (maps) (REF 355.009 R2872)
 - Dupuy & Dupuy. *Harper Encyclopedia of Military History* (maps) (REF 355.009 D945h)
 - Mckee, Alexander. *Against the Odds: Battles at Sea, 1591-1949* (904.7 M154a)
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ATLASES

Information on wars and battles shown largely through maps.

- US Military Academy. *West Point Atlas of American Wars* (Oversize 912.73 U57w)
 - Gilbert, Martin. *Atlas of the Arab-Israeli Conflict* (REF 911.56 G465a 1993)
 - Pemsel, Helmut. *History of War at Sea: An Atlas and Chronology...* (359.4 P396h)
 - Messenger, Charles. *Chronological Atlas of World War Two* (REF 940.530202 M584c)
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SPECIALIZED RESOURCES

Reference works dealing with a particular war or nation.

- Army in World War II - Multivolume official history, with detailed maps (Ask for location)
 - Chandler, David. *Great Battles of the British Army* (maps) (904.7 G7862)
 - Holt, Tonie and Valmai. *Battlefields of the First World War* (REF 940.465 H758b)
 - McPherson, James M. *Battle Chronicles of the Civil War* (REF 973.73 B3362)
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BOOKS, DOCUMENTS, AND VIDEOS

Use the general keyword search in the [CARL Catalog](#) for the most complete coverage. Remember that some battles have more than one name ("Manassas" or "Bull Run", for example). If you get no hits, search by the campaign or war. The "Description" field in a book record will indicate whether the book contains maps. Ask the Reference Librarian to show you how to limit your results to only items with maps, or to videos.

The [CARL Digital Library](#) has a wealth of historical information including: student papers produced at the US Army Command and General Staff College, historical documents from various wars, past issues of Military review going all the way back to 1923, some obsolete military publications, and much more.

INDEXES AND ABSTRACTS

These resources provide citations to articles and reports on specific topics. Some journals also have their own consolidated indexes and can be a valuable source for battle information. Indexes are available on the first floor. Other online resources are available in our [CARL Databases Page](#).

- [Air University Library Index to Military Periodicals \(AULIMP\)](#) Formerly *Air University Periodical Index*; (1949-1999 REF 016.355 A298) -- (1990 – Present is Online)
 - *Journal of Military History Cumulative Index* (1937-1994 – REF 355.009 J86 1937-1994)
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INTERNET

These are a few of the many sites on military history, and have both good content and links to other sites.

****When Searching the Internet, please consider the authority behind the information.**

Military Pages

- [CARL Digital Library](#)
- [Center of Military History](#)
- [Combat Studies Institute Digitized Maps](#)
- [Library of Congress: Military Battles and Campaigns](#)
- [Naval History and Heritage Command](#)
- [USMA Special Collections - Maps](#)
- [USMA - West Point Atlases](#)

Non-military pages

- [University of Texas at Austin, Perry-Castañeda Library Map Collection](#)

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