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D-day to Bastogne - Robert J. Houston 1980

Bastogne - S. L. A. Marshall 2015-08-18
The Center of Military History is pleased to present the second volume in the U.S. Army in Action series, a facsimile reprint of Brigadier General S.L.A. Marshall's Bastogne: The First

Eight Days. Originally published in 1946, this brief study provides a combat history of a critical battle during the Allied liberation of Europe in World War II. Outnumbered and surrounded for five days, a U.S. Army combined arms force of airborne infantry, armor, engineers, tank destroyers, and artillery conducted a successful

defense of the Belgian crossroads town of Bastogne in late December 1944. They separated the German combined arms formations and destroyed the pieces, halting the offensive. The outcome of this battle was critical to the successful Allied defense against the German Ardennes offensive. Bastogne offers unique insights, capturing the immediate impressions of the soldiers who fought in this harsh winter engagement. The author penetrates the "fog of war" with a coherent narrative that clearly captures the strategy, tactics, and leadership of the battle. This action strangled the German logistical flow to their forward assault divisions, disrupting their offensive tempo and slowing their advance. What emerges is a vivid case study of how decisive leadership and incidents of individual heroism can contribute to overcoming enemy forces and weather.

U.S.A. Airborne - Bart Hagerman 1990

Hell's Highway - Tim Saunders 2009-05-18
101. Airborne Division (US); Guards Armoured Division.

A Long Way from Home - Matthew James Fox 2012

Red Devils - Harry Daniel Tunnell 2010-08
Tunnell's memoir is the history of one Soldier's and one unit's experience in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Personal accounts of war are a critical aspect of understanding that immensely complex phenomenon. Using a journal which he kept during the war, then reflecting on his experiences while recovering from the wounds he suffered, LTC Tunnell tells the story of the 1st Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment in Northern Iraq. The story of the Red Devils covers that crucial period of time from early 2003 when the Army prepared for war, through the end of so called 'major combat operations', and into the start of the insurgency and counterinsurgency. This is a first hand account

of Operation Iraqi Freedom's earliest period.
Armored Infantry Battalion - United States.
War Department 1944

The Chosen Few - Gregg Zoroya 2017-02-14
The never-before-told story of one of the most decorated units in the war in Afghanistan and its fifteen-month ordeal that culminated in the 2008 Battle of Wanat, the war's deadliest. A single company of US paratroopers--calling themselves the "Chosen Few"--arrived in eastern Afghanistan in late 2007 hoping to win the hearts and minds of the remote mountain people and extend the Afghan government's reach into this wilderness. Instead, they spent the next fifteen months in a desperate struggle, living under almost continuous attack, forced into a slow and grinding withdrawal, and always outnumbered by Taliban fighters descending on them from all sides. Month after month, rocket-propelled grenades, rockets, and machine-gun fire poured down on the isolated and exposed

paratroopers as America's focus and military resources shifted to Iraq. Just weeks before the paratroopers were to go home, they faced their last--and toughest--fight. Near the village of Wanat in Nuristan province, an estimated three hundred enemy fighters surrounded about fifty of the Chosen Few and others defending a partially finished combat base. Nine died and more than two dozen were wounded that day in July 2008, making it arguably the bloodiest battle of the war in Afghanistan. The Chosen Few would return home tempered by war. Two among them would receive the Medal of Honor. All of them would be forever changed.

506 Parachute Infantry Regiment In Normandy Drop [Illustrated Edition] - Colonel S. L. A. Marshall 2014-08-15

Includes six maps. This is actual story of parent regiment of the famous "Band of Brothers" Easy company. As the tens of thousands of American troops began their approach toward the forbidding German-defended Normandy coast,

their comrades in the 82nd and 101st Airborne divisions had already flown over the Channel and began dropping and gliding into enemy territory. The Airborne Divisions had a role critical to the success of the entire Normandy Landings; beyond the initial beach landing areas were miles of flooded defended ditches and waterways. If the German troops managed to defend these bottlenecks the Americans on Utah Beach, at the extreme right of the operation, would be unable to move forward and might have foundered on the beach. The capture and retention of the two southernmost exits were assigned to the 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment; the plan was well thought-out and would have in all likelihood have succeeded handsomely. However the drop of the 506th like many of their comrades on D-Day was wide and scattered all across the Normandy landscape. As groups of paratroops nervously grouped together in the darkness they started small actions against whatever German positions that

they came across; as officers and NCOs struggled to gain some control over the chaos the most organized moved toward their objectives. They bravely pushed forward toward their targets and held them against the rising numbers of German reinforcements; before the major link-up with the beach landings they fought and won the engagement at St-Mairie-Du-Comt against their toughest enemies, the German paratroops. S L A Marshall, the Official Historian for the European Theatre of Operations, interviewed the men of the 506th on their return to the U.K. and from this collected material set about recording this story of their courage, dedication and fighting skill.

