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battle of the bulge the first 24 hours tells the dramatic story of the first day of the
ardennes offensive explaining in detail how the allies were taken by surprise and the
events that occurred along the length of the front as the germans attempted to break
through the allied lines the book begins with an overview of the situation in the west in
late 1944 describing the german plans as well as their successful efforts to mask the
build up of their forces it also examines the allied high command s complacency
highlighting how they became lax in their attention to ultra decrypts leading them to

believe the ardennes region was secure this is accompanied with an in depth analysis of hitler s strategy and the dispositions of both the german and the american forces in the ardennes region in december 1944

in this gripping unusual volume insight into the battle of the bulge is told through firsthand accounts by german officers the battle a major german offensive caught the allied forces off guard in belgium france and luxembourg and lasting from december 1944 january 1945 had devastating consequences for both sides there were eighty nine thousand americans casualties and between eighty thousand and one hundred thousand german ones it was the largest and bloodiest battle fought by the americans during the war and yet in the end an allied victory there are western accounts of the battle but very little has been told from the german perspective in hitler s ardennes offensive acclaimed military historian danny s parker has compiled together accounts by german officials who reveal how they perceived the battle how they believe adolf hitler perceived it and what in their opinion went wrong the assessments featured include ones from nazi leaders such as ss generals josef dietrich and ss brigadeführer fritz krämer and they are paired with nine rarely seen photographs and three maps the images include a photograph of josef dietrich taken by eva braun one of adolf hitler pouring over a map and one of ss grenadiers pausing to enjoy captured american cigarettes the maps show different parts of the german offensive the unique volume was created after parker spent twenty five years studying world war ii and conducting more than two hundred interviews on it released ten years ago in a limited print run it is now shortly after the seventieth anniversary of the battle finally back in print skyhorse publishing as well as our arcade imprint are proud to publish a broad range of books for readers interested in history books about world war ii the third reich hitler and his henchmen the jfk assassination conspiracies the american civil war the american revolution gladiators vikings ancient rome medieval times the old west and much more while not every title we publish becomes a new york times bestseller or a national bestseller we are committed to books on subjects that are sometimes overlooked and to authors whose work might not otherwise find a home

on december 16 1944 hitler launched his last desperate offensive of world war ii it was his final great gamble and later became known as the battle of the bulge

german army deficiencies are often cited as the reason for the failure of the german counteroffensive in the ardennes region of france belgium and luxembourg in december of 1944 to january 1945 which the germans called operation wacht am rhein the allies named the ardennes counteroffensive and was also commonly known as the battle of the bulge it is certainly true that the three german armies regrouped for the offensive were in differing states only the 5th panzer army was in something resembling good condition with the 6th and the 7th mediocre at best the divisions were also often not mobile enough because of the lack of automotive equipment and were short on tanks and artillery but these cannot be considered the only reasons for the german failure it was also the speed of the allied reaction and especially the conduct of the americans who experienced some of the fiercest combat of the war and suffered over 100 000 casualties

this volume in the casemate illustrated series with over 100 photographs and 24 color profiles describes in detail the different events that caused the german defeat from the beginning of the offensive on december 16 1944 to the retreat behind the siegfried line it looks at several topics in particular the american resistance at st vith the resistance of the 101st airborne in bastogne german obstinacy in persisting with the siege at bastogne the airlift and the intervention of the 9th us air force the rapid regrouping of the 3rd us army patton's counterattack the british counterattack and finally how the allies failed to transform the german withdrawal into rout missing an opportunity to cross the siegfried line and the rhine on the heels of the germans leading to an incomplete victory

a comprehensive photo filled account of the six week long battle of the bulge when panzers slipped through the forest and took the allies by surprise 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 war the germans used it as a stealthy avenue of approach for their panzers much of us first army was overrun and thousands of prisoners were taken as the germans forged a fifty 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 hodge's 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 us 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 from the perspectives of both sides with nearly four hundred photos numerous maps and thirty two superb color profiles of combat vehicles and aircraft it provides perhaps the most comprehensive look at the battle yet published

this study is a historical analysis of the german special operations conducted in support of their overall ardennes offensive it focuses on the two major special operations of the german offensive operations greif and stoesser operation greif was the german attempt to infiltrate a commando unit behind american lines disguised as american soldiers operation stoesser the last german airborne operation of the war was designed to secure a key cross roads behind american lines these special operations failed because of faulty planning inadequate preparation and a lack of coordination between the special and conventional forces these problems exacerbated by a lack of preparation time resulted in a pair of ad hoc units that were unable to accomplish their primary missions although the operations were characterized by boldness initiative and improvisation this study also examines the strategic setting planning preparations and conduct of these operations as well as their impact on the overall campaign this study also examines the key lessons learned that can be derived from both operations lastly the study explores the implications of these lessons for the u s military of today

