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In 1983 the
Eisenhower Center at
the University of New
Orleans began a
project to record the
recollections of as
many people as
possible -- civilians as
well as soldiers -- who

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were involved in one of the most pivotal events of the century. Skillfully edited by Ronald J. Drez and first published on the fifty-year anniversary of D-Day, the award-winning *Voices of D-Day* tells the story of that momentous operation almost entirely through the

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words of the people
who were there.
Cornelius Ryan's
account of 6th June
1944, takes the reader
from the planning of
the world's greatest
ever amphibious
landing up to its
implementation. In
interviews with
survivors, this text
captures the horror

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and the glory of D-
Day.

June 6, 1944:

Nineteen boys from
Bedford,

Virginia--population
just 3,000 in

1944--died in the first
bloody minutes of D-

Day. They were part
of Company A of the
116th Regiment of the
29th Division, and the

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first wave of
American soldiers to
hit the beaches in
Normandy. Later in
the campaign, three
more boys from this
small Virginia town
died of gunshot
wounds. Twenty-two
sons of Bedford
lost--it is a story one
cannot easily forget
and one that the

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families of Bedford will never forget. The Bedford Boys is the true and intimate story of these men and the friends and families they left behind. Based on extensive interviews with survivors and relatives, as well as diaries and letters, Kershaw's book

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focuses on several remarkable individuals and families to tell one of the most poignant stories of World War II--the story of one small American town that went to war and died on Omaha Beach. Early in 1944, German commander Field Marshal Erwin

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Rommel took a look at the sloping sands and announced "They will come here!" He was referring to "Omaha Beach". The beach was then transformed into three miles of lethal, bunker-protected arcs of fire, with seaside chalets converted into concrete strongpoints,

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with layers of barbed wire and mines. When Company A of the US 116th Regiment landed on Omaha Beach in D-Day's first wave on 6th June 1944, it lost 96% of its effective strength.

This was the beginning of the historic day that Landing on the Edge

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of Eternity narrates hour by hour—midnight to midnight—tracking German and American soldiers fighting across the beachhead. The Wehrmacht thought they had bludgeoned the Americans into submission yet by mid-afternoon, the

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American troops were ashore. Why were the casualties so grim, and how could the Germans have failed? Juxtaposing the American experience—pinned down, swamped by a rising tide, facing young Wehrmacht soldiers fighting desperately for their

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lives, Kershaw draws on eyewitness accounts, memories, letters, and post-combat reports to expose the true horrors of Omaha Beach. Landing on the Edge of Eternity is a dramatic historical ride through an amphibious landing that looked as though

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it might never
succeed.

Operation Overlord
D-Day

The Longest Day
Forgotten

The First Wave

The Dead and Those
about to Die

*Normandy depicts the
planning and execution
of Operation Overlord
in 96 full-color pages.*

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The initial paratrooper assault is shown, as well as the storming of the five D-Day beaches: Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno, and Sword. But the story does not end there. Once the Allies got ashore, they had to stay ashore. The Germans made every effort to push them back into the sea. This book depicts the such key

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events in the Allied liberation of Europe as:

- 1. Construction of the Mulberry Harbors, two giant artificial harbors built in England and floated across the English Channel so that troops, vehicles, and supplies could be offloaded across the invasion beaches.*
- 2. The Capture of Cherbourg, the nearest French port,*

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*against a labyrinth of
Gennan pillboxes.3. The
American fight through
the heavy bocage
(hedgerow country) to
take the vital town of
Saint-Lô.4. The British-
Canadian struggle for
the city of Caen against
the “Hitler Youth
Division,” made up of
23,000 seventeen- and
eighteen-year-old Nazi
fanatics.5. The breakout*

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of General Patton's Third Army and the desperate US 30th Division's defense of Mortaine.6. The Falaise Pocket, known as the "Killing Ground, " where the remnants of two German armies were trapped and bombed and shelled into submission. The slaughter was so great that 5,000 Germans

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were buried in one mass grave. 7. The Liberation of Paris, led by the 2nd Free French Armored Division, which had been fighting for four long years with this goal in mind.

