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The Men of Company

K Bantam

This text explores the composition, equipment and personnel of the 1944 Panzer regiment model, focusing on the Panzer units which served in Normandy. Photographs of the

battleground now and then are revealed, as is the grave of the most famous panzer commander.

Battle of the Bulge Pen and Sword

Frank Mathias was a teenager in a small town when the draft swept him into the army and then halfway around the world to the jungles of the South Pacific. He served in the huge invasion force in the Battle of Manila,

the deadliest single battle of the Pacific War. As an army musician attached to the 37th Infantry Division, Mathias saw the war from the bottom of the heap, where young privates lived and died. In his best selling book *The GI Generation*, Mathias tells of growing up in small-town America between the wars. In *GI Jive* he recalls the gritty experience of combat as well as the music and the homefront pleasures the GIs fought to preserve.

Rudder's Rangers

Abacus (UK)

The Buffalo Saga chronicles a Buffalo Soldier's nexus of the dynamics of race and war. World War II army's 92nd Infantry Division, known as the Buffalo Soldiers, was

the only division strength unit made up of African Americans to fight in the European theater. This was an all-Black unit although the highest-ranking officers were white. The 92nd was assigned to northern Italy, where they fought against German and Italian troops. They served with great distinction from late 1944 until the end of the war, with many killed and wounded. These men were great heroes and great Americans who waged a fight for freedom abroad even as they were denied freedom at home. After the war, they returned to a still segregated United States of America.

Nazi Plunder Xlibris

The major contribution made by Coastal Forces to the Allied war

effort has had surprisingly little coverage in the literature of the Second World War. Motor torpedo boats, PT boats, motor gunboats, launches and submarine chasers served with distinction throughout the War, and in every theatre. They performed invaluable service as patrol boats, convoy escorts, minelayers and minesweepers, harbour defence vessels, light landing craft, RAF rescue boats and transports for agents and clandestine missions. Allied Coastal Forces, now a recognised classic work and first published in 1990, remains the only publication to deal comprehensively in words, photographs and drawings with the technical detail of all

these boats. Design, construction and subsequent development are all covered, and the builders, construction lists, fates and the technical data are given for each type. Separate sections cover armament and equipment, sea-going qualities and habitability. This first volume covers all the designs of the Fairmile Marine Company (including those craft built and equipped for Canada), together with the 72ft Harbour Defence Motor Launch and the US Navy 110ft subchaser. The authors, firmly established as the recognised authorities on small warships, unearthed a remarkable body of information now included in this major work, and their finely

detailed drawings, redrawn from original builders plans, offer an unparalleled view of all these remarkable designs. The new editions of their work will be welcomed by naval enthusiasts and modellers alike.

For Führer and Fatherland University of Georgia Press
The author of *A Luftwaffe General* gives a detailed history of the Allied forces' brutal Operation Clipper during World War II. The Anglo-American battle for the Geilenkirchen salient in November, 1944, was infantry warfare at its worst, and it is described in vivid detail in this new edition of Ken Ford's classic study. The onset of winter saw the Allied advance from the Normandy beaches

forced to a halt on Germany's doorstep. The clock had been put back to the days of the Great War—the Allies had arrived at the Siegfried Line and were forced to attack the fortifications from the hell of the trenches. Geilenkirchen was the first battle on German soil to be fought by the British since Minden in 1759. For them, it was just one more battle on the way to Berlin, but for the American 84th Division, it was a first faltering step into war and a bitter lesson in the attrition and savagery of combat. The story is told by the men who were there—the British, the Americans, and the Germans who were fighting desperately for their homeland. Neither side was victorious—both lost

more men than they could afford and paid a heavy price in young lives for a few miles of ground.

Allied Coastal Forces of World War II: Volume I
After the Battle

Magazine

Based on first-person accounts and Marine Corps documents, and featuring the original code dictionary, Navajo Weapon tells how the code talkers created a unique code within a code, served their country in combat, and saved American lives.

Normandy 1944

University of Illinois
Press

This photograph album aims to enable readers visiting the battlefields of Normandy to compile their own then and now photograph albums. By following the annotated map indicating where each

wartime picture was taken, the reader will be able to find and take comparison photographs for 14 specially selected pictures of the Normandy battle. Each right-hand page of the album is reserved for the reader to add their own comparison, and the album is spiral bound to enable the picture to be neatly presented and produce a permanent reminder of the visit.

