

Shrapnel Wounds An Infantry Lieutenant S Vietnam War Memoir

The acclaimed World War II historian delivers “a panoramic and compelling boots-on-the-ground illumination of one of the Bulge’s most epic battles” (Patrick K. O’Donnell, author of Washington’s Immortals). Hitler’s last gamble, the Battle of the Bulge, was intended to push the Allied invaders of Normandy all the way back to the beaches. The plan nearly succeeded, and almost certainly would have, were it not for one small Belgian town and its tenacious American defenders who held back a tenfold larger German force while awaiting the arrival of Gen. George Patton’s mighty Third Army. In this dramatic account of the 1944–45 winter of war in Bastogne, historian Peter Schrijvers offers the first full story of the German assault on the strategically located town. From the December stampede of American and Panzer divisions racing to reach Bastogne first, through the bloody eight-day siege from land and air, and through three more weeks of unrelenting fighting even after the siege was broken, events at Bastogne hastened the long-awaited end of WWII. Schrijvers draws on diaries, memoirs, and other fresh sources to illuminate the experiences not only of Bastogne’s three thousand citizens and their American defenders, but also of German soldiers and commanders desperate for victory. The costs of war are revealed, uncovered in the

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stories of those who perished and those who emerged from battle to find the world forever changed. “A fast-paced story . . . Schrijvers does an admirable job of weaving personal accounts into the larger picture of Bastogne’s horrors.” —The Wall Street Journal “Pulse-pounding . . . The first thorough treatment of the famous battle for Bastogne.” —John C. McManus, author of *Fire and Fortitude*

This encyclopedia details the participation of individual ethnic and racial minority groups throughout U.S. military history. * More than 300 entries on ethnic and racial minorities in the U.S. military * Perspectives from more than 50 different contributors * Cross-references and books for further reading appended to each entry * Numerous photographs and illustrations bring the experience of ethnic and racial minorities in wartime to life

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Volume 1 of 2. A Complete List of Awards of the Congressional Medal of Honour, the Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) and the Distinguished Service Medal (DSM).

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Awarded under Authority of the Congress of the USA 1862-1926. Details on each recipient include place of birth, place of residence on entry into the service, where the award was won with citation and number of the General Order authorising the award. Names are arranged alphabetically, and in the case of posthumous awards name and relationship of the next-of kin receiving the award are given. Foreign holders of the DSC and DSM are listed by countries.

The Darkest Summer is the dramatic story of the first three months of the Korean War as it has never been told before. A narrative studded with gripping eyewitness accounts, it focuses on the fateful days when the Korean War's most decisive battles were fought and the Americans who fought them went— however briefly—from the depths of despair to the exultation of total conquest. Drawing on exclusive interviews with dozens of surviving U.S. veterans, it reveals how one ninety-day period changed the course of modern history and opens a unique and revealing window on an all-but-forgotten war.

This is the story of a brilliant and brave man who was drafted in World War II. This book is about Kenneth Harold Anderson, who was drafted into the United States Army in World War II, enduring the horrors of the gory sword of war, as others did in the World Wars and others, experiencing trauma to mind and body that no one should have to go through. But Kenneth served with courage and honor under the most dreadful and atrocious conditions. While serving in the United States Army, he was awarded the Silver Star, he was awarded two Bronze Stars, he was awarded the prestigious French Croix De Guerre, and he was awarded the Purple Heart with Cluster, as he was wounded twice on the battle fields. He had numerous

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Campaign Ribbons because he participated in many of the major battles fought in the European Theater in World War II. Kenneth was a sergeant who was quiet, reserved, reticent, modest, and was reluctant to speak about his experiences and contributions while serving his country, but history speaks for itself this is his story.

Perceptions of the First World War usually come through words written long after the conflict ended. We see the war through time's broader pictures. Rarely do we see the war as it was presented to those involved. Though we can place the war within historical perspectives, most of what we find does little to aid the seeker of an approximation of the direct experience of that war. Fiction can, but only subjectively and at its own deliberate removes. Sometimes neither histories nor fictions provide satisfactory understanding to those seeking to comprehend even a small part of such monumental disasters as the First World War. Through documents, newspaper articles, and letters from a soldier, this book attempts to provide a littler of that satisfaction.

