

CONTENTS

	<i>Page</i>
AUTHOR'S PREFACE	xiii
<i>Chapter</i>	
Chronological Summary of Principal Events, June 1943–December 1943	2
I The Background to the Maritime Offensive	5
II The Battle of the Atlantic 1st June–31st August, 1943 The Bay of Biscay Offensive	15
III The Battle of the Atlantic 1st September–31st December, 1943 The Final Defeat of the 'Wolf Packs'	37
IV Home Waters and the Arctic 1st June–31st December, 1943	57
V Coastal Warfare 1st June–31st December, 1943	91
VI The Mediterranean Campaigns 1st June–15th August, 1943 The Invasion of Sicily	105
VII The Mediterranean Campaigns 16th August–31st December, 1943 The Landing at Salerno and the Submission of the Italian Fleet	153
VIII The Pacific and Indian Oceans 1st June–31st December, 1943	213
Chronological Summary of Principal Events, January 1944–May 1944	241
IX The Battle of the Atlantic 1st January–31st May, 1944 The Second Campaign in the Western Approaches	245
X Home Waters and the Arctic 1st January–31st May, 1944	267

<i>Chapter</i>	<i>Page</i>
XI Coastal Warfare 1st January–31st May, 1944	283
XII The Mediterranean Campaigns 1st January–31st May, 1944	297
XIII The Pacific and Indian Oceans 1st January–31st May, 1944	331

APPENDICES

	<i>Page</i>
APPENDIX A The Board of Admiralty, 1st June, 1943– 31st May, 1944	361
APPENDIX B Coastal Command of the Royal Air Force Establishment and Expansion, 1st September, 1943–1st June, 1944	363
APPENDIX C German U-boat Strength, July 1943–April 1944, and Principal Characteristics of Ger- man U-boats Types IXC and IXC/40	364
APPENDIX D German, Italian and Japanese U-boats sunk, 1st June, 1943–31st May, 1944	365
APPENDIX E The Mediterranean Station, Naval Strength on 1st October, 1943	376
APPENDIX F Italian Warships in Allied Control on 21st September, 1943	378
APPENDIX G Italian Naval losses, 10th June, 1940–8th September, 1943	379
APPENDIX H British Commonwealth Warship Losses in the Mediterranean, 10th June, 1940–8th Sept- ember, 1943	382
APPENDIX J The Organisation of the Imperial Japanese Navy, 1st August, 1943	386
APPENDIX K British, Allied and Neutral Merchant Ship Losses from Enemy Action, and Causes, 1st June, 1943–31st May, 1944	388
INDEX	391