

Death Traps The Survival Of An American Armored Division In World War Ii Belton Y Cooper

World War II was one of the greatest conflicts the world has ever seen. In this approachable and authoritative book, Spencer C. Tucker traces the history of the war and provides a clear overview of the events leading up to it, the war itself, and its aftermath. The Second World War - begins with the consequences of the First World War and the events of the 1920s and 1930s that led to a new world conflict - examines the military strengths and weaknesses of the various warring nations, the course of the war, the pivotal battles, and the important weapons systems - assesses the major diplomatic and military decisions and milestones, such as the decision to employ the atomic bomb - explores the reasons why the war evolved as it did - considers the socio-economic impact of the war on the home fronts - discusses the immediate aftermath of the conflict and its important effects, the general peace settlement, and the origins of the Cold War Combining military analysis with an incisive examination of the political and social aspects of the Second World War, this is an essential guide to one of the most turbulent and destructive phases in human history.

Few lessons are as prevalent in military history as is the adage that tanks don't perform well in cities. The notion of deliberately committing tanks to urban combat is anathema to most. In "Breaking the Mold: Tanks in the Cities," Ken Gott disproves that notion with a timely series of five case studies from World War II to the present war in Iraq. This is not a parochial or triumphant study. These cases demonstrate that tanks must do more than merely "arrive" on

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the battlefield to be successful in urban combat. From Aachen in 1944 to Fallujah in 2004, the absolute need for specialized training and the use of combined arms at the lowest tactical levels are two of the most salient lessons that emerge from this study. When properly employed, well-trained and well-supported units led by tanks are decisive in urban combat. The reverse also is true. Chechen rebels taught the Russian army and the world a brutal lesson in Grozny about what happens when armored units are poorly led, poorly trained, and cavalierly employed in a city. The case studies in this monograph are high-intensity battles in conflicts ranging from limited interventions to major combat operations. It would be wrong to use them to argue for the use of tanks in every urban situation. As the intensity of the operation decreases, the 2nd and 3rd order effects of using tanks in cities can begin to outweigh their utility. The damage to infrastructure caused by their sheer weight and size is just one example of what can make tanks unsuitable for every mission. Even during peace operations, however, the ability to employ tanks and other heavy armored vehicles can be crucial. "Breaking the Mold" provides an up-to-date analysis of the utility of tanks and heavy armored forces in urban combat. The U.S. Army will increasingly conduct combat operations in urban terrain, and it will be necessary to understand what it takes to employ tanks to achieve success in that battlefield environment.

The tank revolutionized the battlefield in World War II. In the years since, additional technological developments--including nuclear weapons, ballistic missiles, computer assisted firing, and satellite navigation--have continued to transform the face of combat. The only complete history of U.S. armed forces from the advent of the tank in battle during World War I to the campaign to drive Iraq out of Kuwait in 1991, Camp Colt to Desert Storm traces the

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development of doctrine for operations at the tactical and operational levels of war and translates this fighting doctrine into the development of equipment.

I december 1944, precis i slutet av andra världskriget, chockade Hitler en hel värld med en mäktig tysk motoffensiv på västfronten. För andra gången i kriget blev de allierade helt överrumplade av att anfallet kom genom Ardennerna - det kuperade skogsområdet i östra Belgien och Luxemburg. De trodde fortfarande att det inte gick att föra fram en stor armé där, men blev snabbt varse hur fel de haft. Till synes oövervinnliga rullade stora tyska stridsvagnskolonner västerut. Den allra senaste tyska vapentechnologin koncentrerades till denna offensiv - väldiga Königstiger-stridsvagnar, en revolutionerande ny automatkarbin, flygande bomber och toppmoderna jetflygplan. Tyskarna satte till och med in eldrivna miniubåtar till stöd för Ardenneroffensiven! Halva amerikanska 1. armén kastades över ända och tusentals soldater togs tillfånga. Men i en liten stad, Bastogne, bet sig amerikanska fallskärmsjägare fast. Under tiden skyndade den hårdföre general Pattons armé till undsättning. Ändå krävdes det ett sex veckor långt, blodigt vinterslag - det mest förlustrika i den amerikanska arméns historia - innan tyskarna hade pressats tillbaka. Christer Bergström har intervjuat krigsveteraner, gått igenom stora mängder arkivmaterial samt rest och forskat i området. Resultatet är en stor mängd tidigare opublicerat material och nya rön som presenteras i denna genomgripande skildring av det dramatiska Ardennerlaget vintern 1944/1945. Ardennerlaget beskrivs ofta från den amerikanska utgångspunkten. Här ges båda sidors perspektiv lika stort utrymme. Inte minst lyfts veteranernas egna berättelser fram, vilket ger en mänsklig dimension åt detta blodiga slag. Boken är försedd med nära 400 illustrationer, inklusive ett stort antal aldrig tidigare publicerade fotografier, ett stort antal kartor av Samuel

