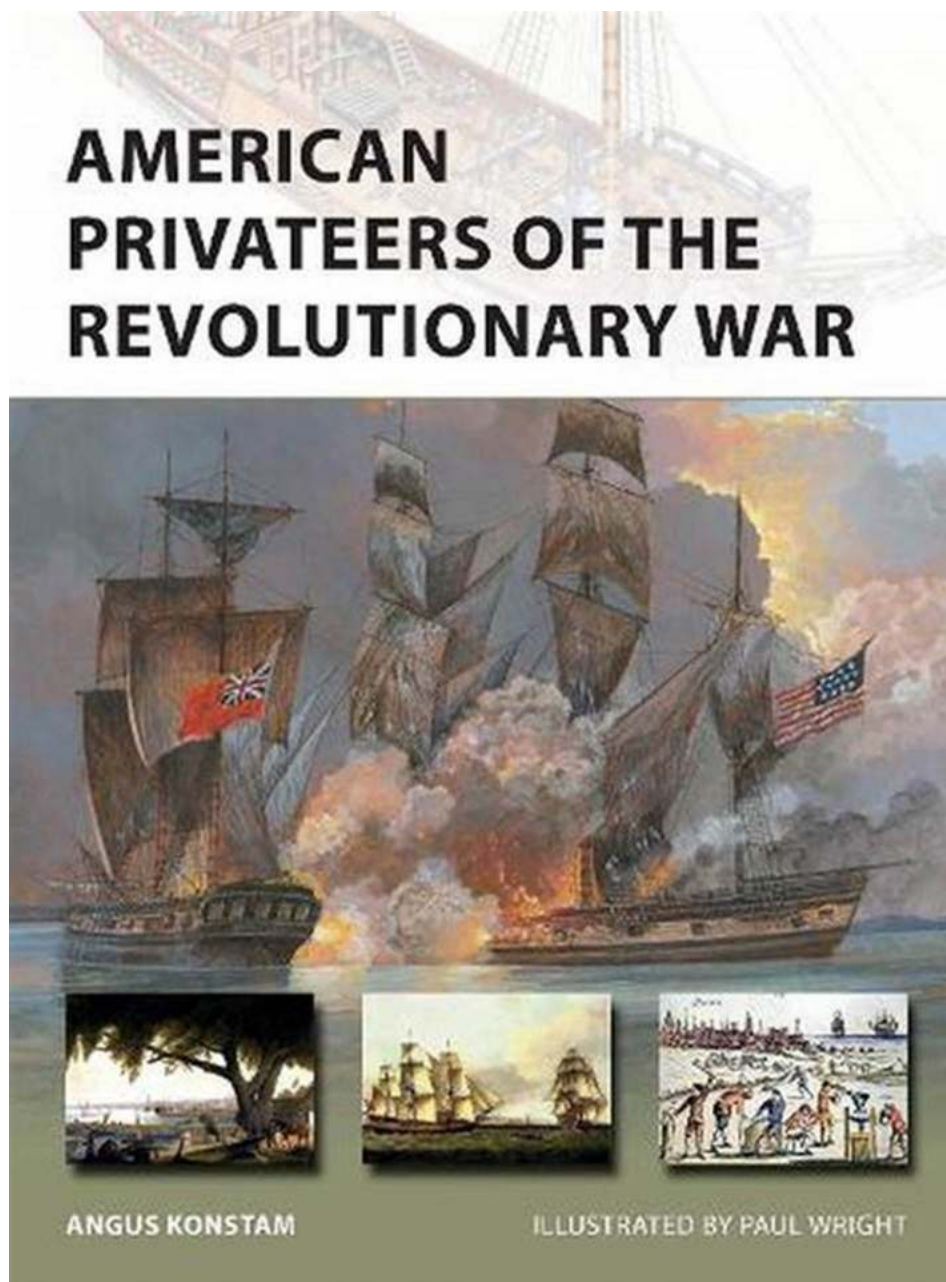


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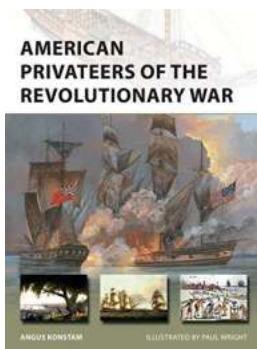


**America's Secret Weapon: Privateers of the Revolutionary War**

The Revolutionary War marked a crucial turning point in American history, when courageous individuals took up the cause of independence. While we often hear about the heroic efforts of the Continental Army and the influential leaders of the time, there is an intriguing and lesser-known chapter that contributed significantly to the American victory - privateering. In this article, we dive deep into the stories of American privateers who played a vital role in shaping the outcome of the Revolutionary War, in particular focusing on the New Vanguard 279.

