

Bibliotips

America: History and Life

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STARTING AMERICA: HISTORY AND LIFE

From the library's World Wide Web homepage, click on **Databases A-Z**. Select the tab **Databases by Name**, click on **A**, and then click on the **America: History and Life** hyperlink.

HOW TO SEARCH

Choices of search methods are available at the top of the search form.

- **Basic Search** – allows keyword, truncation, and Boolean (**AND**, **OR**, **NOT**) searching with selected limiters.
- **Advanced Search** – default search method; allows the greatest searching flexibility; see sample search form below.

The screenshot shows the EBSCO Research Databases search interface. The search form is titled "New Search" and includes tabs for "Basic Search", "Advanced Search", "Visual Search", and "Choose Databases". The search method is set to "Keyword". The search terms are "guadalcanal" and "frank richard" connected by "and" operators. The search is limited to the "America: History & Life" database. The "Refine Search" section includes various limiters such as "Linked Full Text", "References Available", "Historical Period from", "Year Published from", "Publication", "Publication Type", "Peer Reviewed", "Abstract Available", "Document Type", and "Language".

Annotations on the screenshot include:

- Enter search term(s) here.** (points to the search input field)
- When ready, click Search.** (points to the Search button)
- Select a Boolean operator (AND, OR, NOT) to connect multiple search terms.** (points to the dropdown menu between search terms)
- Select a field (Author/Editor/Reviewer, Title, Subject, Source, etc.) from the drop-down list.** (points to the field selection dropdown)
- Click here for database help, including examples of citation styles (APA, MLA, etc.).** (points to the help icon)
- You may enter a specific year or range of years identified as Common Era (c.e. [AD]) or Before the Common Era (b.c.e. [BC]).** (points to the Historical Period from fields)
- Narrow your search results by using one or more of these limiters.** (points to the Refine Search section)
- Document type limiters include article, book review, collection, dissertation, and media review.** (points to the Document Type dropdown)

OTHER SEARCH OPTIONS

Special search links are available near the top of the search screen:

[Cited References](#) | [Indexes](#)

- When you already have a good article on your topic, search **Cited References** to find other articles that have cited it.
- Use **Indexes** to browse entries for and search specific fields (*Author/Editor/Reviewer, Journal Name, Subject Terms, etc.*)

ADVANCED SEARCHING TIPS

Enter Boolean operators, proximity operators, truncation symbols, or field codes directly into the search box:

and	texas and mexico	finds both words in the same record
or	united states or america	finds records containing either or both terms
wn	cowboy w5 cattle	finds <i>cowboy</i> within 5 words of <i>cattle</i>
?	wom?n	finds <i>woman</i> or <i>women</i>
*	comput*	finds <i>computer, computers, computing, computerization, etc.</i>
so	so journal of american history	finds records from source publication <i>Journal of American History</i>

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supplemental reading in American history

Guadalcanal. By Richard B. Frank. (New York: Random House, 1990. xiv + 800 pp. \$34.95.)

fought to the last man. The American navy fought seven battles around Guadalcanal. The battle of Friday the Thirteenth was a draw; the Americans were victorious at Cape Esperance and Lee-Kando, and the Japanese won at Savo Island and Tassafaranga. The battle of Savo Island, the most humiliating defeat in the history of the United States Navy, prompted the Americans to shake off "the fatal lethargy of

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