Tonight We Die As Men - Ian Gardner
2011-07-20

The exploits of the 3rd Battalion, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment have long been overshadowed by those of Easy Company, 2nd Battalion. Yet the actions of the 3rd Battalion during the D-Day landings were every bit as

incredible. This is the astounding story of how, after suffering many immediate casualties on landing, the surviving paratroopers fought on towards their objective against horrendous odds. Using fascinating first-hand accounts of the soldiers and the French civilians who witnessed the Normandy campaign, and illustrated with black and white photographs and maps throughout, the authors offer a unique and comprehensive account of the experiences of the 3rd Battalion from training through to D-Day and beyond.

The G.I. Collector's Guide: U.S. Army Service Forces Catalog, European Theater of Operations
- Henri-Paul Enjames 2022-06-01

In World War II, the U.S. Army not only supplied its soldiers with the most modern equipment and uniforms, suitable for any combat situation, but went as far as providing them with their favorite drinks or candy bars, and seemingly anything else they might require. This comprehensive reference book brings together all the

equipment issued to American soldiers in the European Theater of Operations, 1943-45. Each item is presented with its catalog numbers, described in detail and fully depicted in photographs, including close-ups of the labels to aid identification of items. Graphics and diagrams offer additional information and context. There are chapters on everything from uniform, insignia, and small arms issued to the individual, through crew-served weapons, rations, tents, to sports and recreation equipment. There is full coverage of the specialist items issued to Airborne, Armored, and Mountain troops, engineers, signallers, Military Police, medics, chaplains and female personnel. From the chewing gum included in K rations through to artillery-laying equipment, mess trays to portable altars and field harmoniums, this photographic reference gives a unique insight into the world of the U.S. Army in World War II. As a complete catalog with high-quality photographs, this book is invaluable to

both family historians researching grandpa's kit found in the attic and to collectors in their quest to find authentic items among the reproductions that flood the modern market.

Look Out Below! - Chaplain Lt.-Col. Francis L. Sampson 2018-04-03

First published in 1958, this book tells the spellbinding story of “one of the remarkable priests of God who leaped behind enemy lines and into the midst of combat with no weapon other than the sword of the spirit, no protection other than the shield of faith. “Here is the story of the airborne troopers told by the one who knew them best and with insights only a priest could possess. “It is sometimes humorous, sometimes tragic, often heroic, but always honest and inspiring as seen through the understanding and sympathetic eyes of the paratrooper padre.” (Lt.-Gen. Thomas F. Hickey) Richly illustrated throughout with photos.

Bastogne - The Story Of The First Eight Days - S. L. A. Marshall 2014-06-13

[This edition benefits from numerous maps of the battlefields that the actions were fought over] “NUTS!” - Among the many military legends that abound from the fighting of the Second World War, the one word reply to a German summons to surrender must rank highly in terms of its resonance, importance and sheer grit. General Mcaulliffe decided that despite the odds and the lack of supplies and ammunition his troops would continue to hold the important communication hub of Bastogne during the Battle of the Bulge. This dramatic, yet authoritative account brings all of the action to the fore as the Battered Bastards of Bastogne wrote their names into legend. "THIS STORY OF BASTOGNE was written from interviews with nearly all the commanders and staff officers and many of the men who participated in the defense of Bastogne during the first phase of that now celebrated operation—the days during which the American forces were surrounded by forces of the enemy... Thus it is essentially the account of

how a single strong defensive force was built from separate commands of armor, airborne infantry and tank destroyers—a force convinced that it could not be beaten."-Introduction.

