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event of war. Some of the photographs are splendid.

The text, though short and perhaps—given the June 1981 White Paper on Britain's defense program—a bit too optimistic about the future of the surface forces, is nonetheless clear and informative. However, Admiral Hill does not deal candidly with the issues which force themselves on any reader who plows through *The Decline of British Seapower*. He can be forgiven for being over-optimistic. As Wettern's book shows, however, the issues which have dogged the Royal Navy since 1945 cannot be avoided or taken as "standard" ones for which a solution will inevitably be found.

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Moore, Captain John, RN, ed. *Jane's Naval Review*. London: Janes' Publishing Company Limited, 1982. 160pp.

This set of essays is the second in what should be a long and useful series of annual publications. As stated in the publisher's note, "The first compilation in this series, published in October 1981, was issued under the title *Jane's Naval Annual 1981-82*." No reason for the change is offered.

Those familiar with Captain John Moore's unique perspective on world politics and naval hardware will find much to enjoy in this thin, glossy and photo-filled book. In the articles he wrote and, to a lesser extent, in the rest that he edited, one finds the expected supranational idealism. The cover, a photograph of one Royal Navy frigate burning in Falkland Sound, acts as a headline for three of these 22 collected essays which deal with the Royal Navy's and Royal Marines' demanding tasks in the summer of 1982. Regrettably, the articles are superficial, reflecting the urgency with which they must have been

rushed into print for this volume. Of most interest to readers who have studied the tactical interactions is an article entitled "Conflict and Commerce" by Andrew Ambrose. This lists the seventy-one merchant ships which took part in the Falklands campaign and describes some of the modifications made to major contributors.

There are three essays by US Navy authors, two of them previously published, one on "The Law of the Sea" by Secretary Lehman and the other "The Case for Big Carriers" by ex-CNO Admiral T.B. Hayward; the third is a thorough sitrep on the balance of power in the Mediterranean by Admiral W.J. Crowe, CinCSouth. Beyond these, the essays move about the world's oceans, examining navies by region. Others look at naval and possible future platforms in several warfare areas. The reader is given a pictorial and verbal survey of such topics as: "Coastguards of the World"; "Sea-Skimmer, Ship-Killer"; "Airships in the Naval Role"; "The Chinese Navy: The Race for Modernisation"; "Japan: A Naval Giant Stirs"; "French Naval Deployment in the 1980s"; "NATO's Destroyer and Frigate Programmes"; and so forth.

This is a glossy little sampler of material from volumes of Jane's publications and from other sources. There is not much original and little that is thought-provoking, but its convenient size, colorful cover, and editor's fame will probably make it an addition to many bookshelves or coffee tables this year.

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Smith, Peter C. *The History of Dive Bombing*. Annapolis, Md.: Nautical & Aviation Publishing Company of America, 1982. 253pp. \$17.95

This is less a history of dive bombing