In the Firestorm of the Last Years of the War
Simon and Schuster

After a disastrous defeat in World War I, Germany's military was reduced to a shell from its former imperial-era might and glory. The war had driven home the impact of advances in military technologies; machine

guns, artillery, and tanks, among others. The 1918 defeat and the strictures of the Versailles Treaty actually created and strengthened the will in the new German Reichsheer to learn from unsuccessful operations and, despite all limitations, to turn itself into a professional and forward-thinking force. The treaty had reduced the German army to 100,000 soldiers, divided between infantry and cavalry. *Riding into the Twilight* comprehensively covers the evolution of the lance-equipped horse soldiers of the 1920s to mixed formations of armored vehicles, bicycles, and mounted troops as the Wehrmacht expanded and went to war. After six years of mounted

fighting, a final review in Austria marked the end of the last, largest, and arguably most effective cavalry force in any modern army. Those battered survivors rode into the twilight that had already greeted many other countries; mounted soldiers. 456 pages and 575 color and black & white photographs in 8-1/2 x11 format; this volume is a must-have for both military history buffs and those interested in the history of cavalry. *Ship of Ghosts* Helion and Company World War II was the most devastating conflict in human history, but the tragedy did not end on the battlefields. During the war, Germany -- and, later, the Allies -- plundered Europe's

historic treasures. Between 1939 and 1945, German armed forces roamed from Dunkirk to Stalingrad, looting gold, silver, currency, paintings and other works of art, coins, religious artifacts, and millions of books and other documents. The value of these items, many of which were irreplaceable, is estimated in the billions of dollars. The artwork alone, looted under Hitler's direction, exceeded the combined collections of the Metropolitan Museum, the British Museum, and the Louvre. As the war wound to its conclusion in 1945, occupying forces continued the looting. The story of these celebrated works of art and other vanished treasures --

and the mystery of where they went -- is a remarkable tale of greed, fraud, deceit, and treachery. Kenneth Alford's *Nazi Plunder* is the latest word on this fascinating subject. *The History of the Fallschirmpanzerkorps Hermann Göring* Casemate Publishers *Waffen-SS Armour in Normandy* presents the combat history of SS-Panzer Regiment 12 and SS-Panzerjäger Abteilung 12 in the Battle for France from June to the end of August 1944 based on transcriptions of their original unit war diaries from the Military History Archives in Prague. Both armored units belonged to the 12.SS-Panzer Division Hitlerjugend. SS-Panzer Regiment 12 was fully equipped with Panzer IV and Panther tanks.

The main AFV of SS-Panzerjäger Abteilung 12 was the Jagdpanzer IV L/48 tank destroyer. The structure of the volume is partly source publication (documents of SS-Panzer Regiment 12) and partly study (the deployment of SS-Panzerjäger Abteilung 12). The text was written and footnoted by the author based upon original wartime files in Prague that have remained almost unknown. The book starts with the story of the units' establishment and training in 1943/1944, including, for example, the shipments of equipment, orders of battle and tactical numbers of the tanks. After this introduction, a highly detailed daily chronology of the combat actions is provided, from 12.SS-

Panzer Division traveling to the Caen sector to Operation Totalize and the withdrawal to the Seine River. Documents from SS-Panzer Regiment 12 presented in the book include the following: combat reports, list of knocked-out enemy tanks, German personnel and tank losses, combat orders, summary of acquired combat experiences and others. This is an impressive look at tactical-level events and command decisions, highlighting the armored combat tactics that were able to stop Montgomery's Army Group from breaking through the German lines near Caen for two months. The study includes a number of detailed maps and excellent photos. In addition, the

book has benefited from the contribution of rare information, photographs and documents from the archive of noted Waffen-SS historian Mark C. Yerger. *Normandy Battlefield Photo Album After the Battle*

The thunderous roar of exploding depth charges was a familiar and comforting sound to the crew members of the USS Barb, who frequently found themselves somewhere between enemy fire and Davy Jones's locker. Under the leadership of her fearless skipper, Captain Gene Fluckey, the Barb sank the greatest tonnage of any American sub in World War II. At the same time, the Barb did far more than merely sink ships-she

changed forever the way submarines stalk and kill their prey. This is a gripping adventure chock-full of "you-are-there" moments. Fluckey has drawn on logs, reports, letters, interviews, and a recently discovered illegal diary kept by one of his torpedomen. And in a fascinating twist, he uses archival documents from the Japanese Navy to give its version of events. The unique story of the Barb begins with its men, who had the confidence to become unbeatable. Each team helped develop innovative ideas, new tactics, and new strategies. All strove for personal excellence, and success became contagious. Instead of lying in wait under the waves, the USS Barb

