

Tillema, Herbert K., 1991. International Armed Conflict Since 1945. A Bibliographical Handbook of Wars and Military Interventions. Boulder, CO: Westview. viii, 360 pp.

This is a useful handbook, which supplements the SIPRI Yearbook (data on major armed conflicts from 1987 onwards), the annual compilations from the Department of Peace and Conflict Research at Uppsala University (with a lower threshold), and the statistics of international war compiled by Klaus Jürgen Ganzel and associates at Hamburg University in the tradition of Istvan Kende (only in German). Tillema's book lists and summarizes 269 international armed conflicts in the 1945-88 period, region for region. Each item has a short bibliography, but there are no statistics. The book ends with a comprehensive select bibliography (1,000 items), and a useful index. One weakness of the book is that it includes only international conflicts, not (as does the SIPRI Yearbook) civil wars, another that the data set ends in 1988. This sort of publication ought to be sold together with an updatable data base. Since Tillema's book is part of a larger project which aims to compile machine-readable data on more than 600 foreign overt military interventions after World War II (see Tillema's article in JPR 2/89), updates to the publication may be assumed to become available on-line.

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