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Technical Innovation in American History: An Encyclopedia of Science and Technology [3 volumes] Rosanne Welch 2019-02-28 From the invention of eyeglasses to the Internet, this three-volume set examines the pivotal effects that inventions have had on society, providing a fascinating history of technology and innovations in the United States from the earliest colonization by Europeans to the present. • Encourages readers to consider the tremendous potential impact of advances in science and technology and the ramifications of important inventions on the global market, human society, and even the planet as a whole • Supports eras addressed in the National Standards for American history as well as curricular units on inventions, discoveries, and technological advances • Includes primary documents, a chronology, and section openers that help readers contextualize the content

David Bushnell and his Revolutionary War Submarine Caitlind L. Alexander 2017-01-27 David Bushnell sat on the bank of the river. He kept scanning the water for signs of life. At first there was nothing. Then two curved metal pipes rose out of the water. They came toward him slowly. A moment later a large round tube appeared. The top of the tube flipped open. Out popped a young man’s head. I think it's going to work, the man said! Read about America's first submarine. RL: 2.8

Submarine Tom Clancy 2003-05-06 Only the author of The Hunt for Red October could capture the reality of life aboard a nuclear submarine. Only a writer of Mr. Clancy's magnitude could obtain security clearance for information, diagrams, and photographs never before available to the public. Now, every civilian can enter this top secret world...the weapons, the procedures, the people themselves...the startling facts behind the fiction that made Tom Clancy a #1 bestselling author.

The war of the American Revolution Robert W. Coakley 1975

Ships and Seamen of the American Revolution Jack Coggins 2002-01-01 This carefully researched account of a lesser-known but vital aspect of the American war for independence chronicles exciting ship-to-ship battles, Benedict Arnold's efforts to build a fleet in Lake Champlain, the harassment of British ships by privateers, David Bushnell's "sub-marine" vessel and floating mines, uniforms, and much more. More than 150 black-and-white illustrations.

Attack of the Turtle Drew Carlson 2008-02-02 During the Revolutionary War, fourteen-year-old Nathan Wade joins forces with his older cousin, the inventor David Bushnell, to secretly build the first submarine used in naval warfare. Reprint.

The Campaign of 1776 Around New York and Brooklyn Henry Phelps Johnston 1878 This volume, written over 100 years after the Battle of Long Island, outlines the circumstances of the battle. It begins with context for the engagement and includes later battles in the New York and New Jersey campaigns.

My American Revolution Robert Sullivan 2012-09-04 Americans tend to think of the Revolution as a Massachusetts-based event orchestrated by Virginians, but in fact the war took place mostly in the Middle Colonies—in New York and New Jersey and the parts of Pennsylvania that on a clear day you can almost see from the Empire State Building. In My American Revolution, Robert Sullivan delves into this first Middle America, digging for a glorious, heroic part of the past in the urban, suburban, and sometimes even rural landscape of today. And there are great adventures along the way: Sullivan investigates the true history of the crossing of the Delaware, its down-home reenactment each year for the past half a century, and--toward the end of a personal odyssey that involves camping in New Jersey backyards, hiking through lost "mountains," and eventually some physical therapy—he evacuates illegally from Brooklyn to Manhattan by handmade boat. He recounts a Brooklyn historian's failed attempt to memorialize a colonial Maryland regiment; a tattoo artist's more successful use of a colonial submarine, which resulted in his 2007 arrest by the New York City police and the FBI; and the life of Philip Freneau, the first (and not great) poet of American independence, who died in a swamp in the snow. Last but not least, along New York harbor, Sullivan re-creates an ancient signal beacon. Like an almanac, My American Revolution moves through the calendar of American independence,
considering the weather and the tides, the harbor and the estuary and the yearly return of the stars as salient factors in the war for independence. In this fiercely individual and often hilarious journey to make our revolution his, he shows us how alive our own history is, right under our noses.

The Deadly Deep Iain Ballantyne 2018-12-04 A fascinating and comprehensive account of how an initially ineffectual underwater boat—originally derided and loathed in equal measure—evolved into the most powerful and terrifying vessel ever invented—with enough destructive power to end all life on Earth. Iain Ballantyne considers the key episodes of submarine warfare and vividly describes the stories of brave individuals who have risked their lives under the sea, often with fatal consequences. His analysis of underwater conflict begins with Archimedes discovering the Principle of Buoyancy. Our clandestine journey then moves through the centuries and focuses on prolific characters with deathly motives, including David Bushnell, who in 1775 in America devised the first combat submarine with the idea of attacking the British. Today, nuclear-powered submarines are among the most complex, costly ships in existence. Armed with nuclear weapons, they have the ability to destroy millions of lives: they are the most powerful warships ever created. At the heart of this thrilling narrative lurks danger and power as we discover warfare's murkiest secrets.

Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea Jules Verne 1887

The Leatherback Turtle James R. Spotila 2015-10-30 The most comprehensive book ever written on leatherback sea turtles. Weighing as much as 2,000 pounds and reaching lengths of over seven feet, leatherback turtles are the world's largest reptile. These unusual sea turtles have a thick, pliable shell that helps them to withstand great depths—they can swim more than one thousand meters below the surface in search of food. And what food source sustains these goliaths? Their diet consists almost exclusively of jellyfish, a meal they crisscross the oceans to find. Leatherbacks have been declining in recent decades, and some predict they will be gone by the end of this century. Why? Because of two primary factors: human redevelopment of nesting beaches and commercial fishing. There are only twenty-nine index beaches in the world where these turtles nest, and there is immense pressure to develop most of them into homes or resorts. At the same time, longline and gill net fisheries continue to overwhelm waters frequented by leatherbacks. In the Leatherback Turtle, James R. Spotilla and Pilar Santidrián Tomillo bring together the world's leading experts to produce a volume that reveals the biology of the leatherback while putting a spotlight on the conservation problems and solutions related to the species. The book leaves us with options: embark on the conservation strategy laid out within its pages and save one of nature's most splendid creations, or watch yet another magnificent species disappear.

The Modern American Military David Kennedy 2013-06-27 The Modern American Military is composed of essays surveying the mission and character of the United States armed forces in the twenty-first century. Confederate Submarines and Torpedo Vessels 1861–65 Angus Konstam 2004-08-20 The primary Union strategy during the American Civil War was a massive naval blockade of the entire Southern coastline of the Confederacy, and it was in the effort to counter this blockade that the Confederates developed their first submarines and torpedo boats. This book traces the development of these new technologies, including the CSS 'Little David' and 'Hunley' - respectively the first torpedo boat and submarine to sink an enemy warship. The wreck of the 'Hunley' was raised in 2000, and this is the first book ever to integrate details of its recovery with an account of Confederate submarines in action.

The Story of the Submarine Farnham Bishop 1916

American Turtle Submarine, The Arthur Lefkowitz 2011-02-16 An effort of genius. -George Washington to Thomas Jefferson, 1785 The world's first submarine was used during the American Revolution. While other men his age supported the country with muskets, Yale graduate David Bushnell sought the answer to one important question: how to defend America against the British Royal Navy. His answer was the American Turtle. Focusing on the vessel's most important mission, sinking Britain's flagship in New York harbor, this concise history follows the development of the invention from drawing table to open water and onwards.

The British Raid on Essex Jerry Roberts 2014-04-30 This is the dynamic account of one of the most destructive maritime actions to take place in Connecticut history: the 1814 British attack on the privateers of Pettapaug, known today as the British Raid on Essex. During the height of the War of 1812, 136 Royal marines and sailors made their way up the Connecticut River from warships anchored in Long Island Sound. Guided by a well-paid American traitor the British navigated the Saybrook shoals and advanced up the river under cover of darkness. By the time it was over, the British had burned twenty-seven American vessels, including six newly built privateers. It was the largest single maritime loss of the war. Yet this story has been virtually left out of the history books—the forgotten battle of the forgotten war. This new account from author and historian Jerry Roberts is the definitive overview of this event and includes a wealth of new information drawn from recent research and archaeological finds. Lavish illustrations and detailed maps bring the battle to life.

Strategic Inventions of the Revolutionary War Caitlyn Paley 2015-12-15 In many eras throughout history, war has been a reality. Each war has brought new inventions and technologies to the forefront. Often what changed the landscape of war and even led to victory was the technology that was available or created during this time. History buffs and future engineers alike will fall in love with this cross-disciplinary series that marries technology with American history. This series spotlights several main technologies that benefited
either the war campaign or humanity itself during specific periods of difficulty and strife. They cover not only the effect these technologies had on a war, but also how those technologies worked, and who or what made it possible. EACH BOOK CONTAINS Each book contains vivid period-specific photographs or illustrations, detailed accounts of wartime events, and an in-depth study of the influence, evolution, and legacy of technologies throughout time. These books are carefully researched and written to spark curiosity in the readers' minds. CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS -Provides students the opportunity to draw connections across time periods -Presents historical backgrounds on key eras of conflict -Promotes in-depth research through careful analysis of different technologies -Connects readers to historical moments through use of photographs and text

*The Victory at Sea* William Sowden Sims 1920 An account of the submarine campaign during the Great War.

