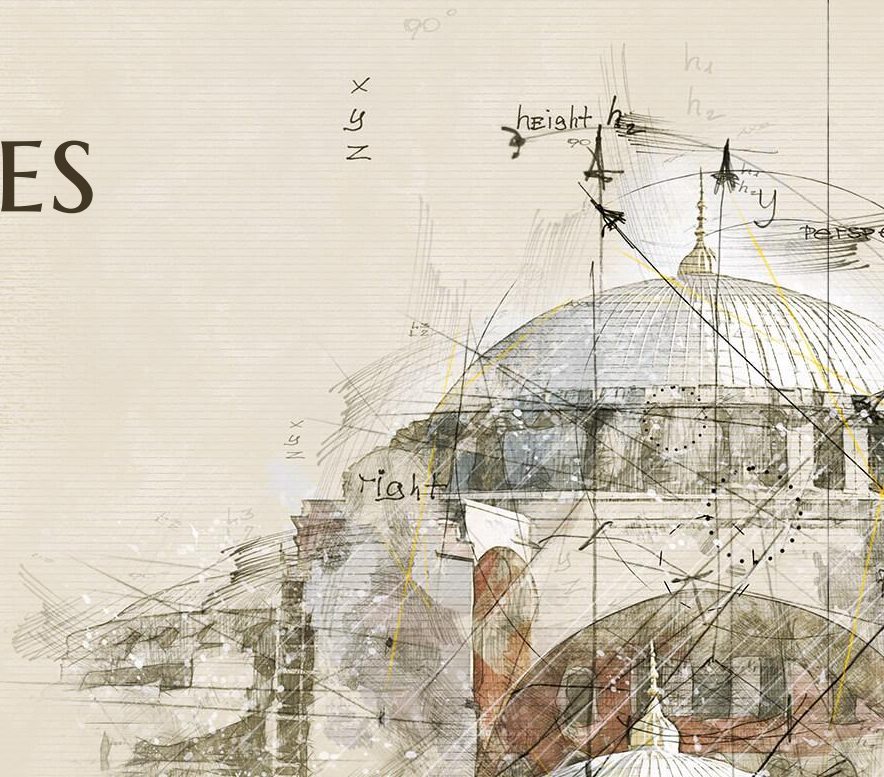
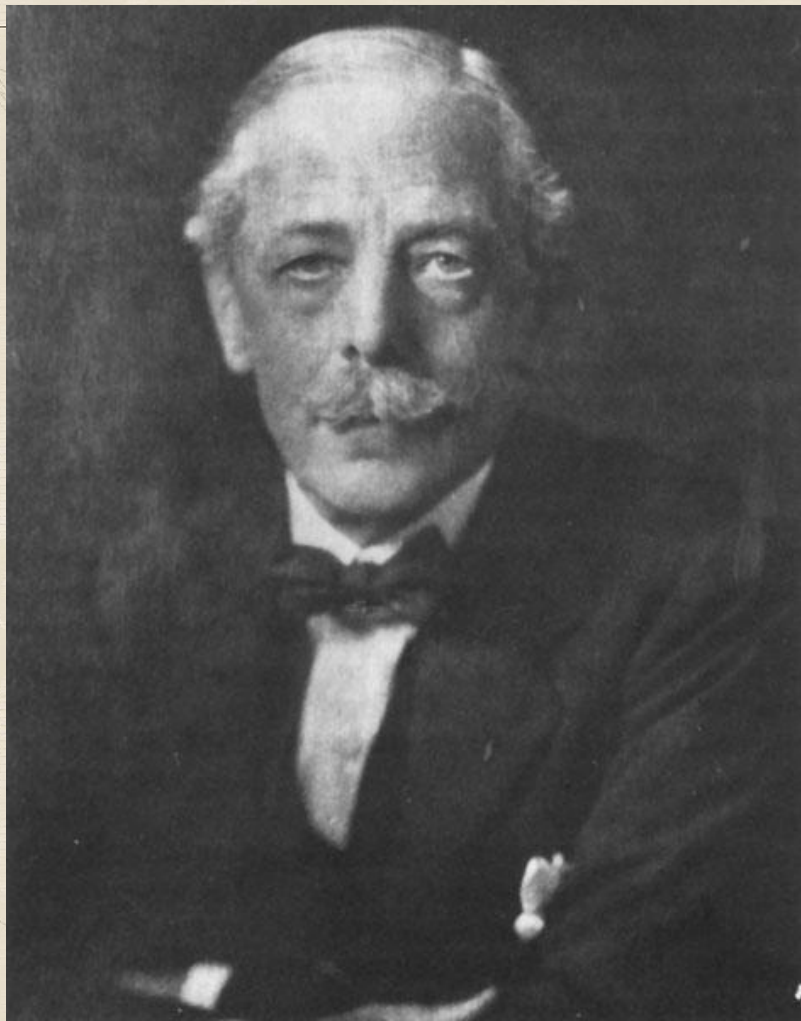