Book Description: Pat was a teenage boy who came of age during the tumultuous times of World War II. He entered the Army during

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his eighteenth year as a voluntary inductee. Basic training was administered at Ft. Bragg N. C. After basic training, he was scheduled to be shipped to the South Pacific as a member of a pack artillery unit but an untimely bout of the flu forced a change in his assignment. He was placed in a replacement

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pool, a pool of young soldiers who would step into the vacancies caused by the inevitable casualties that would occur during the planned invasion of Europe, codenamed “Operation Overlord.” Pat shipped over seas in a small wooden vessel that once carried fruit from South America to Boston. It had been

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requisitioned to carry troops to Great Britain. It was a very large convoy that included Pat ?s ship. The speed of the crossing was no greater than the speed of the slowest vessel in the fleet. The crossing took weeks in a constant attempt to evade German U Boats by an erratic course across the Atlantic. The port of

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debarkation was

Liverpool, England. A troop train transported the soldiers from there to a military establishment in Cardiff, Wales. Here the soldiers continued to train and bide their time, waiting for the inevitable invasion of Europe.

Soon the soldiers were transported to the Channel Coast where

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*they remained on
standby alert for the
invasion to commence.
D Day, June 6, 1944,
arrived, Operation
Overlord was
unleashed. The
gruesome casualties of
Omaha Beach were
endured and the beach
head prevailed. Six days
after D Day, the
contingent of
replacements that*

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included Pat landed on Omaha Beach and fulfilled the purpose of their existence. They replaced the soldiers that had been killed or wounded in the preceding six days. Pat was assigned to the first howitzer gun crew of A Battery, 15th Field Artillery Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division. The Fifteenth Battalion was

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the artillery support and a part of the 9th Combat Team (9th CBT) that included the 9th Infantry Regiment of the 2nd Infantry Division. Pat learned his job as a 105 howitzer gun crew member as A Battery fired their guns in support of the 9th Infantry, moving from position to position through the French

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hedgerow country. He learned his job well and eventually was assigned the job as loader for his crew. Pat formed two close friendships in his military experience, Ed who he had known since basic training and Ben, the Texan on his crew, who became his puppet partner. After the successful conclusion of the Normandy

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Campaign, the 2nd Division was ordered to subdue the port city of Brest on the Breton Peninsula. A 220-mile road march brought the 2nd Division to the outskirts of the city. Brest was defended by a garrison of 36,000 German soldiers, the core of which were the vaunted 2nd Paratroop Division. After the

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surrender of the German garrison at Brest. Pat ?s unit had a short respite before embarking on another road march of 710 miles through liberated France to the German boarder. The 15th Battalion took defensive positions in the Schnee Eiffel forest. Here for the next month, the 15th Battalion ?s Artillery

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Batteries engaged in counter battery, observing and harassing fire missions in this sector of a thinly held front. Log bunkhouses and mess halls were constructed to combat the increasingly severe winter weather. German Buzz Bombs were observed here for the first time. Early December found the 9th

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CBT on the road heading north to begin an attack on the Siegfried Line. Pat and his buddies reluctantly gave up their comfortable quarters to a green division fresh from the States that relieved them. After heavy fighting and artillery bombardment, a critical crossroads on the Siegfried Line,

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Wehlerscheid, was taken, only to be given back the next day. The Germans had started their infamous winter offensive, The Battle of the Bulge. Our troops were ordered to withdraw several miles and establish a defensive line. This unprecedented withdraw Of the tens of thousands of American soldiers,

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sailors, and airmen who took part in the invasion of Normandy on June 6, 1944, only 235 were awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, Navy Cross, or Medal of Honor for acts of extraordinary heroism. For the first time, the stories of the incredible acts of courage are told through the eyes of

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those who witnessed them. In addition, a number of first hand accounts of that day by the recipients themselves are also included. This book puts these first hand witness and recipient accounts in the larger context of the invasion. The book includes over one hundred photos of the battlefield, weapons,

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and equipment, with over forty rare images of German fortifications and weapons found on Utah Beach, Pointe du Hoc, and Omaha Beach. Detailed maps of German defenses on Utah and Omaha Beach in the book are drawn from defense overprint maps used to plan the invasion. The award citations of all of the

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recipients are included in the book, along with 268 photos of the recipients-many of which were taken at the ceremonies as they were awarded the medals-putting faces with the names and actions of these incredibly courageous men. This is the first in a series of books about American heroes of World War II

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*written by Phil Nordyke,
the author of six highly
acclaimed books about
the World War II 82nd
Airborne Division.*

*Using awards files,
interviews, memoirs,
and after-action reports,
Nordyke has
successfully woven these
accounts of incredible
heroism into the D-Day
timeline, creating a
powerful and*