## The Birth of American Privateering

Privateering, a legal form of piracy authorized by governments during wartime, injected fresh energy into the American fight for independence. The Continental Congress, lacking a strong naval fleet to compete with the powerful British Royal Navy, turned to private individuals to outfit their own ships as privateers.



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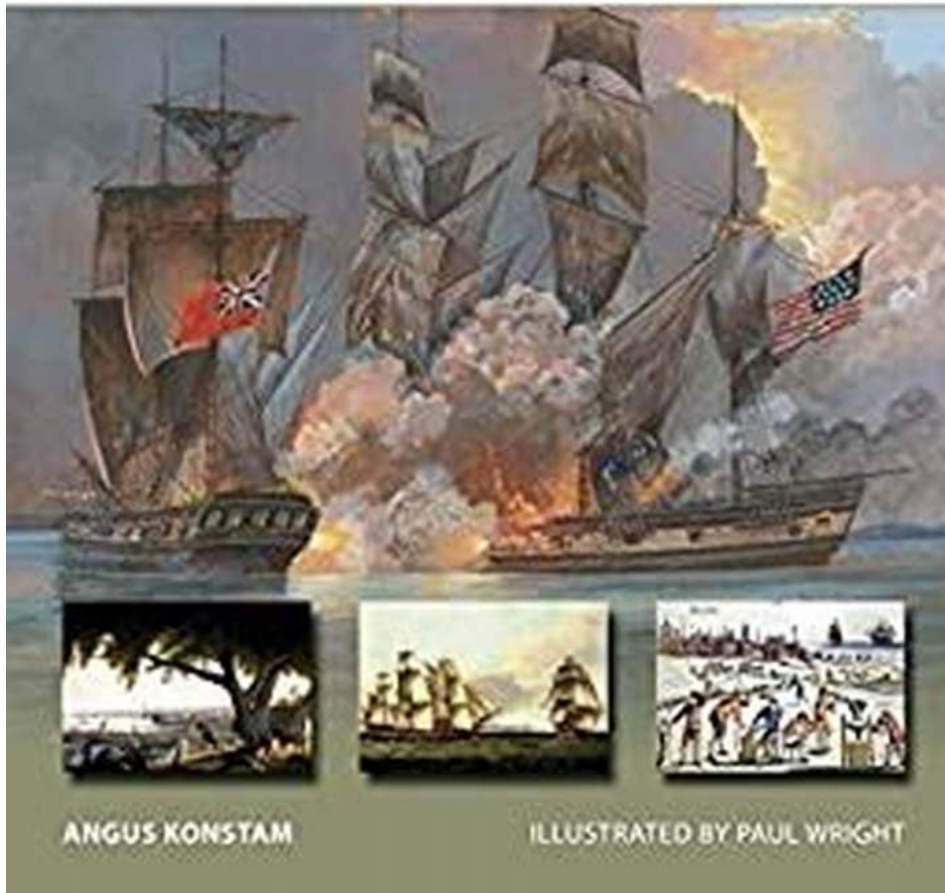
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The privately-owned vessels, often armed with cannons, would be commissioned by the Continental Congress to seize and capture British ships traveling to and from American colonies. The captured goods and prize money were then split between the privateer crew and the government, providing essential funds to finance the Revolutionary War.

## **A Formidable Force in American Hands**

The American privateers swiftly grew into a formidable force, taking advantage of their agility and knowledge of local waters. Armed with cutting-edge intelligence and relentless determination, these sailors struck fear into the hearts of the mighty British navy.