The Odyssey of Echo Company - Doug Stanton
2017-09-19

A portrait of the American recon platoon of the 101st Airborne Division describes their sixty-day fight for survival during the 1968 Tet Offensive, tracing their postwar difficulties with acclimating into a peacetime America that did not want to hear their story.

[Trial by Combat](#) - Thomas M. Rice 2004

This is a thrilling personal account of a paratrooper's experiences in the 1944 battle for Normandy. behind enemy lines six hours before the Allies stormed the beaches of Normandy on D-day. Rice doesn't sanitize or sensationalize his story; he tells us of the utter chaos of battle - the terror, the carnage, the horror, the folly of war. Words such as patriotism, courage, and honor are seldom written by Rice, but in the facts and

eyewitness accounts presented here, we discover what genuine patriotism is, what courage consists of, and what a frightful price must sometimes be paid for honor.

[Airborne Landing to Air Assault](#) - Nikolaos Theotokis 2020-07-30

Many books have been written about military parachuting, in particular about famous parachute operations like Crete and Arnhem in the Second World War and notable parachute units like the British Parachute Regiment and the US 101st Airborne Division, but no previous book has covered the entire history of the use of the parachute in warfare. That is why Nikolaos Theotokis's study is so valuable. He traces in vivid detail the development of parachuting over the last hundred years and describes how it became a standard tactic in twentieth-century conflicts. As well as depicting a series of historic parachute operations all over the world, he recognizes the role of airmen in the story, for they were the first to use the parachute in

warfare when they jumped from crippled aeroplanes in combat conditions Adapting the parachute for military purposes occurred with extraordinary speed during the First World War and, by the time of the Second World War, it had become an established technique for special operations and offensive actions on a large scale. The range of parachute drops and parachute-led attacks was remarkable, and all the most dramatic examples from the world wars and lesser conflicts are recounted in this graphic and detailed study. The role played by parachute troops as elite infantry is also a vital part of the narrative, as is the way in which techniques of air assault have evolved since the 1970s.

101st Airborne - Mark Bando 2011-05-08

A minute-by-minute and day-by-day account of the elite 101st Airborne's daring parachute landing behind enemy lines at Normandy is accompanied by firsthand accounts from Airborne veterans and forty incredible, previously unknown (let alone published) color

photos of the "Screaming Eagles" at Normandy and in Great Britain prior to the invasion. Accompanying these remarkable D-Day color Kodachromes—which were unearthed in the attic of an Army doctor's daughter—are more than two hundred black-and-white photographs from 101st survivors and the author's own private collection. This is an unprecedented look at an elite fighting force during one of the last century's most crucial moments.

D-Day +60 Years - Jerome J. McLaughlin
2004-04-21

This unique account of D-Day history provides an unusual look into the US Army's preparation of a new type of World War II warfare, that of airborne operations. The book describes, using personal interviews with the veterans involved, how young men who had never even flown in an airplane before the war were trained to fly into combat, or to parachute into the dark of night. The narrative personalizes the events of D-Day for a small group of men of the 77th Troop

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Carrier Squadron and G Company of the 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment. Most, including the authors uncle, did not survive to see the dawn on D-Day morning. The story then moves forward more than half a century, when research to find out what happened to his uncle led the author to meet some of the survivors of that night, resulting in what is believed to be the first reunion of a D-Day pilot with the men he dropped on that fateful morning, 56 years earlier. Many children of the next generation are making efforts to find out what happened to their fathers and uncles in World War II. This story is a classic example of the joy and heartbreak that can result from the success of such a search.

Sent by the Iron Sky - Ian Gardner 2019-11-28
Following on from the success of Ian Gardner's critically acclaimed trilogy on the exploits of the 3rd Battalion, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division in World War II, Sent by the Iron Sky tells their exhilarating

story for a new readership. From the moment they entered the war in June, 1944, the men of 3rd Battalion were faced with brutal fighting against horrendous odds. Later in the year, nearly five months in combat with no relief lead to heavy losses that reduced them to the size of a company. Their heroic defence of Bastogne saw their division awarded a Unit Citation, a first in the history of the US armed forces, and they subsequently fought on across Europe, finishing the war occupying Hitler's mountain retreat of Berchtesgaden. Drawing on years of research and interviews with veterans of some of the toughest battles of World War II, together with maps and over 200 vintage images, Ian Gardner brings to life some of the most bitter fighting of the war in Europe, laying bare the horrors of war, the deprivations of day-to-day living and the chaos of the front line. Additional material includes a chapter on the fate of the men captured in Normandy and a foreword by Lee Wolverson, the grandson of the commander

of 3rd Battalion, Col Robert Wolverton.
Battle of the Bulge: The First Eight days -