*Bushnell’s Submarine* Arthur S. Lefkowitz 2006 Describes the creation of an underwater ship called the American Turtle by Yale graduate David Bushnell in 1776, and its use in an attempt to sink the British navy's flagship, the HMS Eagle, in New York harbor.

*Attack of the Turtle* Drew Carlson 2009-07-10 It's 1776, and the Revolutionary War is raging. Fourteen-year-old Nathan Wade is a patriot, but he's too young to join the fight. Then his cousin David Bushnell comes to town with a secret. David has designed a water machine that can explode bombs underwater. And his mission is to launch it against the British warships in New York harbor. Nate reluctantly agrees to help David build the weapon of war -- dubbed the American Turtle. Although he's terrified of water and worried about getting caught, when unlikely circumstances put Nate at the center of the action, he must face the murky waters of his fears head-on. Based on actual historical events, this adventure story captures the drama of the first submarine used in naval warfare and the struggles of a teenager overcoming self-doubt.

*The Listeners* Roy R. Manstan 2018-09-04 Roy R. Manstan’s new book documents the rise of German submarines in World War I and the Allies’ successful response of tracking them with innovative listening devices—precursors to modern sonar. The Listeners: U-boat Hunters During the Great War details the struggle to find a solution to the unanticipated efficiency of the German U-boat as an undersea predator. Success or failure was in the hands and minds of the scientists and naval personnel at the Naval Experimental Station in New London, Connecticut. Through the use of archival materials, personal papers, and memoirs The Listeners takes readers into the world of the civilian scientists and engineers and naval personnel who were directly involved with the development and use of submarine detection technology during the war.

*Men of Mark in Connecticut* Norris Galpin Osborn 1910

The History of Guilford, Connecticut Ralph Dunning Smith 1877

*David Bushnell and His American Turtle* David Bushnell 2003-11 David Bushnell’s 1776 invention, the American Turtle, the first submarine ever to be used in combat, was actually constructed as an afterthought. Bushnell and fellow Yale University intellectual, Phineas Pratt, had conceived of the underwater bomb with a time delayed flintlock detonator. The one-man, hand-propelled sub was designed simply to transport the bomb to the enemy vessel. The American Turtle was successfully launched in the dark of night on September 6/7, 1776 against the British flagship, HMS Eagle, a 64 gun frigate moored in New York harbor off of the island now occupied by the Statue of Liberty. The Turtle had undergone extensive test trials in the safe colonial waters of the Connecticut River off Old Saybrook, Connecticut, piloted by the inventor's brother, Ezra Bushnell. Unfortunately, on the eve of the submarine's first combat mission, Ezra Bushnell died. With a freshly recruited, but less practiced pilot, Ezra Lee of Old Lyme, Connecticut, the American Turtle made its way underwater to the rudder of the Eagle's hull. Unfortunately, Lee first struck metal rather than wood with the screw intended to attach the bomb to the enemy’s hull. After a second failed attempt, Lee propelled the American Turtle away, only to be observed and chased. The bomb was released into the water and resulted in a frightening explosion. While the American Turtle failed to destroy its target, the British recognized the threat and moved the fleet. Weather problems, and other operating difficulties prevented a successful attack by the submarine before it was scuttled by the British while being transported.

*Bushnell and His American Turtle* David Bushnell 2010 At the onset of the American Revolution, David Bushnell created the first submarine vessel designed specifically for the destruction of vessels of war. The authors provide new insight into Bushnell’s invention and trace the history of undersea warfare before Bushnell. Illustrations. Maps.

*COLD WARRIORS* Roy R. Manstan 2014-05-20 This is the story of a technological war. There was no ambiguity behind the phrase “mutually assured destruction”“?nuclear weapons and the means to deliver them had become a reality. The atomic bomb brought Japan to the USS Missouri for the formal surrender on September 2, 1945; a date that marked the end of World War Two. But this date also signaled the beginning of the Cold War as the Soviet Union emerged from the shadows. There was no “shot heard ‘round the world”; no Fort Sumter; no Pearl Harbor; only the threat of a mushroom cloud far worse than what Japan experienced. The Cold War remained cold because all the players aggressively pursued a strategy of deterrence aimed at keeping the opponent’s finger off the trigger. The people on the front lines and behind the scenes?the Cold Warriors on both sides?would come from the civilians who created the technology and
the military that would be entrusted with its use. When tensions escalated, it was the Navy and the “silent service” that played a critical role. In Cold Warriors, the author describes a Navy laboratory in New London, Connecticut, populated with pioneers in submarine and antisubmarine warfare technology. Their mandate was to take the intellectual risks that would keep this country one step ahead of the Soviet Union. But ideas alone would not win the Cold War. The scientists relied on teams of field engineers whose willingness to take on physical risk would convert theory into reality. One of these groups was simply known as “the divers.”