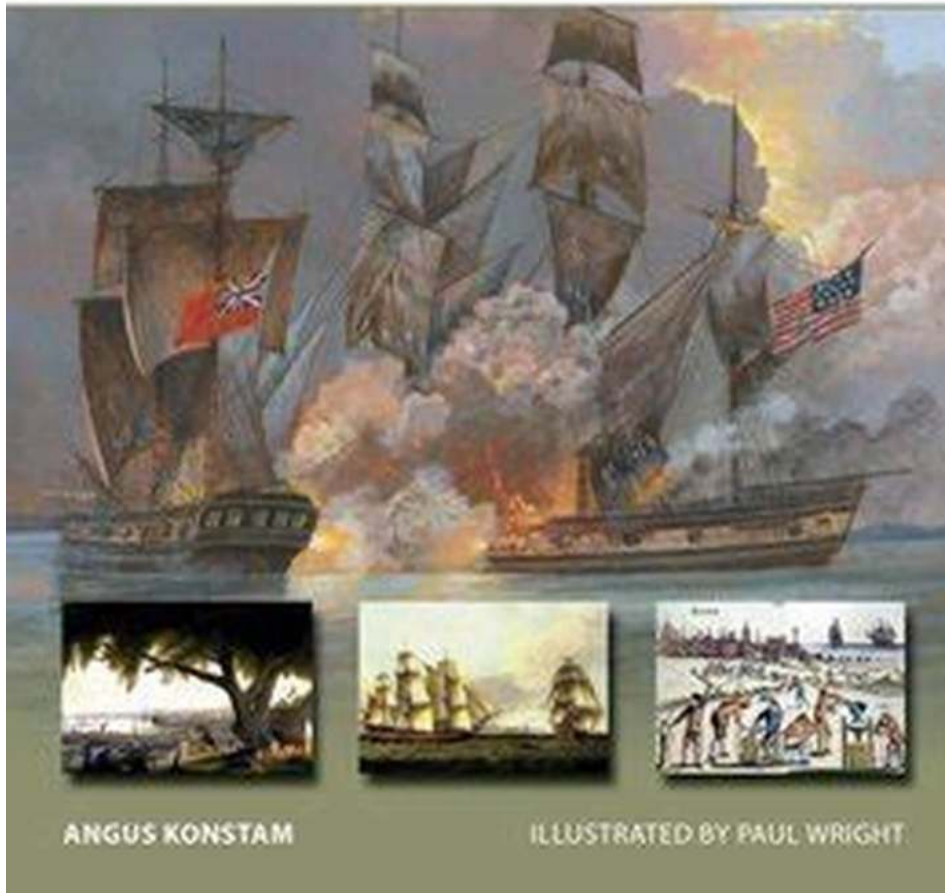


As the war progressed, the privateers expanded their targets to not just British military vessels, but also merchant ships carrying vital supplies for the British troops. These daring raids disrupted British supply lines and weakened their hold on American territories, ultimately tipping the scales in favor of the American cause.

## **Introducing the New Vanguard 279**

Among the many privateer vessels that sailed during the Revolutionary War, one stands out for its significant and groundbreaking contributions - the New Vanguard 279.

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The New Vanguard 279 was a sleek and swift ship, captained by the fearless Captain John Smith, native to Massachusetts. Equipped with an experienced crew and an array of advanced weaponry, this innovative privateer wreaked havoc on British merchant ships along the East Coast, becoming a symbol of American resilience and determination.