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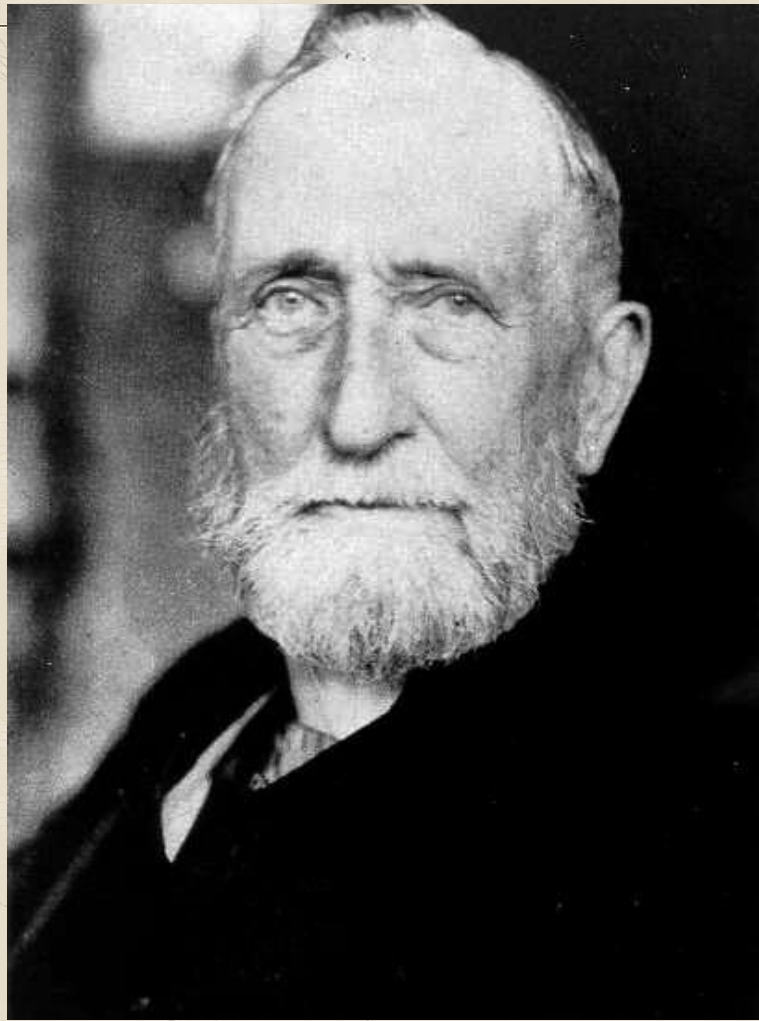
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The other great  
seapower theorist