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*compelling narrative
which puts the reader
into the middle of the
action.*

*From the author of Fire
and Fortitude, a white-
knuckle account of the
1st Infantry Division's
harrowing D-Day
assault on the eastern
sector of Omaha
Beach--acclaimed
historian John C.*

McManus has written a

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gripping history that will stand as the last word on this titanic World War II battle. Nicknamed the Big Red One, 1st Division had fought from North Africa to Sicily, earning a reputation as stalwart warriors on the front lines and rabble-rousers in the rear. Yet on D-Day, these jaded combat veterans melded with

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*fresh-faced
replacements to
accomplish one of the
most challenging and
deadly missions ever. As
the men hit the beach,
their equipment
destroyed or washed
away, soldiers cut down
by the dozens,
courageous heroes
emerged: men such as
Sergeant Raymond
Strojny, who grabbed a*

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bazooka and engaged in a death duel with a fortified German antitank gun; T/5 Joe Pinder, a former minor-league pitcher who braved enemy fire to save a vital radio; Lieutenant John Spalding, a former sportswriter, and Sergeant Phil Streczyk, a truck driver, who together demolished a

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German strong point overlooking Easy Red, where hundreds of Americans had landed. Along the way, McManus explores the Gap Assault Team engineers who dealt with the extensive mines and obstacles, suffering nearly a fifty percent casualty rate; highlights officers such as Brigadier General

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Willard Wyman and Colonel George Taylor, who led the way to victory; and punctures scores of myths surrounding this long-misunderstood battle. The Dead and Those About to Die draws on a rich array of new or recently unearthed sources, including interviews with veterans. The result is

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*history at its finest, the
unforgettable story of
the Big Red One's
nineteen hours of
hell--and their ultimate
triumph--on June 6,
1944.*

*Landing on the Edge of
Eternity*

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Normandiefront

A Flawed Victory

Destroyers At

Normandy: Naval

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*Gunfire Support At
Omaha Beach
[Illustrated Edition]
An Artist's Journey
Through War*

***In the cold
morning of June
6, 1944,
thousands of
German soldiers
are in position
from Port en
Bessin eastwards
past Colleville***

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on the Normandy coast, aware that a massive invasion force is heading straight for them. According to Allied Intelligence, they shouldn't be there. 352 infantry division would ensure the

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invaders would pay a massive price to take Omaha beach. There were veterans from the Russian front amongst them and they were well trained and equipped. the presence of 352 Division meant

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that the number of defenders was literally double the number expected - and on the best fortified of all the invasion beaches. What makes this account of the bloody struggle unique is that it is told from

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***the German
standpoint,
using firsthand
testimony of
German
combatants.***

***There are not
many of them
left and these
accounts have
been
painstakingly
collected by the
authors over***

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many years.

*Original
publication and
copyright date:
2007.*

*The D-Day
landings of 6
June 1944 were
the largest
amphibious
military
operation ever
mounted. The
greatest armada*

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the world had ever seen was assembled to transport the Allied invasion force across the Channel and open the long-awaited second front against Hitler's Third Reich. Of the landings on the five assault beaches, Omaha

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Beach was the only one ever in doubt. Within moments of the first wave landing a third of the assault troops were casualties. Yet by the end of D-Day the Atlantic Wall had been breached and the US Army's V

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**Corps was firmly
entrenched on
French soil.**

**June 6, 1944:
Nineteen boys
from Bedford,
Virginia --
population just
3,000 in 1944 --
died in the
first bloody
minutes of D-
Day. They were
part of Company**

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***A of the 116th
Regiment of the
29th Division,
and the first
wave of American
soldiers to hit
the beaches in
Normandy. Later
in the campaign,
three more boys
from this small
Virginia town
died of gunshot
wounds. Twenty-***

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Bedford lost--it
is a story one
cannot easily
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that the
families of
Bedford will
never forget.
The Bedford Boys
is the true and
intimate story
of these men and
the friends and*

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*families they
left behind.
Based on
extensive
interviews with
survivors and
relatives, as
well as diaries
and letters,
Kershaw's book
focuses on
several
remarkable
individuals and*

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*families to tell
one of the most
poignant stories
of World War
II--the story of
one small
American town
that went to war
and died on
Omaha Beach.*

*The Memoirs of
Eugene G. Schulz
During His
Service in the*

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***United States
Army in World
War II
The Ghost in
General Patton's
Third Army
The Boys of
Pointe Du
Hoc--the Rangers
Who Accomplished
D-Day's Toughest
Mission and Led
the Way Across
Europe***