Beginning in the 1950s, the U.S. Navy Underwater Sound Laboratory began sending a small number of its civilian staff—one or two each year—to train at one of the Navy’s diving schools. As the Laboratory in New London evolved into the Naval Undersea Warfare Center, Newport, Rhode Island, that small team became the Engineering and Diving Support Unit. For more than a half-century, “the divers” would travel the world?this book is their story.

Engineers of Independence Paul K. Walker 2002-08 This collection of documents, including many previously unpublished, details the role of the Army engineers in the American Revolution. Lacking trained military engineers, the Americans relied heavily on foreign officers, mostly from France, for sorely needed technical assistance. Native Americans joined the foreign engineer officers to plan and carry out offensive and defensive operations, direct the erection of fortifications, map vital terrain, and lay out encampments. During the war Congress created the Corps of Engineers with three companies of engineer troops as well as a separate geographer’s department to assist the engineers with mapping. Both General George Washington and Major General Louis Lebéque Duportail, his third and longest serving Chief Engineer, recognized the disadvantages of relying on foreign powers to fill the Army’s crucial need for engineers. America, they contended, must train its own engineers for the future. Accordingly, at the war’s end, they suggested maintaining a peacetime engineering establishment and creating a military academy. However, Congress rejected the proposals, and the Corps of Engineers and its companies of sappers and miners mustered out of service. Eleven years passed before Congress authorized a new establishment, the Corps of Artillerists and Engineers.

Submarine Fighter of the American Revolution: the Story of David Bushnell Frederick Wagner 1963 This first full-length portrait of the father of submarine warfare takes Bushnell from Connecticut farm, through Yale, to the building of the Turtle and her perilous missions. It tells how his underwater mines touched off the Battle of the Kegs, of his capture by the British, and how Washington, Franklin, Nathan Hale, Benedict Arnold figured prominently in his activities. Based on original research, it also sheds new light on Bushnell’s mysterious disappearance at the end of the war.

History of the Colony of New Haven Edward Rodolphus Lambert 1838

The Battle of the Kegs Francis Hopkinson 1807

Gentlemen Scientists and Revolutionaries Tom Shachtman 2014-10-07 Explores the scientific pursuits and discoveries of the Founding Fathers, from George Washington’s embrace of a smallpox vaccination that saved the American army to Thomas Paine’s many inventions, including the first-ever iron span bridge.

Journal of the American Revolution Todd Andrlik 2017-05-10 The fourth annual compilation of selected articles from the online Journal of the American Revolution.

The Fox and the Hound Donald E. Markle 2014-01 Most books about espionage in the American Revolutionary War tend to focus solely on General George Washington, but as noted historian Donald E. Markle explores in this fascinating account, there was an entire system of intelligence communication autonomous from his direction. General Washington and General Charles Cornwallis were engaged in a constant battle to outmaneuver each other, and Cornwallis seemed to always be one step behind Washington and his intelligence departments. As the war progressed, the Americans and British slowly learned one another’s tactics, allowing the hunt between the fox (Washington) and the hound (Cornwallis). THE FOX AND THE HOUND walks readers through the early stages of the war, when gathering and distributing intelligence was a challenge without a centralized government to organize a network. Markle tells us how and why Washington created multiple intelligence-gathering departments within the colonies, which included most of the East Coast from Georgia to New Hampshire and even parts of Canada - all operating under a command structure unique to their surrounding geography. This book explores the many depths of the intelligence networks from civilian men and women who dedicated their lives to the American cause, to the introduction of code ciphers and the first spy equipment such as David Bushnell’s turtle submarine and Benjamin Franklin’s jet boat. Without the dedication of Washington and his innovative loyal supporters, it’s quite possible that the outcome of the war may have been different. Military and American history enthusiasts will find this a valuable resource for their collections.

Submarines, Secrets and a Daring Rescue Robert J. Skead 2020-08-25 Twin teenage boys go on an adventure when they have to operate the American Turtle submarines, a secret invention financed by General George Washington to give the Continentals an upper hand in the fight for liberty. To George Washington they are patriots. To loyalists they are traitors. To their older brother...they are his only hope. Fifteen-year-old twins, Ambrose and John Clark, once again find themselves in the thick of things in service of the newly forming United States of America. Their new mission: help transport much-needed gunpowder to the patriots. When they end up in an even more dangerous situation—manning one of the first submarines—it seems the
worst is behind them. Until they have to attempt a prison break to rescue one of their older brothers. Follow these brave young patriots as they continue to follow in their father’s footsteps and take even bigger leaps of faith.