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Svärd och 32 förstklassiga färgprofiler av stridsfordon och flygplan av den världskände profilartisten Claes Sundin. Christer Bergström, f. 1958, har ett 20-tal böcker om andra världskriget, flertalet utgivna på den internationella marknaden, bakom sig.

Dunbar is the deadliest planet settled by mankind in the distant future. The animal life is 99% deadly and as if that were not enough, the plant life is just as lethal. You don't grow up on Dunbar without developing the fastest reaction time a human being can acquire. No one in his right mind would go to the hellhole known as Dunbar. Onto this planet our heroes crash land in their space ship while being chased by a madman out for power. Their only chance for survival is Shelia. She grew up on Dunbar and has become a legend among her people. Her companion Harvey is from the heavy gravity planet Titan and together they try to survive the death traps of her home world. While doing this, the rest of the universe is thrown into a war with the outcome deciding the fate of the planet Earth. Earth is a planet of mystical computers and fantastic machines.

The Western European and Mediterranean Theaters in World War II is a concise, comprehensive guide for students, teachers, and history buffs of the Second World War. With an emphasis on the American forces in these theaters, each entry is accompanied by a brief annotation that will allow researchers to navigate through the vast amount of literature on the campaigns fought in these regions with ease. Focusing on all aspects surrounding the U.S. involvement in the Western European and Mediterranean theaters, including politics, religion, biography, strategy, intelligence, and operations, this bibliography will be a welcome addition to the collection of any academic or research library. Routledge Research Guides to American Military Studies provide concise, annotated bibliographies to the major areas and events in

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Napoleon delayed his attack at Waterloo to allow the mud to dry. Had he attacked earlier, he might have defeated Wellington before Blücher arrived. In November 1942, Russian mud stopped the Germans, who could not advance again until the temperature dropped low enough to freeze the mud. During the Vietnam War, "Project Popeye" was an American attempt to lengthen the monsoon and cause delays on the Ho Chi Minh Trail. Soldiers have always known just how significant mud can be in war. But historians have not fully recognized its importance, and few have discussed the phenomenon in more than a passing manner. Only three books--Military Geography (by John Collins), Battling the Elements (by Harold Winters et al.), and Battlegrounds) (edited by Michael Stephenson)-- have addressed it at any length and then only as part of the entire environment's effect on the battlefield. None of these books analyzed mud's influence on the individual combatant. Mud: A Military History first defines the substance's very different types. Then it examines their specific effects on mobility and on soldiers and their equipment over the centuries and throughout the world. From the Russian rasputiza to the Southeast Asian monsoon, C. E. Wood demonstrates mud's profound impact on the course of military history. Citing numerous veterans' memoirs, archival sources, personal interviews, and historical sources, soldier-scholar Wood pays particular attention to mud's effect on combatants' morale, health, and fatigue. His book is for all infantrymen--past, present, or the clean, dry, comfortable armchair variety.