Regarded skeptically by  
his audience

The better strategist

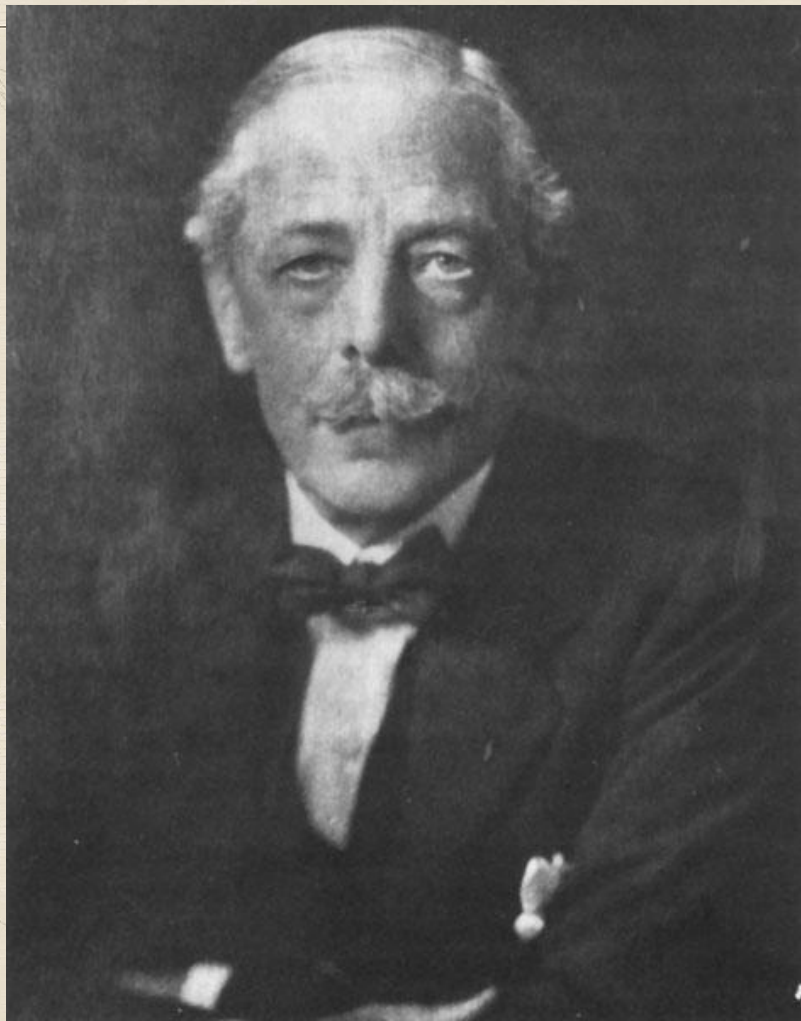




# JULIAN CORBETT

A lawyer by training  
Asked to edit historical  
government documents  
Similar to Hans  
Delbruck

A close advisor of the  
pre-1914 Admiralty



# REJECTING MAHAN

*The Principles of  
Maritime Strategy*

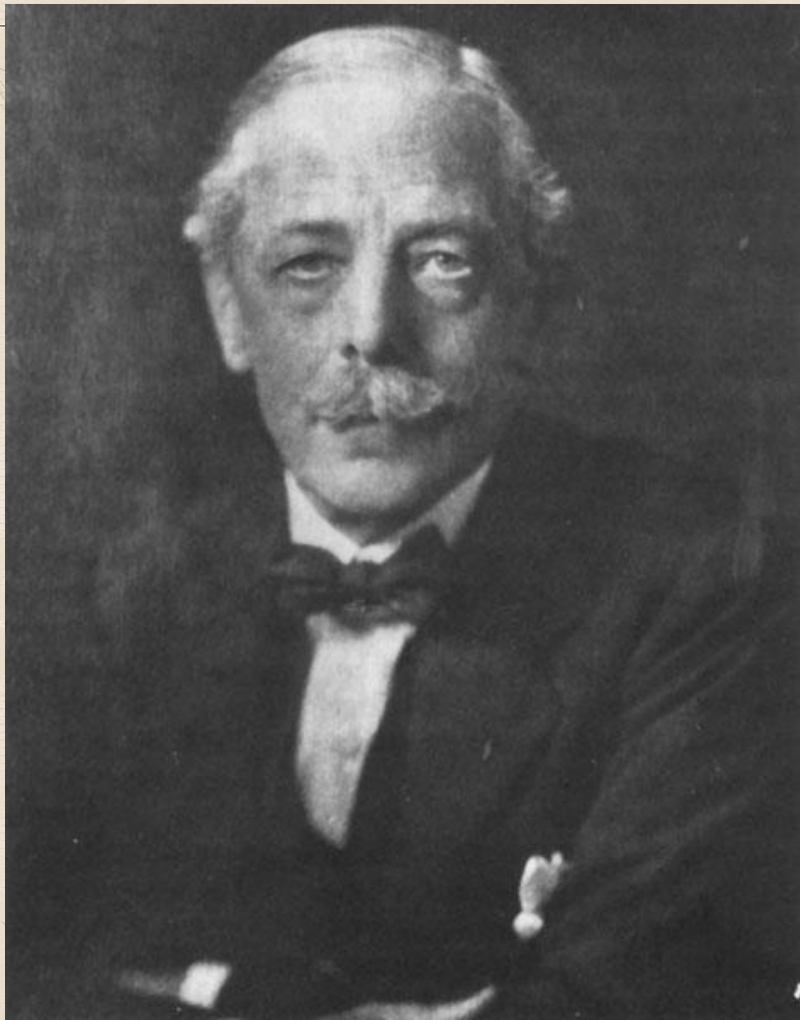
Not mere naval warfare

Far more variegated  
than Mahan's models

“We require for the guidance of our naval policy and naval action something of a wider vision than the current conception of naval strategy, something that will keep before our eyes not merely the enemy fleets or the great routes of commerce, or the command of the sea, but also the relations of naval policy and action to the whole area of diplomatic and military effort.”