Fighting Fox Company - Terry Poyser
2014-01-19

“Intense . . . anyone familiar with the Band of Brothers story will want to read this book” (Military Review). Easy Company of the 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment of the 101st Airborne Division has become one of the most famous small units in US history. But fewer people are aware of Fox Company of that same regiment—the men who fought alongside Easy Company through every step of the war in Europe, and who had their own stories to tell. WWII vet Bill Brown decided to research the fate of a childhood friend who had served in Fox Company. Along the way, he met Terry Poyser, who was on a similar mission to research the combat death of a Fox Company man from his hometown. Together, the two authors proceeded to locate and interview every surviving Fox

Company vet they could find. The ultimate result was this book, a decade in the making, offering a wealth of fascinating firsthand accounts of WWII combat as well as new perspectives on Dick Winters and others of the “Band.” Told primarily through the words of participants, Fighting Fox Company takes us through some of the most horrific close-in fighting of the war, beginning with the chaotic nocturnal paratrooper drop on D-Day. After fighting through Normandy, the drop into Holland saw prolonged, ferocious combat and even more casualties; and then during the Battle of the Bulge, Fox Company took its place in line at Bastogne during one of the most heroic against-all-odds stands in US history. As always in combat, each man’s experience is different, and the nature of the German enemy is seen here in its equally various aspects. From ruthless SS fighters to meek Volkssturm to simply expert modern fighters, the Screaming Eagles encountered the full gamut of the Wehrmacht. The work is also accompanied

by rare photos and useful appendices, including rosters and lists of casualties, to give the full look at Fox Company that has long been overdue.

Army Lineage Series - Military History Office
1972

Hell's Highway - George Koskimaki 2013-05-07
The author of *The Battered Bastards of Bastogne* does a “superb job of telling the history the 101st Airborne Division during Operation Market Garden” (Kepler’s Book Reviews). *Hell’s Highway* is a history, most of which has never before been written. It is adventure recorded by those who lived it and put into context by an author who was also there. It is human drama on an enormous scale, told through the personal stories of 612 contributors of written and oral accounts of the Screaming Eagles’ part in the attempt to liberate the Netherlands. Koskimaki is an expert in weaving together individual recollections to make a compelling and uniquely

first-hand account of the bravery and deprivations suffered by the troops, and their hopes, fears, triumphs, and tragedies, as well as those of Dutch civilians caught up in the action. There have been many books published on Operation Market Garden and there will surely be more. This book, however, gets to the heart of the action. The “big picture,” which most histories paint, here is just the context for the real history on the ground.

Rock Force - Kevin Maurer 2020-12-01
From the #1 New York Times bestselling coauthor of *No Easy Day* comes a thrilling World War II story of the American airborne soldiers who captured a Japanese-held island fortress “*Rock Force* is a beautifully told story of war: the friendships, the courage and despair, and the terror... One of the most exciting books ever written about the Pacific War.”—Mitch Weiss, New York Times bestselling coauthor of *Countdown 1945* In late December 1941, General Douglas MacArthur, caught off guard by

the Japanese invasion of the Philippines, is forced to retreat to Corregidor, a jagged, rocky island fortress at the mouth of Manila Bay. Months later, under orders from the president, the general is whisked away in the dark of night, leaving his troops to their fate. It is a bitter pill for a fiercely proud warrior who has always protected his men. He famously declares "I shall return," but the humiliation of Corregidor haunts him, even earning him the derisive nickname "Dugout Doug." In early 1945, MacArthur returns to the Philippines, his eyes firmly fixed on Corregidor. To take back the island, he calls on the 503rd Parachute Infantry Regiment, a highly trained veteran airborne unit. Their mission is to jump onto the island—hemmed in by sheer cliffs, pockmarked by bomb craters, bristling with deadly spiky broken tree trunks—and wrest it from some 6,700 Japanese defenders who await, fully armed and ready to fight to the death. Drawn from firsthand accounts and personal interviews with the

battle's surviving veterans, acclaimed war correspondent and bestselling author Kevin Maurer delves into this extraordinary tale, uncovering astonishing accounts of bravery and heroism during an epic, yet largely forgotten, clash of the Pacific War. Here is an intimate story of uncommon soldiers showing uncommon courage and winning, through blood and sacrifice, the redemption of General MacArthur.

