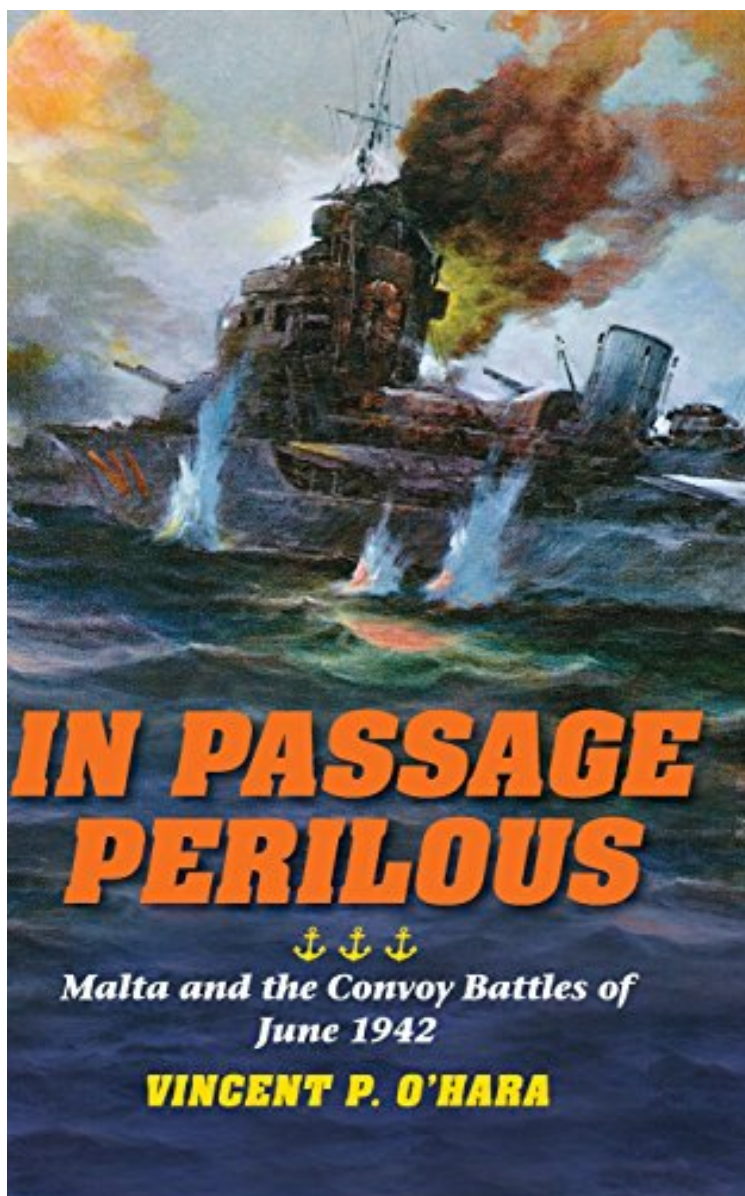


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Excellent account of a convoy not named Pedestal. By Jonathan Mattson Another excellent book by Vincent O'Hara. Unlike some of his other books where you looked at the overall activities of the German or American navy. Here you get the story of an effort to supply Malta that is not the Pedestal convoy. Normally that is the main one that the stories focus on and the rest of the convoys get covered very briefly if at all. As normal, Mr. O'Hara gives an excellent background and operational story of the convoys. And what I always enjoy is that his writing style doesn't use personal stories or eyewitness accounts to drive the story. Some people may not prefer that in their history books, but this is the style I prefer. I believe many authors get too bogged down in the personal stories to be able to actually tell the overall story properly. I always recommend Mr. O'Hara's books and if you have an interest in Malta this is another one that will not disappoint. 1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. I really can't add much to the superlative reviews. ... By Rod Dickson I really can't add much to the superlative reviews. They cover everything. My only complaint; I wish Vincent P. O'hara books were LONGER! I suspect due to publishing costs they have to be a certain size. I have all of his books. 0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By D. Gregory Another excellent effort by Mr. O'Hara, again writing a well researched and objective account of a key period.

By mid-1942 the Allies were losing the Mediterranean war: Malta was isolated and its civilian population faced starvation. In June 1942 the British Royal Navy made a stupendous effort to break the Axis stranglehold. The British dispatched armed convoys from Gibraltar and Egypt toward Malta. In a complex battle lasting more than a week, Italian and German forces defeated Operation Vigorous, the larger eastern effort, and ravaged the western convoy, Operation Harpoon, in a series of air, submarine, and surface attacks culminating in the Battle of Pantelleria. Just two of seventeen merchant ships that set out for Malta reached their destination. In *Passage Perilous* presents a detailed description of the operations and assesses the actual impact Malta had on the fight to deny supplies to Rommel's army in North Africa. The book's discussion of the battle's operational aspects highlights the complex relationships between air and naval power and the influence of geography on littoral operations.

In *Passage Perilous* is an important and highly recommended addition to the literature on World War II in the Mediterranean. (IPP Naval Maritime History) [O'Hara] is to be congratulated for bringing new insights into this critical phase of the Mediterranean conflict, and his work is to be recommended. (Warship) To someone well versed in naval history and the Second World War, *In Passage Perilous* is a valuable account of a relatively neglected portion of the war at sea. . . . Readers unfamiliar with the equipment or tactics of the Second World War will have a very difficult time following O'Hara's narrative. Readers with the requisite knowledge, though, will find *In Passage Perilous* a very rewarding read. (H-Net) Vincent O'Hara has written both a definitive account and an entertaining read of the critical Malta resupply convoy battles of June 1942. Operations Harpoon and Vigorous, often merely mentioned in passing, have finally received the in-depth English language study they deserve. O'Hara has worked in all the relevant languages and has offered much new material not seen before. His account is the most comprehensive and balanced study yet of the Battle of Pantelleria--his discussion of ordnance and mine issues is new and illuminating. I really enjoy that the author has analyzed in depth the Allied and Axis battle tactics as well as the overall strategies--you don't just get what happened, but what might have occurred and why. Bravo and well done! (Jack Greene co-author of *The Naval War in the Mediterranean*) Early in World War II, the Mediterranean Sea saw more naval and air action than the Atlantic or Pacific Oceans, much of it focused on the isolated British-held island of Malta. Neutralized but never taken, Malta faced its greatest peril in June 1942, when the Royal Navy tried and failed to relieve it from the east and west in two concurrent convoy operations, Vigorous and Harpoon. No American naval historian has written about the Mediterranean more extensively than Vincent P. O'Hara, who here combines his command of British and Italian sources with his customary penetrating analyses to bring these two little-known operations to life. (David W. McComb Executive Director, American Naval Records Society) A very readable account of the convoy battles fought inside the Mediterranean in 1942. Drawing heavily on Italian sources, *In Passage Perilous* is carefully researched, objective, balanced and well written. It is likely to become the standard account of the critical phase of the Mediterranean conflict. (H. P. Willmott author of *The Last Century of Sea Power*) About the Author Vincent P. O'Hara is a naval historian and the author of five books including *Struggle for the Middle Sea: The Great Navies at War in the Mediterranean Theater 1940-1945* (2009). He serves on the editorial review board of *Global War Studies* and is a Collaborator for *Storia MILITARE* magazine. Mr. O'Hara contributed introductions to two volumes of Samuel E. Morison's *History of United States Naval Operations in World War II*, which has been recently republished by the Naval Institute; he is an assistant editor of *World War II at Sea: An Encyclopedia*; and a regular contributor to publications such as the respected British annual *Warship*. O'Hara holds a history degree from the University of California, Berkeley, and resides in southern California.