In December 1944, just as World War II appeared to be winding down, Hitler shocked the world with a powerful German counteroffensive that cracked the center of the American front. The attack came through the Ardennes, the hilly and forested area in eastern Belgium and Luxembourg that the Allies had considered a "quiet" sector. Instead, for the second time in the

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war, the Germans used it as a stealthy avenue of approach for their panzers. Much of U.S. First Army was overrun, and thousands of prisoners were taken as the Germans forged a 50-mile “bulge” into the Allied front. But in one small town, Bastogne, American paratroopers, together with remnants of tank units, offered dogged resistance. Meanwhile the rest of Eisenhower’s “broad front” strategy came to a halt as Patton, from the south, and Hodges, from the north, converged on the enemy incursion. Yet it would take an epic, six-week-long winter battle, the bloodiest in the history of the U.S. Army, before the Germans were finally pushed back. Christer Bergström has interviewed veterans, gone through huge amounts of archive material, and performed on-the-spot research in the area. The result is a large amount of previously unpublished material and new findings, including reevaluations of tank and personnel casualties and the most accurate picture yet of what really transpired. The Ardennes Offensive has often been described from the American point of view; however, this balanced book devotes equal attention to the perspectives of both sides. With nearly 400 photos, numerous maps, and 32 superb color profiles of combat vehicles and aircraft, it provides perhaps the most comprehensive look at the battle yet published.

After storming the beaches on D-Day, June 6, 1944, the Allied invasion of France bogged down in seven weeks of grueling attrition in Normandy. On July 25, U.S. divisions under Gen. Omar Bradley launched Operation Cobra, an attempt to break out of the hedgerows and begin a war of movement across France. Despite a disastrous start, with misdropped bombs killing hundreds of GIs, Cobra proved to be one of the most pivotal battles of World War II, successfully breaking the stalemate in Normandy and clearing a path into occupied France. Tanks, amphibian tanks, and amphibian tractors in action in all theaters, from Africa

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and Europe to the Pacific. How the battalions fought the war, often in the tankers' own words. Crystal-clear maps.

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pleas for more involvement in combat. This book not only attempts to correct the record of military history by illustrating the ways in which the Italians were underutilized by the Allies, but it also serves to paint a fair portrait of the Italian military's substantial efforts to defeat Hitler and eradicate Fascism.

Disaster Survival: How To Survive a Disaster - The practical Guide (Tornado, Hurricane, Earthquake, Avalanche, and More) When disaster strikes our whole world changes. Everything we have come to rely on is compromised, and we often find ourselves with only our wits to get us through. Chances are there will be chaos in the streets, public services will be limited if not non-existent, and former safe havens may suddenly become death traps. It pays for everyone to know and understand what happens in a disaster and the proper steps to take to ensure their own personal safety and that of those in their charge. Through the pages of this book you will learn: What everyone needs to know about disasters Basic preparation skills that will suit any disaster How to pack a Bug Out Bag What you need in a First Aid Kit How to know what to do in the case of a hurricane, tornado, flood, avalanche, and so much more. With the knowledge contained herein, you and your family will be able to venture out confidently knowing that you have the best weapon for your defense; your own ingenuity. Whether you're faced with an earthquake, a flood, or a terrorist attack, we walk you through the different steps you need to take in a variety of situations to ensure you have the best chance possible for surviving a disaster.

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“A fantastic read . . . Whether your interest is armour or history I would highly recommend this book” (Military Modelling). The tank destroyer was a bold—though some would say flawed—answer to the challenge posed by the seemingly unstoppable German Blitzkrieg. The TD was conceived to be light and fast enough to outmaneuver panzer forces and go where tanks could not. At the same time, the TD would wield the firepower needed to kill any German tank on the battlefield. Indeed, American doctrine stipulated that TDs would fight tanks, while American tanks would concentrate on achieving and exploiting breakthroughs of enemy lines. The Tank Killers follows the men who fought in the TDs, from the formation of the force in 1941 through the victory over the Third Reich in 1945. It is a story of American flexibility and pragmatism in military affairs. Tank destroyers were among the very first units to land in North Africa in 1942. Their first vehicles were ad hoc affairs: halftracks and weapons carriers with guns no better than those on tanks, thin armor affording the crews considerably less protection. Almost immediately, the crews began adapting to circumstances, along with their partners in the infantry and armored divisions. By the time North Africa was in Allied hands, the TD had become a valued tank fighter, assault gun, and artillery piece. The reconnaissance teams in TD battalions, meanwhile, had established a record for daring operations that would continue for the rest of the war. The story continues with the invasion of Italy and, finally, that of Fortress Europe on June 6, 1944. By now, the brass had decreed that half the force would convert to towed guns, a decision that

