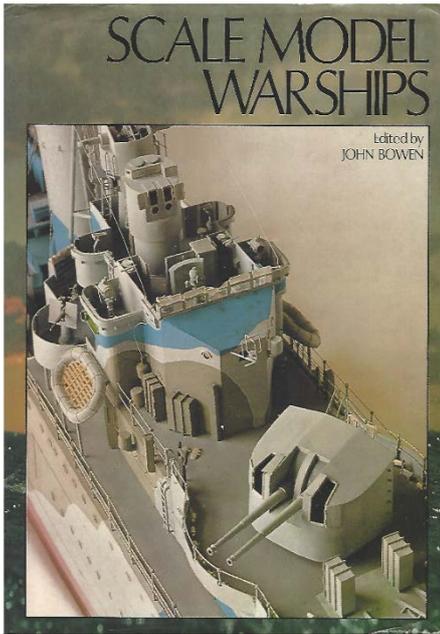


Book Review Nr 5

The review this month covers a compendium and a four-volume encyclopaedia. The compendium first.

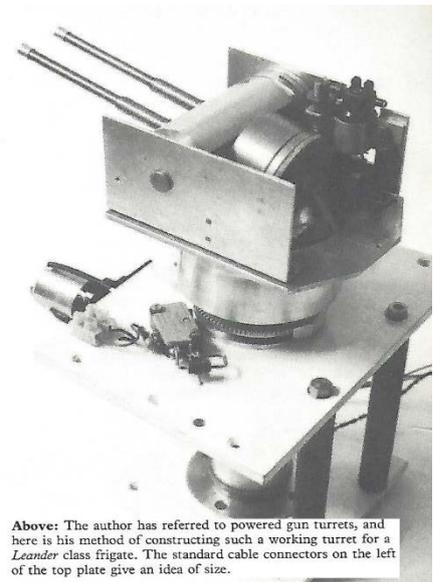
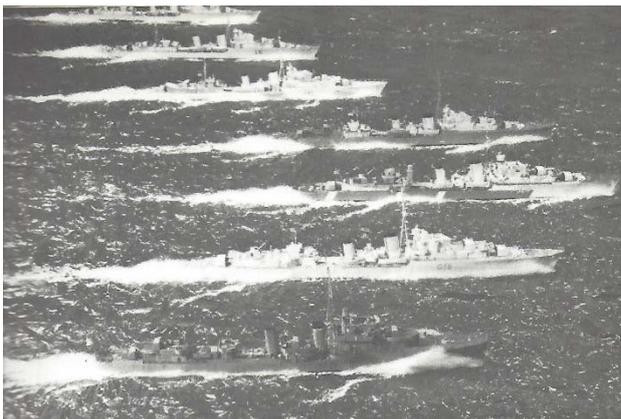


Scale Model Warships edited by John Bowen published in 1978.

There are nine chapters each written by an author considered to be an international expert in their field. The chapters cover Sources of information, Hulls and decks, Tinsplate construction, Superstructure, Guns and gun mountings, Deck fittings, Warships in miniature, Working models and Warships in plastic. The aim of the book is to set the modelmaker on the right path to the value and necessity of research and to the requirement for accurate plans and coupling this with information where to find such materials.

The first chapter, Sources of information, identifies 15 sources of commercial warship plans albeit from publishers in six countries. Without doubt the book is a must if you are thinking of constructing a model warship. Whereas some models shown are exceptional static models, chapters cover the construction of moving models like our own Resolve.

The book is well illustrated with many diagrams particularly throughout the deck fittings chapter. The book runs to 190 pages.



Above: The author has referred to powered gun turrets, and here is his method of constructing such a working turret for a *Leander* class frigate. The standard cable connectors on the left of the top plate give an idea of size.

PS. Resolve will be at our next club meeting on the 11th August.

The next review is more drawing member's attention to the comprehensive content of our library. We have a complete set (4 volumes plus Data Sheets) of **Newnes Complete Engineer**. I did not discover any publication date, but there was little evidence of machine guards!

Without doubt this encyclopaedia was probably one of the apprentice engineer's handbooks.

Volume 1 runs to 23 chapters and over 600 pages. I am not sure it would be beneficial to list all chapters. Some would be less of a priority than others. Whereas moulding and casting, metal spinning and wire drawing is less likely to be called on, reference to milling and lathe practice, sheet-metal work, welding processes and workshop calculations are more likely to be required. If you have a specific engineering matter which you want to explore in more detail and you think reference to Newnes may help, do contact me.

If you want to borrow either of these, or any book in the library, please contact me.

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Remember we would welcome members' views on any books they borrow.

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