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**Avraham Elmakias**, *The Naval Commanders of Early Islam. A Prosographical Approach*, (trans. Limor Yungman), Piscataway, NJ: Gorgias Press, 2018, 209 pages, including maps and three annexes, ISBN 978-1-4632-0645-1.

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The research project on *The Prosography of Early Islamic Administration* has been announced by Michael LECKER of the Hebrew University, Jerusalem, in 2008 (see *JSAI*, 34[2008], 529–533). ELMAKIAS' book is the third offshoot of the project. Two earlier publications have been devoted to the police chiefs in Umayyad Baṣra (see Michael EBSTEIN, *Al-Qantara*, XXXI[2010], 103–147) and to the commanders of the caliphs' bodyguard (see Yaara PERLMAN, *Al-Qantara*, XXXVI[2015], 315–340).

ELMAKIAS' book contains 80 biographies of the commanders of Muslim fleets in the Mediterranean, the Persian Gulf, the Indian Ocean, and the Red Sea in the first 200 years of Islam. The data are culled from a variety of Arabic sources (for partial brief description, see pp. 18–19), but many other authors quoted by ELMAKIAS are not systematically presented with dates and explanations about the nature of the texts referred to (see, for example, pp. 28 and 29). The partial description of the sources should have been expanded to include all of the texts employed by the author. As a general remark, I would argue that medieval Arabic