US World War II Parachute Infantry Regiments - Gordon L. Rottman 2014-01-20

The parachute infantry regiments were among the most highly decorated US Army units of World War II, and between them they saw action right across the world. The elite nature of these units led to them being committed to action not only in the way that had been intended; their quality tempted commanders to keep them in the line longer than their light armament justified, and they were tested to the limit. This engaging study traces the story of each of the 17 regiments, from their creation and training in

the USA, through their deployments overseas, to their combat jumps and all their battles. The book is illustrated with wartime photographs, many previously unpublished, and eight full-colour plates detailing the specifics of their uniforms, insignia, and equipment practices, which often differed from unit to unit.

To Serve with Honor - Donald J. Woodland
2012-05-01

The tale of two brothers who volunteered for the airborne, Donald Woodland in the 101st and Bernard T. Woodland in the 82nd, is relived through the memoirs of Donald, beginning with his enlistment in the army-which he had opportunity to avoid-and ending with his discharge as a private. The well-researched facts from this eyewitness account will impart an experience of World War II that no Hollywood drama can replicate, as Don on the one hand recounts the cold and death of Bastogne, and on the other hand, through cameos of personalities and rundowns of equipment training, leaves a

trail of detail that engulfs the reader in the war. In this book, numbered among the last of the World War II memoirs, is one of the first visits to Hitler's Eagle's Nest. In addition to contributions from comrades in arms, *To Serve with Honor* publishes the letters Don received from his brother, who served alongside Ross Carter in Company C ("Baggy Pants"), 504th PIR, 82nd Airborne. The memoirs conclude with a surprise-the revelation of the first African American paratrooper in U.S. Army history.

Home of the Infantry - Peggy A. Stelpflug
2007

"Fort Benning's history tells the story of the US infantry. For most of a century, Fort Benning's infantry school has graduated the soldiers who lead as well as the fighting foot soldiers in the dirt and mud. Founded on farm land in Georgia, it has been one of the US Army's premier installations from the days of the Doughboys to a more modern era where Rangers proudly wear their Ranger berets." "Fort Benning's long

history has produced an impressive alumni list. Eisenhower coached its football team. Marshall rewrote the curriculum. Patton pushed men to prepare for battle. Bradley organized its Officer Candidate School, a source for men of rank in World War II. Powell and Schwarzkopf were honor graduates, as were Eaton and Freakley and other heroes from the sands of Iraq." "Fort Benning trained soldiers in the art of the bayonet. It prepared them to jump out of airplanes. It discovered the mobility and power of helicopters. It honed the technology of the Bradley Fighting Vehicle. It has set the table for war in the trenches, war on the ground, war in the air, and war in the desert. Infantry has led the way and so has Fort Benning. It truly is the Home of the Infantry."--BOOK JACKET.

World War 2 Journal Volume 1 - Ray Merriam
2015-06-02

Merriam Press World War 2 Journal Volume 1
(First Edition, 2015). Contains 18 articles: (1) Battle of the Bulge; (2) 501st Parachute Infantry

Regiment at Bastogne, Belgium, December 1944; (3) 501st Schwere Panzerabteilung in North Africa; (4) Soviet Army Rifle Division, 1939-45; (5) The U.S. Navy at Bataan; (6) Night Attack: USS Sealion (SS-315) Sinks the Kongo; (7) Dead-End Roads for the Japanese: Burma - Coral Sea - Midway; (8) Armor at Oran: Operation Torch, 1942; (9) Christmas on Bougainville; (10) Interrogation of Vice Adm. Kzutaka Shirachi, IJN: Occupation of the Philippines and Dutch East Indies; (11) I Was Expensible; (12) Sky Lookout Support; (13) Incident on Biak Island; (14) Darned Clever These Chinese... and Confounding; (15) A Jaundiced View of Tanks; (16) Action in the Eifel; (17) A Talk with Some Japanese POWs; (18) The '88' with 20/20 Vision. 215 photos, 2 maps.