The Tide Watchers Lisa Chaplin 2015-06-30 In the tradition of Jennifer Robson, comes this compelling debut that weaves the fascinating story of a young woman who must risk her life as a spy to help stop Napoleon’s invasion of Great Britain in the winter of 1803. Though the daughter of an English baronet, Lisbeth has defied convention by eloping to France with her new husband. But when he breaks her heart by abandoning her, she has nowhere to turn and must work in a local tavern. Her only hope for the future is to be reunited with her young son who is being raised by her mother-in-law. A seasoned spy known by his operatives as Tidewatcher, Duncan apprenticed under Lisbeth’s father and pledged to watch over his mentor’s only daughter while he searches the Channel region for evidence that Bonaparte has built a fleet to invade Britain. But unpredictable Lisbeth challenges his lifelong habit of distance. Eccentric, brilliant American inventor Robert Fulton is working on David Bushnell’s “turtle”—the first fully submersible ship—when he creates brand-new torpedo technology, which he plans to sell to the French Navy. But when his relationship with Bonaparte sours, he accepts Tidewatcher’s help to relocate to the French side of the Channel, but he refuses to share his invention. With an entire army encamped in the region, blocking off all access, Tidewatcher must get that submersible, along with someone who knows how to use it, to uncover Bonaparte’s great secret. When Lisbeth is asked to pose as a housekeeper and charm Fulton so she can learn to use the submersible before the invasion fleet sails, she will be forced to sacrifice herself for her country—but is she willing to sacrifice her heart when she’s already lost it to another…? A fast-paced, deeply-researched, and richly imagined novel, The Tide Watchers explores a long-hidden, chapter of Bonaparte’s history.

American Prisoners of the Revolution Danske Dandridge 1911 Liberty Street Sugar House was a tall, narrow building five stories in height, and with dismal underground dungeons. In this gloomy abode jail fever was ever present. In the hot weather of July, 1777, companies of twenty at a time would be sent out for half an hour's outing, in the court yard. Inside groups of six stood for ten minutes at a time at the windows for a breath of air.

Valley Forge Bob Drury 2019-11-05 The #1 New York Times bestselling authors of The Heart of Everything That Is return with “a thorough, nuanced, and enthralling account” (The Wall Street Journal) about one of the most inspiring—and underappreciated—chapters in American history: the Continental Army’s six-month transformation in Valley Forge. In December 1777, some 12,000 members of America’s Continental Army stagger into a small Pennsylvania encampment near British-occupied Philadelphia. Their commander in chief, George Washington, is at the lowest ebb of his military career. Yet, somehow, Washington, with a dedicated coterie of advisers, sets out to breathe new life into his military force. Against all odds, they manage to turn a bobbble of citizen soldiers into a professional fighting force that will change the world forever. Valley Forge is the story of how that metamorphosis occurred. Bestselling authors Bob Drury and Tom Clavin show us how this miracle was accomplished despite thousands of American soldiers succumbing to disease, starvation, and the elements. At the center of it all is George Washington as he fends off pernicious political conspiracies. The Valley Forge winter is his—and the revolution’s—last chance at redemption. And after six months in the camp, Washington fulfills his destiny, leading the Continental Army to a stunning victory in the Battle of Monmouth Court House. Valley Forge is the riveting true story of a nascent United States toppling an empire. Using new and rarely seen contemporaneous documents—and drawing on a cast of iconic characters and remarkable moments that capture the innovation and energy that led to the birth of our nation—Drury and Clavin provide a “gripping, panoramic account” (Publishers Weekly, starred review) of the definitive account of this seminal and previously undervalued moment in the battle for American independence.

Patriot Pirates Robert H. Patton 2009-06-30 In this lively narrative history, Robert H. Patton, grandson of the World War II battlefield legend, tells a sweeping tale of courage, capitalism, naval warfare, and international political intrigue set on the high seas during the American Revolution. Patriot Pirates highlights the obscure but pivotal role played by colonial privateers in defeating Britain in the American Revolution. American privateering—essentially legalized piracy—began with a ragtag squadron of New England schooners in 1775. It quickly erupted into a massive seaborne insurgency involving thousands of money-mad patriots plundering Britain’s maritime trade throughout Atlantic. Patton’s extensive research brings to life the extraordinary adventures of privateers as they hammered the British economy, infuriated the Royal Navy, and humiliated the crown.