pursued enemy ships on the surface, attacking in the swift and precise style of torpedo boats. She was the first sub to use rocket missiles and to creep up on enemy convoys at night, joining the flank escort line from astern, darting in and out as she sank ships up the column. Surface-cruising, diving only to escape, "Lucky Fluckey" relentlessly patrolled the Pacific, driving his boat and crew to their limits. There can be no greater contrast to modern warfare's long-distance, videogame style of battle than the exploits of the captain and crew of the USS Barb, where they sub, out of ammunition, actually rammed an enemy ship until it sank. Thunder Below!

is a first-rate, true-life, inspirational story of the courage and heroism of ordinary men under fire. A Main Selection of the Military Book Club. Winner of the Rear Admiral Samuel Eliot Morison Award for Naval Literature given by the Naval Order of the United States, New York Commandery. **Waffen-SS Armour in Normandy** University Press of Kentucky The glow of 1945 persists as a kind of beacon for American society, symbolic of an era when good and evil were easily defined. This image is at the center of Philip D. Beidler's entertaining look at the way World War II reshaped American popular culture. The legend of the "Good War" was fostered by wartime

propaganda and reinforced in the aftermath of victory through books, the news media, movies, songs, and television. Beidler captures the aura of the times as he chronicles the production histories of more than a dozen projects with wartime themes, examining how books and plays evolved into films, how stars were considered and selected, technical problems and personality conflicts during production, and the public's reactions. From the upbeat tempo of the musical *South Pacific* to the weary disillusionment of *The Best Years of Our Lives*, from the patriotic nostalgia of *Life's Picture History of World War II* to the moral ambiguity of *From Here to Eternity*,

a powerful mythology of the war developed. As a consequence, the line between fact and fiction has blurred for the war generation and its inheritors, and Hollywood's version of the Good War has become enshrined as historical fact in the nation's collective memory.

The Buffalo Saga

Mitchell Beazley Starting its life as an attack transport in World War II—and one of the last five left afloat by war's end—the USS *Queens* saw action at Iwo Jima and other hot spots in the Pacific theater. After the war, the ship became the SS *Excambion*, one of the “Four Aces” of American Export Lines: the only fully air-conditioned ships in the world at the time.

In 1965, the versatile Excambion underwent yet another transformation—into a floating classroom. Recommissioned as the USTS Texas Clipper, the ship began a third life as a merchant marine training vessel with its home port in Galveston. For the next three decades the Texas Clipper would be home to merchant marine cadets, and by the time it was retired in 1996, it was the oldest active ship in the U.S. merchant marine fleet. Finally, the Texas Clipper, after protracted bureaucratic wrangling, was designated to be sunk in the Gulf of Mexico as an artificial reef to provide habitat for marine life. In 2007, the ship was towed to

its final resting place, seventeen nautical miles off the coast of South Padre Island. Now, 136 feet below the surface, the venerable Texas Clipper lives on as the home to a wide variety of underwater species. Filled not only with meticulously researched technical and historical data about the ship's construction, service record, crew procedures, and voyages, *The Ship That Would Not Die* also features lively anecdotes from crew members, passengers, and officers. More than 140 color and black-and-white photos illustrate the ship's construction, its wide variety of shipboard life, the exacting process of making the Texas Clipper ready to

become an artificial reef, and its final sinking in the Gulf of Mexico.

The Good War's

Greatest Hits Texas

A&M University Press

NEW YORK TIMES

BESTSELLER "Son,

we're going to Hell."

The navigator of the USS Houston confided these prophetic words to a young officer as he and his captain charted a course into U.S. naval legend. Renowned as FDR's favorite warship, the cruiser USS Houston was a prize target trapped in the far Pacific after Pearl Harbor. Without hope of reinforcement, her crew faced a superior Japanese force ruthlessly committed to total conquest. It wasn't a fair fight, but the men of the Houston would wage it to the death.