General Toothpick... WW II Memiors of 1st Sgt Donald L. Deam - Donald Deam
2014-08-04

THE GUNS ARE SILENT NOW. Nature is slowly healing the brutal scars that marred Normandy,

Holland, and Bastogne. The men who struggled in many of the greatest battles in human history are dwindling in number. One day perhaps all traces of the epic tragedy of World War II will be gone. And that is why this personal account by Donald Deam, who fought in all three battles, is so precious. As he wrote shortly before his death: "This is the story of a one hundred and twelve pound nineteen year old who became a First Sergeant in the 501st Infantry Regiment, part of the 101st Airborne Division. Many years have now passed. My memory often fades and then resurfaces in vivid fashion. I still relive many episodes of the war. I miss the comradeship that existed, something I have never experienced in peacetime. I don't recall many of their faces. Now these memories often bring back a few smiles, but also bring many tears. Too many of these men did not come back." All proceeds from this book will be donated to the 101st Airborne Division in honor of First Sgt. Donald L. Deam.

World War 2 In Review No. 17 - Merriam Press
2017-09-03

World War 2 In Review No. 17 Merriam Press
World War 2 In Review Series 2022 eBook
Edition This issue presents articles on the following 16 World War II topics: (1) USS Alabama BB-60: American Battleship (2) The Aerodynamic Development of the Peenemünde Rockets (3) British G.S. Mark V Anti-tank Mine (4) Avro Anson: British Multi-Role Aircraft (5) Organization Todt (6) 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment at Bastogne, Belgium, December 1944 (7) The U.S. Navy at Bataan (8) Darned Clever These Chinese... and Confounding: An American Veteran Remembers (9) Action in the Eifel: A German Veteran Remembers (10) Fairey Firefly: British Fighter/Anti-Submarine Aircraft (11) French 25 mm Hotchkiss Anti-tank Gun (12) Breakout from the Klin Pocket, Russian Front, December 1941 (13) Truk and Operation Hailstone (14) The Navy Neutralizes Truk, February 1944 (15) Orders for Flight Crews of

USS Enterprise for Operation Hailstone (16)
VB-10 Hits Truk During Operation Hailstone 530
B&W/color photos/illustrations
Four Stars Of Hell - Laurence Critchell
2015-11-06

The wartime exploits of the 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment are told here in the most vivid and appropriate way; by one of the men who experienced their battles firsthand - Captain Laurence Critchell. The author fought with the men of the Screaming Eagles from the tough training at camp Toccoa, Georgia to their hellish night drop on D-Day and all the way to the capture of Hitler's mountain retreat at Berchtesgaden. During 1944-1945 the author and his comrades soldiers would be involved in some of the heaviest and bloodiest fighting in Europe, during the Operation Market Garden at Nijmegen and the Battle of the Bulge at Bastogne. A gripping read of the Second World War as told by a decorated combat veteran. "It is fitting that the story of the 501st Parachute

Regiment of the famed 101st Airborne Division should be told by a parachute captain."—The New York Times "A personalized record, told in terms of the men of all ranks, of how they trained and fought and died... the story has an authentic ring."—U.S. Quarterly "The greatest airborne operation of this or any other war." —Lewis H. Brereton, Former Lt. General, First Allied Airborne Army, World War II
Infantry: Regular Army - John K. Mahon 1972

Nuts! A 101st Airborne Division Machine Gunner at Bastogne - Vincent J. Speranza
2014-11-11

On 22 December 1944, during the Battle of the Bulge, with the Germans surrounding the Belgian town of Bastogne, a German messenger brought a message from his commander to Brigadier General Anthony McAuliffe, acting commanding general of the 101st Airborne Division, demanding his surrender. McAuliffe's response was simply, "Nuts!"Manning a foxhole

