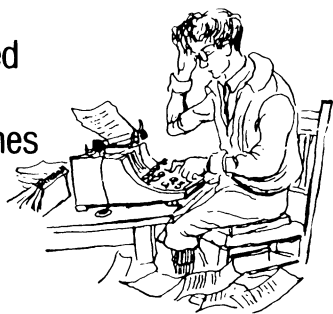# THE SOURCE

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Recreational reading

A supplement to the second edition of *Physical education, health and recreation serials in Australian libraries — a union list* has recently been issued by the Rusden Campus Library of Victoria College.

This supplement provides locations for an additional 268 titles in these subject areas and includes for the first time the holdings of the National Library of Australia, the State Library of South Australia and the State Library of Victoria.

Copies of the supplement are available from the Administrative Officer, the Library, Victoria College — Rusden Campus, 662 Blackburn Road, Clayton, Vic 3168. It costs $5.00. (ISSN 0727-6265.)

Old man river

MRLS Paddlewheel Publishers is the imprint of the Mildura Regional Library Service, publishers of *CALGIR (Community and local government information review)* and the newly-christened *Murray River monitor*.

The latter is a current awareness bulletin and digest of publications on the Murray River and its tributaries. *Murray River monitor*'s earlier title was *Murray River and tributaries — current awareness bulletin* (MRATCAB).

It is published six times per year and indexes and abstracts newspapers, journals, radio and television programmes and parliamentary debates. Coverage is broad:

from reports of angling club competitions to solid articles on salinity. It's very well done, and useful reference material for libraries in areas along the Murray or with more than a passing interest in water resources.

Murray River monitor costs $8.50 per year and is available from the Editor, Lyne Turner, Mildura Regional Library Service, PO Box 105, Mildura, Vic 3500. (ISSN 0728-7259).

Going, going, gone — online

The SCIPIO project has come to fruition with online availability of information from art auction catalogues. Covering material auctioned by the major auction houses of the United States and Europe, SCIPIO provides access to information on forthcoming sales, the more than 4000 sales catalogues published annually and sales price lists.

It includes data on paintings, sculpture, drawings, prints, decorative arts and other *objets d'art*. The SCIPIO database is available on RLIN (Research Libraries Information Network) in the United States. Its producers emphasise that as well as providing speedy access to catalogue information which many libraries have hitherto recorded on catalogue cards, SCIPIO is versatile enough to help trace movements of works of art, provenance, and other vital information.

The project, which was initially funded by the Kress Foundation, was developed by the libraries of the Art Institute of Chicago, the Cleveland Museum of Art and the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Further information on the system is available from Lois M. Kershner, The Research Libraries Group Inc, Jordan Quadrangle, Stanford, California 94305.

From Maine to Albuquerque

Whether you need information on early Maine cabinetmakers or on official publications of the state of New Mexico, or indeed on hundreds of other topics relating to individual American states, you can draw some comfort from *State government reference publications* by David W. Parish.

The second edition of this annotated bibliography lists and describes 1756 titles of reference value published by American state governments. All species of document are covered, ranging from official bibliographies to tourist guides, directories, financial and statistical publications, 'Blue Books' ('gen-

eral information sources from state governments'), atlases, maps and so on.

Among the appendices are references for further delving into the fertile field of state government publications and (most helpful) the names and addresses of most of the agencies which publish the items listed in the bibliography. It's very well-produced and will serve its limited Australian audience well.

David W. Parish's *State government reference publications: an annotated bibliography*, second edition, was published last year by Libraries Unlimited. It costs US$25.00 and is available locally from the James Bennett Group. (ISBN 0 87287 253 X.)

From Caesar to Cromwell

Anthony Bruce has now completed his task of compiling a bibliography of the British army from the time of the Roman invasion to 1914. You may remember his *An annotated bibliography of the British army, 1660–1914* (New York: Garland, 1976).
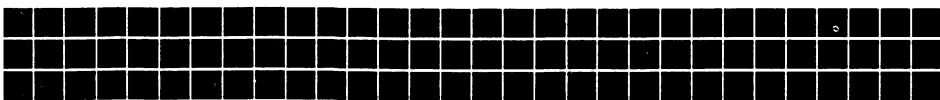
His *A bibliography of British military history from the Roman invasions to the Restoration, 1660* was published last year by K. G. Saur. It contains 3280 entries, most briefly annotated, with an author index.

For a subject approach one must rely on the three-page contents list which is detailed enough and specific enough to make this a not too daunting prospect. Bruce includes 'all the significant scholarly monographs and a selection of the most useful unpublished theses' as well as many general historical surveys with substantial sections on military subjects.

Popular surveys and periodical articles on warfare, armies, military technology and specific campaigns and battles are also included. Bruce declares that this work is not intended to be 'a definitive guide to all the available material' — to all intents and purposes it will be regarded as such, *faute de mieux*.

The compiler comments, accurately I think, that 'it is doubtful whether such a (definitive) guide, which would amount to several times the length of this bibliography, will ever appear in print given its likely cost and the probable demand for it.'

Anthony Bruce's *A bibliography of British military history from the Roman invasions to the Restoration, 1660* is published by Saur and costs DM56.00. (ISBN 3 586 10359 X). □

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