Historian and Army Captain Jonathan Bratten provides the rich history of a Maine National Guard unit, the 103rd Infantry Regiment, and their mobilization, training, and wartime experiences during the Great War. Lessons exist throughout the book and Bratten's storytelling brings to life America's relationship with World War I in the stories of men who left the comforts of home and traveled to the other side of the earth to fight "to the last man." A Combat Studies Intitute Press publication.

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'Angels of the underground' tells the story of two such members of this lesser-known resistance movement—American women known only as Miss U and High Pockets. Incredibly adept at skirting occupation authorities to support the Allied effort, the very nature of their clandestine wartime work meant that the truth behind their dangerous activities had to be obscured as long as the Japanese occupied the Philippines. Were their identities revealed, they would be arrested, tortured, and executed. Throughout the war, Miss U and High Pockets remained hidden behind a veil of deceit and subterfuge.

A masterful retelling one of the major victories of Canadian troops over the German army's elite division during WWII. In one blood-soaked, furious week of fighting, from December 20 to December 27, 1943, the 1st Canadian Infantry Division took the town of Ortona, Italy, from elite German paratroopers ordered to hold the medieval port town at all costs. Infantrymen serving in the Loyal Edmonton Regiment and the Seaforth Highlanders, supported by tankers of the Three Rivers Regiment, moved from house to house in hand-to-hand combat amid heavy shelling and wrested the town from the grip of the fierce German defenders. Getting into Ortona had been a battle of its own. Ortona, the pearl of the Adriatic, stands on a promontory impregnable from three sides, with seacliffs on the north and east, and a deep ravine on the west. The Canadian infantrymen, drawn from virtually every corner of Canada, attacked from the south under the command of Major-General Chris Vokes, fighting across narrow gullies, mud-choked vineyards and olive groves, into the narrow streets of Ortona itself. When the

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vicious battle was over, 2605 Canadians were dead or wounded. But the town that had become known as "Little Stalingrad" was now in Allied hands.

With very little warning, three American military divisions, a good portion of the long-term Occupation forces stationed in Japan at the outset of the summer of 1950, were suddenly rushed by plane and boat onto the southern peninsula of Korea. Their miss

A riveting story of American fighting men, *Outlaw Platoon* is Lieutenant Sean Parnell's stunning personal account of the legendary U.S. Army's 10th Mountain Division's heroic stand in the mountains of Afghanistan. Acclaimed for its vivid, poignant, and honest recreation of sixteen brutal months of nearly continuous battle in the deadly Hindu Kesh, *Outlaw Platoon* is a *Band of Brothers* or *We Were Soldiers Once and Young* for the early 21st century—an action-packed, highly emotional true story of enormous sacrifice and bravery. A magnificent account of heroes, renegades, infidels, and brothers, it stands with Sebastian Junger's *War* as one of the most important books to yet emerge from the heat, smoke, and fire of America's War in Afghanistan.

The rhetoric of heroism pervades politics. Political leaders invoke their own heroic credentials, soldiers are celebrated at sporting events, ordinary citizens become state symbols (or symbols of opposition), and high profile celebrities embody a glamorized, humanitarian heroism. Using analytical tools drawn from

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international relations, gender studies, war studies, history, and comparative politics, this book examines the cultural and political phenomenon of heroism and its relationship to the process of creating, sustaining and challenging political communities. Arguing that heroism is socially constructed and relational, the contributors demonstrate that heroes and heroic narratives always serve particular interests in the ways that they create and uphold certain images of states and other political communities. Studying the heroes that have been sanctioned by a community tells us important things about that community, including how it sees itself, its values and its pressing needs at a particular moment. Conversely, understanding those who are presented in opposition to heroes (victims, demonized opponents), or who become the heroes of resistance movements, can also tell us a great deal about the politics of a state or a regime. Heroes are at once the institutionalization of political power, and yet amorphous--one can go from being a hero to a villain in short order. This book will appeal to scholars and students working on topics related to international relations, gender, security and war studies, comparative politics, state building, and political communities.

The true story of an elite group of men who wrote a page in Naval history. They patrolled the waterways in thirty-one foot river patrol boats powered by Detroit

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diesel engines with water jet-propulsion. Armed with machineguns and grenade launchers, as well as sheer guts and determination, these sailors faced danger around every bend in the river. Working together, they became one of the finest weapons in Admiral Zumwalt's arsenal for turning back the tide of communist infiltration into Saigon, taking control of the inland waterways. These are true accounts of their bravery, which they proved time and again by spearheading operations into enemy controlled territory. United together in brotherhood, they accomplished all their missions and won their part of the Vietnam War. .

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