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on the perimeter around Bastogne was nineteen-year-old Army private Vince Speranza, a machine gunner with the 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment. This is Vince's story of the Battle of the Bulge and his life before and after the battle. Vince shares his memories from early childhood through his service in World War II and his life up until now as he stands on the verge of turning 90--a story you will long remember. Vince will be in Bastogne, at his original foxhole, on the 70th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge, drinking Airborne Beer, which his actions many years ago inspired. FIGHT AT THE LOCK [Illustrated Edition] - Colonel S. L. A. Marshall 2014-08-15 Includes 6 maps As the tens of thousands of American troops began their approach toward the forbidding German-defended Normandy coast, their comrades in the 82nd and 101st Airborne divisions had already flown over the Channel and began dropping and gliding into enemy territory. The Airborne Divisions had a

role critical to the success of the entire Normandy Landings; beyond the initial beach landing areas were miles of flooded defended ditches and waterways. If the German troops managed to defend these bottlenecks the Americans on Utah Beach, at the extreme right of the operation, would be unable to move forward and might have foundered on the beach... "According to plan, the D Day objectives of the 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment were well concentrated. After dropping into Normandy a little to the north and east of the city of Carentan, the regiment was to press south and westward and establish the defensive position in this direction. In detail, it was to secure the line of the lower Douve River, first by seizing the strategic lock on the Canal De Vire Et Taute at Le Barquette and then by blowing the river bridges... "From the beginning, American attention was directed at the Le Barquette lock. This unique objective and its possible military application appears to have

fascinated the imaginations not only of those who planned Operation Neptune but of the commanders who were to execute it. To get to the lock first and to make certain that the enemy would have no use of it became an overriding consideration with the planning and tactical forces. American apprehensions as to what might happen if the Germans gained control of the lock superinduced one of the boldest strokes of the Normandy campaign, a stroke boldly made and tactically productive. Yet whether the emphasis placed on the position by the Allied planners was justifiable was never confirmed by the attitude of the enemy.”

Utah Beach to Cherbourg (6 June - 27 June 1944). - Roland G. Ruppenthal 1948

D-Day Deluxe - Antony Beevor 2011-05-31
The #1 internationally bestselling history of D-Day—now enhanced with rare video footage from the NBC News Archives for the ultimate narrative of the battle for Normandy Chosen by

Time as one of the top 10 nonfiction books of the year Antony Beevor—the man who “single-handedly transformed the reputation of military history” (The Guardian, U.K.)—presents the first major account of the Normandy invasion and the liberation of Paris in more than twenty years. D-Day: The Battle for Normandy is the first book to describe not only the experiences of the American, British, Canadian, and German soldiers but also the terrible suffering of the French civilians caught up in the fighting. Beevor draws upon research from more than thirty archives in six countries, going back to original accounts and interviews conducted by combat historians just after the action. The result is the consummate account of the invasion and the ferocious offensive that led to Paris’s liberation. Enhanced with rare film and newsreel footage from the NBC News Archive the D-Day: The Battle for Normandy Deluxe eBook will put you on the beach for the Normandy landings, in the air for Allied bombing runs and will give you

a front-row seat for the liberation of Paris. D-Day: The Battle for Normandy Deluxe includes the following features: · 26 film clips embedded into the text, giving the reader a seamless reading and viewing experience · Video of the Allied commanders, paratroopers suiting up and jumping into action, Allied troops landing on the Normandy beaches, firefights in the deadly bocage hedgerows and through bombed-out towns, Allied bombing runs, the liberation of Paris, the German fortifications on the Normandy coast and much more · Rarely seen video from the NBC News Archive, including original NBC and Universal newsreels · The original NBC Radio broadcasts announcing the D-Day invasion · Rare color footage shot by journalist Jack Lieb, who worked for newsreel company News of the Day and shot from the D-Day landings to the liberation of Paris · Detailed maps and photographs included in the original book · An easy-to-read table of equivalent military ranks across the American, British,

Canadian, and German armies

US Airborne Units in the Mediterranean Theater 1942-44 - Gordon L. Rottman
2013-07-20

This book is the first of three to examine the genesis, organization and operational deployment of the US airborne divisions in World War II. It discusses early airborne units, detailing how and why they were formed. Task organization for combat, details of attached units, tactics, and weapons and equipment are examined, together with command relationships. The units discussed in this book include the 82d Airborne Division, 1st Special Service Force, 517th Parachute Regimental Combat Team and 1st Airborne Task Force, and the operations in North Africa, Sicily, the Italian mainland, and in southern France are covered.

Destination Normandy - G. H. Bennett
2009-04-20

A cross-section of the American experience on D-Day Unique perspective from the regimental

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