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to sports cars, the Sherman tank is to armored military vehicles a classic example of American ingenuity and design answering a pressing need or desire. M4 Sherman Tanks is the definitive illustrated history of the Sherman tank, covering the entire scope of its development, manufacture, service, armaments, turrets, tracks, drivetrains, and its many variants. The book begins with the M4's evolution from the M3 and M2 tanks and continues through the rapid production of more than fifty-three thousand units in 1942 and 1943 and the tank's further service among more than fifty nations after World War II. Photos from the battlefield and the factory floor, exteriors and interiors of Shermans, and war-related ephemera fill the pages. Insightful text examines how the M4's mechanical reliability and ease of maintenance made it a success, as well as how sheer numbers helped it outgun technologically superior German counterparts. The story doesn't end there but continues to include the postwar conflicts in which M4s were employed, including the Korean War, the Indo-Pakistani War of 1965, and the Arab-Israeli Wars. The M4 Sherman tank is an institution in American--indeed, international--military lore, as synonymous with US military prowess as the P-51 fighter or the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier. This is the complete and authoritative tribute to that legend.

A 712th Tank Battalion veteran of Patton's Third Army returned home after the

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Second World War, but for over fifty years rarely speaks of his wartime experiences. His son grows to manhood with only a perception of combat gleaned from the movies of his youth and knowing little of his father's wartime ordeals. During a difficult time in his son's life, the father breaks his silence as they travel across Europe along the battle route of the 712th Tank Battalion from the hedgerows of Normandy, across France to Metz, and through Luxembourg and Germany. This is not only a story of the father's wartime experiences, but also of the father and son's journey, the bond that developed between them as well as the son's change in perception of combat. A Soldier's Story: Gunner Gruntz of the 712th Tank Battalion tells the gripping yet emotional account of his father's firsthand experiences while standing on the sites where he battled, was wounded, saw friends killed in Normandy and during the Battle of the Bulge, and where he earned the Bronze Star in bloody combat. An exhaustive and essential account of the horrors of war where Gruntz took on the might of the Third Reich and Tiger panzers in his Sherman, A Soldier's Story: Gunner Gruntz of the 712th Tank Battalion is also lavishly illustrated with unpublished period photographs. From the Preface: The following pages provide a narrative analysis of the U.S. Army's development of armored organizations and their related doctrine, materiel, and training activities in the period 1917-1945. This period marked the

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emergence of clear principles of armored warfare that became the underpinning of the Armor Branch, influencing armored developments long after World War II ended. A unique style of mounted maneuver combat emerged that reflected a mix of tradition and innovation. In the process, American military culture changed, particularly through the adoption of combined-arms principles. Conversely, political actions, budgetary considerations, and senior leadership decisions also shaped the course of armor development. The emergence of an American armored force involved more than simply tank development. It included the creation of an armored division structure steeped in combined-arms principles, organizational flexibility, and revolutionary command and control processes. Parallel developments included the establishment of specialized units to provide antitank, reconnaissance, and infantry support capabilities. Several Army branches played a role in determining the precise path of armored development, and one of them—the Cavalry—became a casualty as a result. In an increasingly urbanized world, urban terrain has become a greater factor in military operations. Simultaneously, advances in military technology have given military forces sharply increased capabilities. The conflict comes from how urban terrain can negate or degrade many of those increased capabilities. What happens when advanced weapons are used in a close-range urban fight with an

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abundance of cover? Storming the City explores these issues by analyzing the performance of the US Army and US Marine Corps in urban combat in four major urban battles of the mid-twentieth century (Aachen 1944, Manila 1945, Seoul 1950, and Hue 1968). Alec Wahlman assesses each battle using a similar framework of capability categories, and separate chapters address urban warfare in American military thought. In the four battles, across a wide range of conditions, American forces were ultimately successful in capturing each city because of two factors: transferable competence and battlefield adaptation. The preparations US forces made for warfare writ large proved generally applicable to urban warfare. Battlefield adaptation, a strong suit of American forces, filled in where those overall preparations for combat needed fine tuning. From World War Two to Vietnam, however, there was a gradual reduction in tactical performance in the four battles.