## **American Privateering Tactics**

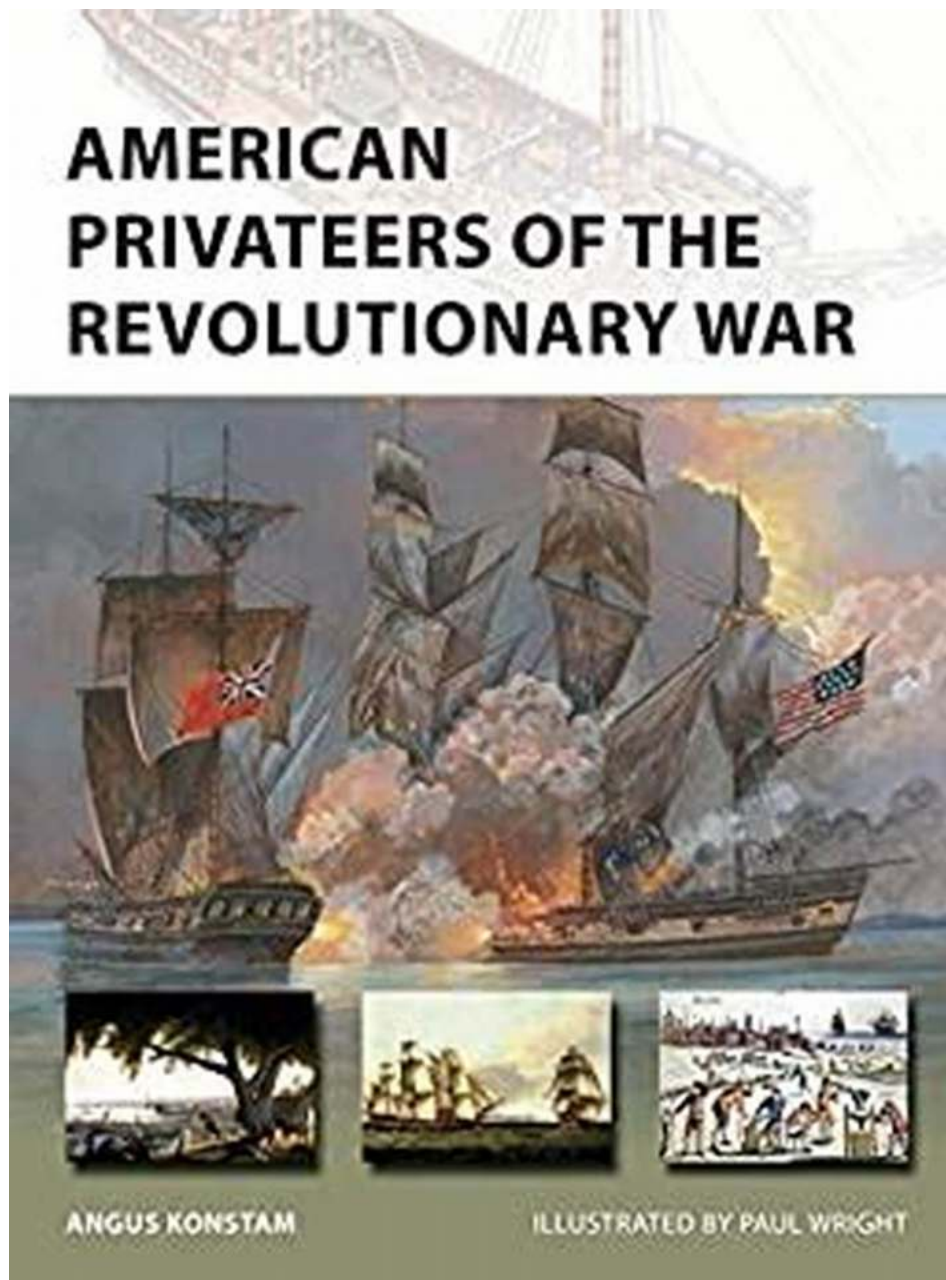
American privateers were known for their ingenious tactics, which allowed them to outsmart and overpower their adversaries. One such technique employed was the "false flag" maneuver, where privateers would disguise their ships as friendly vessels to approach unsuspecting enemies at close range before launching an attack.



Another popular strategy involved privateers creating alliances with local townspeople, sharing intelligence, and using hidden coves and channels along the coast to surprise the enemy. These tactics ensured the American privateers gained the upper hand against the British ships, highlighting their resourcefulness and adaptability.

## The Legacy of the American Privateers

The contributions of American privateers during the Revolutionary War cannot be overstated. Not only did they provide crucial support to the struggling Continental Army, but they also helped to tilt the balance of power in America's favor.



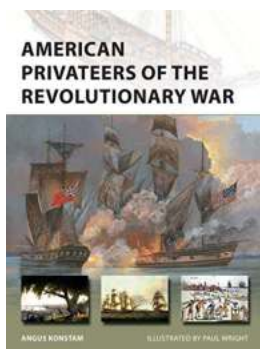
The American privateers inflicted heavy losses on the British, forcing them to divert significant resources to protect their merchant ships and supply lines. This

diversion weakened the British military's ability to maintain control over the American colonies and played a pivotal role in securing American independence.