“Of late years the world has become so deeply impressed with the efficacy of sea power that we are inclined to forget how impotent it is of itself to decide a war against great continental states, how tedious is the pressure of naval action unless it be nicely coordinated with military and diplomatic pressure.”

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# REJECTING MAHAN

Command of the sea

Could be Won,  
Disputed, and  
Exploited

A Range of Options





# LIMITED WAR

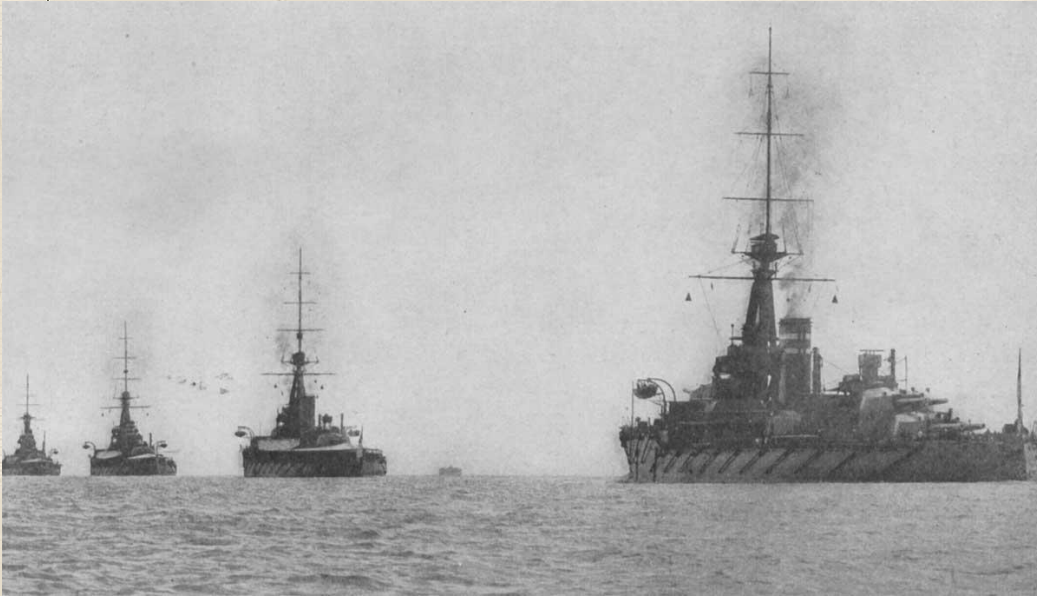
War at sea was  
*maritime* war; not  
naval

Part of a whole; not  
independent

Total war an  
aberration

# DEFENCE

- Superior to Attack
- 1 Easier at Sea
- 2 Not a Permanent Condition
- 3 Necessary Merely to Dispute Command