James D. Kiras shows how a number of different special operations, in conjunction with more conventional military actions, achieve and sustain strategic effect(s) over time. In particular, he argues that the root of effective special operations lies in understanding the relationship existing between moral and material attrition at the strategic level. He also presents a theoretical framework for understanding how special operations achieve strategic effects using a unique

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synthesis of strategic theory and case studies. This study shows how the key to understanding how special operations reside in the concept of strategic attrition and in the moral and material nature of strategy. It also highlights major figures such as Carl von Clausewitz, Hans Delbrück, and Mao Zedong, who understood these complexities and were experts in eroding an enemy's will to fight. These and other examples provide a superb explanation of the complexities of modern strategy and the place of special operations in a war of attrition. This book will be of great interest to all students and scholars with an interest in special forces and of strategic and military studies in general.

Captures the multifaceted development of the Armored Force from its inauspicious beginnings in World War 1 to its fully mature, operational status at the close of World War 2. Provides an excellent case study in force transformation. Gives attention to training maneuvers conducted in the interwar period. Source material includes reports, memorandums, and correspondence of the majors, lieutenant colonels, and colonels associated with armored development since World War I.

This expert study discusses the development and evolution of the tank and the tactics behind its employment, covering both its capabilities as a weapons system and its strategic use on the battlefield.

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Chronicles military tanks from WWI to the present, from WWI's Mark V to today's M2 Abrams. THIS BOOK IS about a young, heart broken survivor of a massive attack against the nations, causing war and destruction all across the globe. The Americas and the Eastern hemisphere were in a full out war, attacking one another leaving no one to trust. President Hardy Perkins the IV instated a law that protective shelters be built to ensure the survival of the American people. Just months before the nuclear bombs were dropped, war struck America. The invading forces, the Germans and Russian Liberated Communists, or the GRC, dealt a nasty blow to the free people of America. When the attacks became too overpowering to handle, on all fronts, the president ordered all of the remaining American people to withdrawal inside of the blast shelters, built for one purpose, their protection. One of the attacks had reached the small city of Green Crest, Iowa. They never got the message. As the bombs fell billions upon billions of people all over the world were wiped from existence, without warning. As the world was engulfed in flames, smoldering dust, smoke clouds and charred ash, the entire face of Earth was changed. Water sources were instantly dried and forests burned as a side effect of the hellish storm that had taken place due to the bombs dropping. Being in the Wasteland, the entire climate went with the war. Freezing cold nights all year long and extremely hot summers was an effect of the nuclear bombs. As the polar caps instantly melted and the mountains' snow gone, the weather could get rather extreme sometimes. A few years after the war, the polar caps became giant land masses and the mountains became large snowy, blizzard death traps. All of the world's communications were cut off, except for a few short waved radios. Kadin a small town boy from Green Crest, Iowa was one of the lucky survivors of the great

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flash, a name for the rolling, flaming, dust clouds that came from the bombs, if you call it lucky to survive. It was four months after his seventeenth birthday when this happened, taking everything he ever knew, loved, cared about, and "was" was, gone. Several weeks before the flash they were assaulted by a regiment of attacking forces. Taken by surprise they had little time to plan or prepare for it, but being part of the free American people from Green Crest, Iowa they put a hold on their advance. Kadin, his mother Julie, his mother's serious boyfriend Josh, and Josh's daughter Summer were a family of their own problems. They suffered the loss of Kadin's mother in the first attack from the GRC. Later on Josh was killed in a shooting on Main Street and Washington in the town square. Due to the loss of both parents he took to making Summer's safety his number one concern. He kept her safe up until days before the flash. Now as he scours the wasteland looking for something worth living for. As clouds of memories constantly fill his mind at night especially when he dreams. Knowledge of the past helps him in this war torn, death ravaged future. It's now been eight years since the flash and Kadin has learned how to make it day to day out here in the wastes, avoiding any unprotected settlement and not staying put is his key to life. Raiders, murderers, crooks, famine, mutants, dehydration, and an endless wasteland, welcome to Kadin's story.

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