## A Final Salute to the Unsung Heroes

As we celebrate the heroes of the Revolutionary War, it is time to acknowledge the bravery and tenacity of the American privateers. These unsung heroes risked their lives to safeguard the dream of a free and independent America. The memory of their daring exploits lives on, reminding us of the unwavering spirit that defined the birth of a nation.

So, raise your flag high and salute the American privateers of the Revolutionary War - the fearless fighters who contributed significantly to our freedom and independence.



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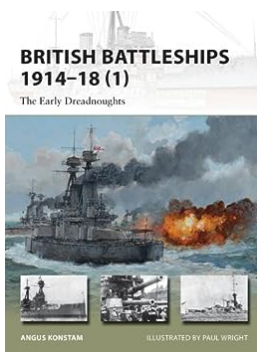
During the American War of Independence (1775–83), Congress issued almost 800 letters of marque, as a way of combating Britain's overwhelming naval and mercantile superiority. At first, it was only fishermen and the skippers of small merchant ships who turned to privateering, with mixed results. Eventually though,



American shipyards began to turn out specially-converted ships, while later still, the first purpose-built privateers entered the fray.

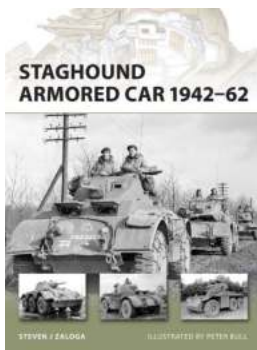
These American privateers seized more than 600 British merchant ships over the course of the war, capturing thousands of British seamen. Indeed, Jeremiah O'Brien's privateer Unity fought the first sea engagement of the Revolutionary War in the Battle of Machias of 1775, managing to capture a British armed schooner with just 40 men, their guns, axes and pitchforks, and the words 'Surrender to America'. By the end of the war, some of the largest American privateers could venture as far as the British Isles, and were more powerful than most contemporary warships in the fledgling US Navy. A small number of Loyalist privateers also put to sea during the war, and preyed on the shipping of their rebel countrymen.

Packed with fascinating insights into the age of privateers, this book traces the development of these remarkable ships, and explains how they made such a significant contribution to the American Revolutionary War.



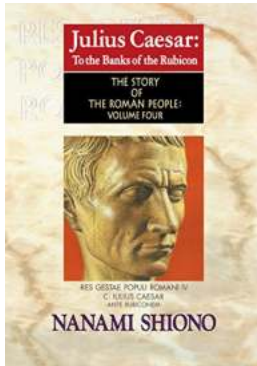
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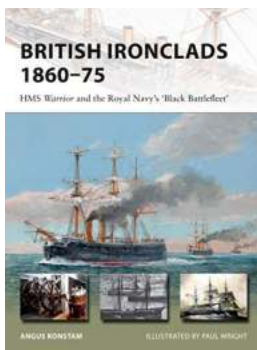
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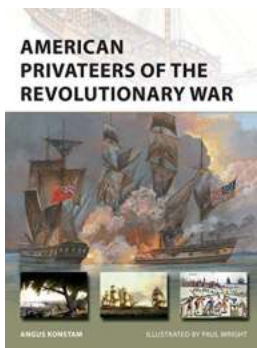
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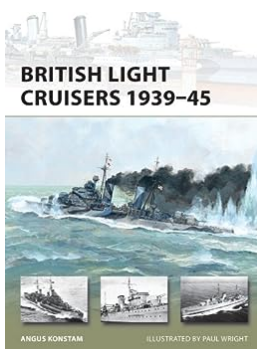
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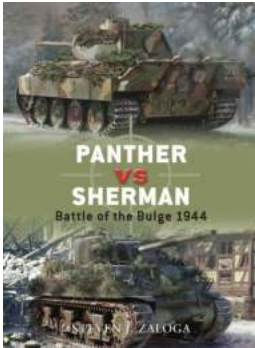
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