Hornfischer brings to life the awesome terror of nighttime naval battles that turned decks into strobe-lit slaughterhouses, the deadly rain of fire from Japanese bombers, and the almost superhuman effort of the crew as they miraculously escaped disaster again and again—until their luck ran out during a daring action in Sunda Strait. There, hopelessly outnumbered, the Houston was finally sunk and its survivors taken prisoner. For more than three years their fate would be a mystery to families waiting at home. In the brutal privation of jungle POW camps dubiously immortalized in such films as *The Bridge on the River Kwai*, the war continued for the men

of the Houston—a life-and-death struggle to survive forced labor, starvation, disease, and psychological torture. Here is the gritty, unvarnished story of the infamous Burma–Thailand Death Railway glamorized by Hollywood, but which in reality mercilessly reduced men to little more than animals, who fought back against their dehumanization with dignity, ingenuity, sabotage, will–power—and the undying faith that their country would prevail. Using journals and letters, rare historical documents, including testimony from postwar Japanese war crimes tribunals, and the eyewitness accounts of Houston’s survivors, James Hornfischer has crafted

an account of human valor so riveting and awe-inspiring, it’s easy to forget that every single word is true. **BONUS:** This edition contains an excerpt from James D. Hornfischer’s *Neptune’s Inferno. Apocalypse 1945* Hachette UK This WWII pictorial history presents an in-depth study of Hitler’s epic, final offensive campaign. In December of 1944, nine days before Christmas, Hitler played Germany’s last card on which he staked everything to turn the tables in the West. In this densely illustrated volume, military historian Jean Paul Pallud examines the entire salient with ‘then and now’ photographs. Hundreds of miles have been

traveled by the author throughout every corner of the battlefield to search out the scenes of past events — every known photograph belonging to combatants, civilians, and in public collections and private sources has been sought or considered. All available film has been examined frame by frame and certain sequences illustrated and analyzed. This painstaking process offers a vividly detailed look at the famous battle. A number of classic pictures used — or misused — in depicting the conflict are placed in their true context, often revealing them to be very different from what they seem!

On the Field of Honor Stackpole
Military History

Italy, 1944 - this is the setting of one of the most convincing and quietly magnificent stories about man and war that has ever been written. Here, (distilled from the experiences and observations of one who fought with them in the British infantry unit) is the mood of those who fought and died at Anzio. Their task - to seize the Alban Hills and then Rome forty miles away. Instead, for more than four months, they sank into the mud of the Anzio plain and fought for their lives. Nothing has appeared since Erich Maria Remarque's ALL QUIET ON THE WESTERN FRONT that can compare with this book's ability to penetrate the minds of men at war. There are no heroes, no heroines,

no victories. This is a faceless, nameless, fragmented war. Even national differences - Britain, Italian, German, American - merge and are forgotten in this larger story of humanity. This story, in fact, does not need to be Anzio; it could be any battlefield where man has faced death.

Arctic Convoys, 1941-1945 Casemate Publishers

The story of Allied merchant ships and crews who braved the frigid far north to extend a lifeline to Russia, filled with "sheer heroism and brazen drama" (Literary Review). During the last four years of the Second World War, the Western Allies secured Russian defenses against Germany by

supplying vital food and arms. The plight of those in Murmansk and Archangel who benefited is now well known, but few are aware of the courage, determination, and sacrifice of Allied merchant ships, which withstood unremitting U-boat attacks and aerial bombardment to maintain the lifeline to Russia. In the storms, fog, and numbing cold of the Arctic, where the sinking of a ten thousand-ton freighter was equal to a land battle in terms of destruction, the losses sustained were huge. Told from the perspective of their crews, this is the inspiring story of the long-suffering merchant ships without which Russia would almost certainly have fallen to Nazi Germany.

Navajo Weapon R.

James Bender
Publishing
Analysing, day by day,
the sometimes epic
tank battles following
the Normandy
landings, this book
presents an
extraordinary array of
photographs from the
time. The photos are
accompanied by
detailed captions,
which will be
invaluable to all tank
enthusiasts, together
with a compelling
narrative.

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Accounts of military life
of troops with General
George Custer during
his successful search
for gold on Sioux lands
in the Black Hills in
Dakota territory.

Thunder Below! Focal

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The story of one of
Germany's most
renowned panzer

commanders Based on
Eberbach's own papers
and writings Details on
the armored opponent
the Allies faced after D-
Day In July 1944, after
fighting in most of
Germany's campaigns--
Poland, France in
1940, the Eastern
Front--and then serving
as Heinz Guderian's
troubleshooter,
General of Panzer
Troops Hans Eberbach
took command of
Panzer Group West
near the vital city of
Caen in the British
sector of Normandy.
During the next two
months, Eberbach led
German tanks against
the Allied onslaught in
an ultimately vain
attempt to stop the
breakthrough into
France's interior.
Captured by the British
at the end of August,
Eberbach nevertheless
secured himself a

place among Germany's best panzer
leaders.

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