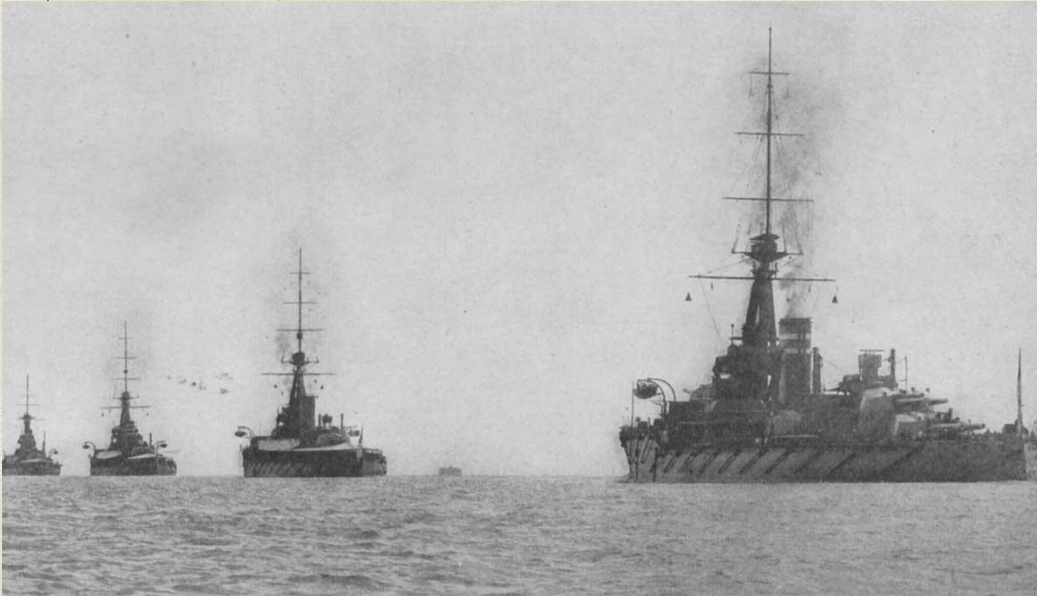


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# CONCENTRATION OF FORCE

A Misbegotten Idea  
Channelling Sun Tzu  
Not Merely One  
Strategy  
Ill-suited to the  
Medium



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The actions of a  
service

The actions of a  
state

Wider and deeper

Mahan and Corbett  
the future



# THE PEOPLE AT WAR



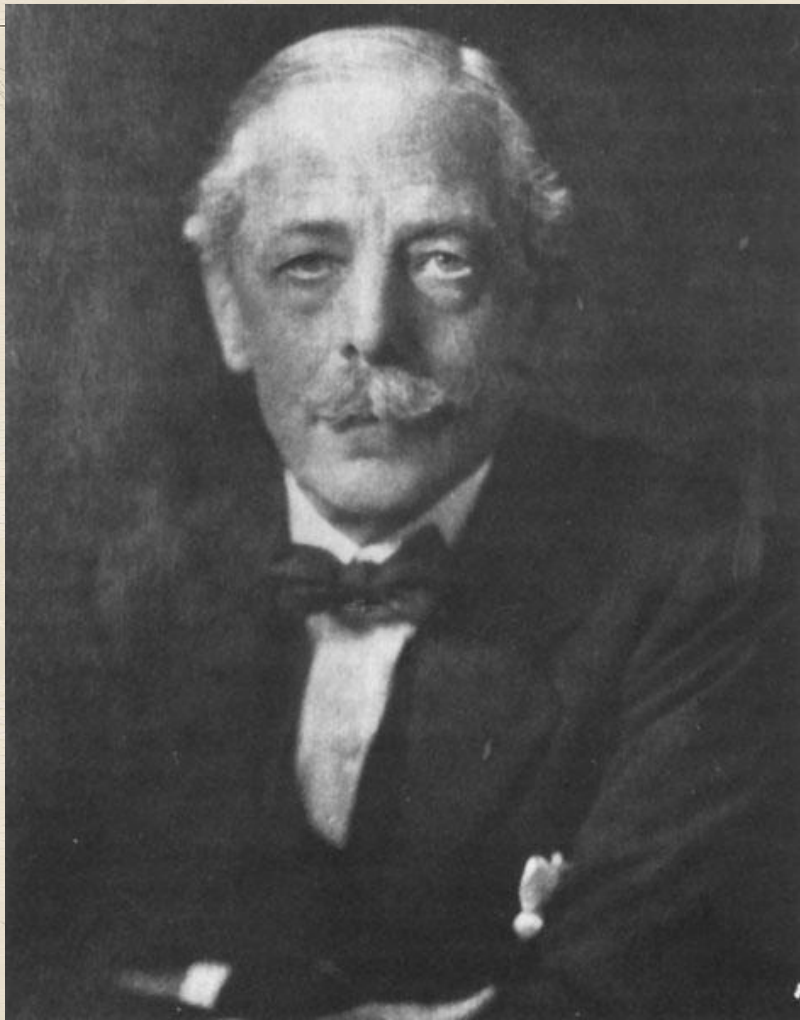
Civilians a Key Pillar  
of the Enemy State

Maritime Power  
Corrosive

Not a Coup, but Slow  
Strangulation

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# CONCLUSIONS

Grand Strategy  
Pioneers

Mahan's Emphasis

And Corbett's

Coercion and  
Deterrence

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