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Although widely employed by Allied and Axis maritime powers in the Second World War, convoys achieved their greatest fame as the crucial logistic lifelines connecting the United States to England and the Soviet Union. Many convoys such as ONS5 which crossed the Atlantic in April 1943 were successful, while others such as PQ17 to Murmansk in July 1942 resulted in tragedy. Not only were convoys the arena in which sailors were pitted against a sometimes cruel and unforgiving sea, but more significantly, they were a testing ground for the evolution of weapons, technology and doctrine. The defeat of German U-Boats seeking to ravage Allied convoys during the Battle of the Atlantic ranks as one of the great triumphs of World War II, an essential ingredient to final victory in Europe.

This selective bibliography is the fourth of ten Navy Department Library bibliographies commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of World War II. The emphasis of this bibliography is on Allied Atlantic and Arctic convoys, but items relating to Allied and Axis convoys in other theaters of operations have been included. All of the materials cited are available from the Navy Department Library.

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