

U.S. NAVY OPERATIONS IN WORLD WAR II

# CONTESTED LOGISTICS

## SUSTAINING THE PACIFIC WAR



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Before World War II, the U.S. Navy relied on an ad hoc system to manage supply and logistical support for deployed ships.

The scale and geography of the war in the Pacific forced the Navy to conceptualize how to request, acquire, and distribute the fuel, ammunition, and supplies.

***Contested Logistics: Sustaining the Pacific War*** explores the ways in which the Navy conceptualized and implemented overseas logistics from the age of sail through the Pacific War.

These processes, both in their planned form and actual operation, reveal two significant themes: (1) logistics is line work; and (2) logistics preparations and planning ahead of time are critical for the successful execution of operations, without which the Navy struggled to supply forward-deployed personnel.



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