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***D-Day: the Big
Red One at Omaha
Beach***

***V corps' Battle
for the Normandy
Beachhead***

***The Boys of
Pointe du Hoc***

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***Alex Kershaw,
author of The
Longest Winter and***

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The Liberator,
returns with an
utterly immersive,
adrenaline-driven
account of D-Day
combat. “Meet the
assaulters:
pathfinders plunging
from the black,
coxswains plowing
the whitecaps,
bareknuckle
Rangers scaling

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sheer rock . . . Fast-paced and up close, this is history's greatest story reinvigorated as only Alex Kershaw can."—Adam Makos, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Spearhead and A Higher Call*
Beginning in the predawn darkness

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*of June 6, 1944,
The First Wave
follows the
remarkable men
who carried out D-
Day's most perilous
missions. The
charismatic,
unforgettable cast
includes the first
American
paratrooper to touch
down on Normandy*

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*soil; the glider pilot
who braved
antiaircraft fire to
crash-land mere
yards from the vital
Pegasus Bridge; the
brothers who led
their troops onto
Juno Beach under
withering fire; as
well as a French
commando,
returning to his*

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native land, who fought to destroy German strongholds on Sword Beach and beyond.

Readers will experience the sheer grit of the Rangers who scaled Pointe du Hoc and the astonishing courage of the airborne soldiers

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*who captured the
Merville Gun Battery
in the face of
devastating enemy
counterattacks. The
first to fight when
the stakes were
highest and the
odds longest, these
men would
determine the fate
of the invasion of
Hitler's fortress*

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Europe—and the very history of the twentieth century. The result is an epic of close combat and extraordinary heroism. It is the capstone Alex Kershaw's remarkable career, built on his close friendships with D-Day survivors and

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his intimate understanding of the Normandy battlefield. For the seventy-fifth anniversary, here is a fresh take on World War II's longest day. Praise for The First Wave: "Masterful... readers will feel the sting of the cold surf, smell

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the acrid cordite that hung in the air, and duck the zing of machine-gun bullets whizzing overhead. The First Wave is an absolute triumph.”—James M. Scott, bestselling author of Target Tokyo “These pages ooze with the unforgettable

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human drama of history's most consequential invasion.”—John C. McManus, author of The Dead and Those About to Die
Eugene G. Schulz was born on a farm in Clintonville, Wisconsin in 1923. He graduated from high school in May,

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1941, and worked on his father's farm and at a truck manufacturing plant until he was drafted into the army in January 1943.

Schulz received his basic training at Camp Young, California at the Desert Training Center, and later at

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*Camp Campbell,
Kentucky. He was
assigned to the IV
Armored Corps
(later named the XX
Corps) where he
was a typist in the
G-3 Section. His
duties included the
typing of battle
orders developed by
Colonel W. B.
Griffith, the G-3 of*

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XX Corps

*Headquarters. The
XX Corps sailed to
England in February
1944 on the Queen
Mary with 16,000
soldiers on board,
completing the
voyage in five days.
After final training in
England, the XX
Corps landed on
Utah Beach in*

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*Normandy on D+46.
His unit was
attached to General
Patton's Third Army
and spearheaded
the drive across
France, through
Germany and into
Austria where they
met the Russian
Army on V-E Day.
Schulz was
awarded the Bronze*

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Star medal when the war ended. He served in the Army of Occupation in Germany, then returned to the States and was discharged on December 1, 1945. He enrolled at the University of Wisconsin Madison taking advantage of

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*the GI Bill of Rights,
and earning
Bachelor's and
Master's degrees in
Business
Administration.*

*Schulz met his wife,
Eleanore, at the
University and they
were married in
1949. Schulz
worked as an
investment research*

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*officer at the
Northwestern
Mutual Life
Insurance Company
in Milwaukee for 36
years. The Schulz's
have been retired
since 1988 and
continue to live in
Milwaukee. They
are world travelers.
They have five
sons, all married,*

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and sixteen

grandchildren.

*On June 6, 1944,
Ugo Giannini landed
on Omaha Beach at
H+70 minutes as
one of a platoon of
military police
assigned to the 29th
Division. Ugo's
team was to control
the incoming traffic.
There were thirty-*

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seven men in his platoon; they were decimated in the first ten minutes. Six men got to the beach. Someone told Ugo that he was needed on the bluff above. He climbed the Vierville Draw, jumped into a crater made by naval bombardment, and

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spent that day and part of the next day as an eyewitness to the greatest invasion ever conceived by the military.