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this study investigates the role that logistics played in the failure of the german offensive in the ardennes in 1944 the thesis explains that despite the incredible build up of forces and supplies the inability of the german strategic and operational logistics systems to properly equip fuel arm and move forces caused the failure of the ardennes offensive the concept of this thesis starts with the overall strategic military and political situation of germany in the fall of 1944 that hitler used to base his decision to conduct the offensive in december 1944 the study then examines in detail the strategic capabilities during the build up of supplies and the operational level organization and planning for the offensive an analysis of the details on the impact of terrain climate allied air interdiction and operation point blank is included in this chapter then it examines the first weeks of the offensive and looks at the failure of the fuel and arm and move tactical logistics functions an analysis of the impact of logistics on supporting operations is included in this chapter

the focus on the 1944 ardennes offensive is always on the initial dash of kampfguppe peiper and the battles around bastogne the tanks steal the show most german forces involved were however infantry divisions with little means of transport they are often regarded as the weak link the footsloggers who could not catch up with the tanks there was however an often overlooked german infantry success in the schneifel sector the german 18th volksgrenadierdivision almost singlehandedly defeated the american 106th infantry division in the historiography this is often either glossed over or grossly exaggerated why because an inferior german force in terms of infantry artillery and armour defeated a larger better trained american force this book explains how a german volksgrenadierdivision was shaped up for battle and which role its general played in the eventual success it also highlights the crucial role of a dozen assault guns an unassuming tracked vehicle in the german attack the american side is not forgotten and gets a thorough analysis on often overlooked aspects like the integration of replacements and the problems of command r a b bruijns is a military historian with a focus on the first and second world war he also runs the youtube channel armies and battles

this historical work tells the story at all echelons of command of the european campaign during world war ii with special emphasis on the crisis that shook the western coalition hitler's surprise ardennes offensive the battle of the bulge

the german winter counteroffensive of december 1944 january 1945 with a detailed description of german plans and allied efforts to eliminate the bulge in their lines

includes maps during most of the eleven months between d day and v e day in europe the u s army was carrying on highly successful offensive operations as a consequence the american soldier was buoyed with success imbued with the idea that his enemy could not strike him a really heavy counterblow and sustained by the conviction that the war was nearly won then unbelievably and under the goad of hitler s fanaticism the german army launched its powerful counteroffensive in the ardennes in december 1944 with the design of knifing through the allied armies and forcing a negotiated peace the mettle of the american soldier was tested in the fires of adversity and the quality of his response earned for him the right to stand shoulder to shoulder with his forebears of valley forge fredericksburg and the marne this is the story of how the germans planned and executed their offensive it is the story of how the high command american and british reacted to defeat the german plan once the reality of a german offensive was accepted but most of all it is the story of the american fighting man and the manner in which he fought a myriad of small defensive battles until the torrent of the german attack was slowed and diverted its force dissipated and finally spent it is the story of squads platoons companies and even conglomerate scratch groups that fought with courage with fortitude with sheer obstinacy often without information or communications or the knowledge of the whereabouts of friends in less than a fortnight the enemy was stopped and the americans were preparing to resume the offensive while bastogne has become the symbol of this obstinate gallant and successful defense this work appropriately emphasizes the crucial significance of early american success in containing the attack by holding firmly on its northern and southern shoulders and by upsetting the enemy timetable at st vith and a dozen lesser known but important and decisive battlefields the hard fighting that preceded the battle of the bulge has been recounted in two volumes the siegfried line campaign and dr cole s own earlier work the lorraine campaign events after it will be related in the last offensive now in preparation two other volumes in this subseries the supreme command and logistical support of the armies volume ii are useful supplements to the ardennes volume in re creating the ardennes battle the author has penetrated the fog of war as well as any historian can hope to do no other volume of this series treats as thoroughly or as well the teamwork of the combined arms infantry and armor artillery and air combat engineer and tank destroyer or portrays as vividly the starkness of small unit combat every thoughtful student of military history but most especially the student of small unit tactics should find the reading of dr cole s work a rewarding experience

blood and steel 3 the wehrmacht archive the ardennes offensive december 1944 to january 1945 is an extensive and colourful collection of translated german military documents private letters and diaries relating to one of the most hard fought battles of the second world war this rare material was gathered by the intelligence section of the american british and canadian armies and ranges from orders issued by feldmarschall von rundstedt down to jokes told by the ordinary german soldier often at the expense of his superiors the infamous use by the germans of troops disguised as americans driving captured us vehicles to sow confusion behind enemy lines is described as it happened including a desperate plea by two germans captured in us uniforms to be spared execution this unique collection gives an unparalleled insight into german tactics

organisation morale and attitudes to their opponents during the battle of the bulge the last desperate gamble by hitler to defeat the allied offensive in the west and is required reading for all historians and enthusiasts of the period

first published in 1992 to rave reviews danny parker s battle of the bulge has since become the standard history of the battle praised by historians for its stirring narrative meticulous research and its wealth of new information and fresh interpretations published now in a new edition including a photo section with fascinating then and now images of the ardennes area battlefield this classic history of the battle of the bulge will be released to coincide with the 60th anniversary of the battle

a new assessment of the battle of the bulge the largest and bloodiest battle fought by u s forces in world war ii offers a balanced perspective that considers both the german and american viewpoints and discusses the failings of intelligence hitler s strategic grasp effects of weather and influence of terrain and differences in weaponry understanding of aerial warfare and doctrine

as allied armies swept towards the reich in late 1944 the german high command embarked on an ambitious plan to wrest the initiative on the western front and deal a crippling blow to the allied war effort this superb book brings together a wealth of primary source material including german documentation and debriefs of german generals to tell the story of this famous campaign from the german point of view expertly edited by the acclaimed historian danny s parker this is an impressive volume which sheds fascinating light on one of the most crucial episodes of the second world war

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