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Charles Stephenson has been bracketed amongst 'the world's leading maritime historians' (Edward M. Furgol, The Navy Museum, Washington DC, writing in the International Journal of Maritime History, Volume XV, Number 1 (June 2003)). This is his third book for Osprey and second in the Fortress series. He has recently completed a book on 19th-century chemical warfare: 'The Secret War Plans of Lord Dundonald: Conceiving Weapons of Mass Destruction 1811-1914'. Originally from North Wales he is now based in Cheshire, UK.

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