

## Foreword

The heroic and routinely selfless wartime efforts of the U.S., British, Canadian, French, and other Allied minesweep and minelayer sailors and mine clearance divers rarely get the attention so often focused on the exploits of carrier pilots, submariners, and surface ship warriors. Through his comprehensive works, however, David Bruhn has brought to light the absolutely essential story of the mine warfare community and its sailors in the wars of the 20th century. His *Wooden Ships and Iron Men* trilogy, as well as his *Home Waters*, *Nightraiders*, and *Enemy Waters* books have brought to the notice of many readers critical information on this vital aspect of naval warfare. These books are essential for scholars, and for those who served in the mine warfare community and made it possible for the Allied navies to execute their offensive and defensive mine warfare missions. Bruhn's deep research and insightful analysis of the subject will benefit the study of this branch of naval history for many years to come.

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