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About the Author

Leon Borden Blair (1917–1992), as a naval lieutenant commander, lived in this critical North African–Mediterranean area for seven years, first as a technical adviser for the French navy, then as United States politico-military liaison officer in Morocco, and finally as a liaison officer on the personal staff of Crown Prince Hassan, later king of Morocco. He was thus closely associated with the people and events described in this study. Blair was later on the faculty of the Department of History at the University of Texas at Arlington.

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