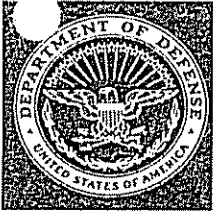


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Platoon "an insult to every Vietnam veteran."

Malo and Williams have undoubtedly produced the farthest reaching study of Vietnam films to date, complete with pictures from the movies and the Vietnamese point of view thrown in for good measure. Lanning's book is more limited in scope, but as important lest we ignore the testimony of an actual U.S. soldier who fought the war. Malo and Williams have definitely reached for the stars in their penetrating and exhaustive research of Vietnam-related movies, but Lanning's attack on the far-fetched brings us back down to earth. Together, these books are indispensable guides to critically thinking about the movies we see about America's most agonizing war. Highly recommended reading.

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The Tradecraft of Analysis: Challenge and Change in the CIA

by Douglas J. MacEachin
Washington, D.C.

National Strategy Information Center
1994, 43 pp., \$7.50 (94-40)

Reviewed by Mark R. Shulman, Ph.D.

(Note: Douglas J. MacEachin is the Deputy Director for Intelligence at the CIA. He has served nearly thirty years, rising up through

the ranks of the CIA as a specialist on Soviet strategic affairs.)

This monograph proposes one of the most far-reaching reforms in the history of U.S. intelligence. MacEachin claims that his own directorate's analytic product frequently failed to meet the day-to-day needs of government policy makers. He proposes a blue-print for reform in this most recent offering of the Working Group for Intelligence Reform's (Washington, DC: Consortium for the Study of Intelligence, 1994) respected series of monographs.

According to MacEachin, "The DI has become dominated by a 'publish or perish' value system. Business practice evolved to the point that our product was driven more by internal goals and measures than by the thought of, 'Who is my user and what does my user need?'"

The author lays out a series of reforms that would remove many of the barriers between policy-makers and analysts, allowing the latter to help identify threats and opportunities for American intelligence collection. These changes fly in the face of traditional notions, as expressed by Sherman Kent in his classic study Strategic Intelligence for American World Policy (Princeton University Press, 1949).

Along with MacEachin's cogent arguments, the monograph includes responses by former Under Secretary of Defense for Policy Ambassador Paul D. Wolfowitz, Assistant Secretary of Commerce John Despres, and by Abram Shulsky, a former Director of Strategic Arms Control Policy for the DoD. These commentaries add to the wealth of perspectives while supporting the basic thesis.

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This essay should be read by professionals who either use or support intelligence activities. With luck, it will serve as the guide for a more efficient and constructive intelligence regime. Furthermore, it is a good read.

The Working Group was founded two years ago to provide a forum for specialists to discuss reform within the U.S. intelligence community. Its recent publications include Fighting Proliferation: The Role of Intelligence by Henry Sokolski, former Deputy for Nonproliferation and The Future of Defense Intelligence by Walter Jajko, Director of the Special Advisory Staff, both of the OSD. These monographs reflect diverse views and each adds considerably to on-going debates of critical issues.

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**The Line In the Sand: Accounts of
USAF Company Grade Officers
in Support of Desert Shield/Desert Storm**

Edited by Michael P. Vriesenga

Air University Press

Maxwell AFB, Alabama

1994, 271 pp., (94-40)

*Reviewed by Captain Gilles Van Nederveen,
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This is a collection of short essays,

generally 10 pages in length, about individual accounts of military experiences prior to and during Desert Storm. From aircrews to administrative support, all U.S. Air Force tasks are discussed, and this broad spectrum makes this book a plus. The best accounts were those by officers who built the air bases and supporting infrastructure and those service officers who had to feed, cloth and take care of us in the Desert. The post-war accounts and the rush to get back to States are vividly written.

The war-fighters are all mentioned. The problems of uploading munitions to flying in some of the sand storms all make for powerful reading. The FAC (forward air control) account is truly worthy of mention because few Air Force officers actually get to serve with the other armed services. The editor's goal to show how Air Force specialties are interlocking and mutual supporting is the core of the book. In a sense, it tells readers how the Air Force works today. Some other observations make the book also a standout from other Desert Storm accounts. All parts of the globe are covered, from nurses in Germany to mobility officers assigned to AETC (Air Education and Training Command) at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. All recount how they were notified, equipped or not equipped, and sent to the war zone. It is for the latter reason which shows war from a human perspective that I recommend this book.

The logistic requirements for a modern war are very amply demonstrated in this book. Wartime requirements for infrastructure to support a vast group of military men and women are described in great detail. And so are some of the features which tend to be forgotten. Morale, Welfare and