Remarkably, he began to draw.

These are the only drawings made that historic day, as well as the next. This

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book is the story of one man, in the context of World War II; a man who was a poet, an artist, and had the strength of a boxer. A civilian used to the comforts and hysteria of an immigrant Italian family, in love with his childhood

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sweetheart, plunged into the hell of war. Presented here are the sketches from that historic day and the days that immediately followed. Drawn in pencil and pen, in a gritty, realist style, the images show heavily burdened infantrymen trying to

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stay afloat in the seawater, crawling on the beach or dead among the ruins of a bombed-out village.

Interwoven with letters home written by a young man to his family and his girlfriend, the words and images portray the horror of war in

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a deep and personal way. The abstract paintings that appear at the end of the book provide a powerful statement, composed years after the initial experience, about the complete disintegration, both physical and spiritual, caused by

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war.

*An instant New York
Times*

*bestseller! Alan
Gratz, bestselling
author of Refugee,
weaves a stunning
array of voices and
stories into an epic
tale of teamwork in
the face of tyranny
-- and how just one
day can change the*

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*world. June 6, 1944:
The Nazis are
terrorizing Europe,
on their evil quest to
conquer the world.
The only way to
stop them? The
biggest, most top-
secret operation
ever, with the Allied
nations coming
together to storm
German-occupied*

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France. Welcome to D-Day. Dee, a young U.S. soldier, is on a boat racing toward the French coast. And Dee -- along with his brothers-in-arms -- is terrified. He feels the weight of World War II on his shoulders. But Dee is not alone. Behind enemy lines

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*in France, a girl
named Samira
works as a spy,
trying to sabotage
the German army.
Meanwhile,
paratrooper James
leaps from his plane
to join a daring
midnight raid. And in
the thick of battle,
Henry, a medic,
searches for lives to*

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save. In a breathtaking race against time, they all must fight to complete their high-stakes missions. But with betrayals and deadly risks at every turn, can the Allies do what it takes to win?

*The Untold Story of
D-Day's Black*

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*Heroes, at Home
and at War
Omaha Beach,
Easy Red Sector
Omaha Beachhead
(6 June - 13 June
1944).*

*Allies
They Were on
Omaha Beach
They Fought to Free
Europe from Hitler's
Tyranny*

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The Allied victory at Omaha Beach was a costly one. A direct infantry assault against a defense that was years in the making, undertaken in daylight following a mere thirty-minute bombardment, the

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attack had neither the advantage of tactical surprise nor that of overwhelming firepower.

American forces were forced to improvise under enemy fire, and although they were ultimately victorious, they

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***suffered
devastating
casualties. Why
did the Allies
embark on an
attack with so
many
disadvantages?
Making extensive
use of primary
sources, Adrian
Lewis traces the
development of***

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the doctrine behind the plan for the invasion of Normandy to explain why the battles for the beaches were fought as they were. Although blame for the Omaha Beach disaster has traditionally been

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placed on tactical leaders at the battle site, Lewis argues that the real responsibility lay at the higher levels of operations and strategy planning. Ignoring lessons learned in the Mediterranean and Pacific theaters,

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British and American military leaders employed a hybrid doctrine of amphibious warfare at Normandy, one that failed to maximize the advantages of either British or U.S. doctrine. Had Allied forces at the

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***other landing sites
faced German
forces of the
quality and
quantity of those
at Omaha Beach,
Lewis says, they
too would have
suffered heavy
casualties and
faced the prospect
of defeat.***

A companion to

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***the Utah Beach
publication,
provides a
historical narrative
dealing with
American military
operations in
France during the
month of June
1944 including D-
Day in Normandy.
Prepared by the 2d
Information and***

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Volturno, 9***

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Operation (16

November 1942-23

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***spare time to
search for her real
family--the baby
sisters she was
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can be looked
upon as typical of
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engaged at
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that this

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destroyer
squadron, with
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may have had a
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other Ranger
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the cliffs at
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ostensibly huge
gun battery there
and thus protect
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targeted. But was

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time and
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American troops,
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over 6,000 ships
and landing
craft being
deployed. As the

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troops set foot
on the five
designated
beaches: Gold,
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they were met
with resistance
and in some
cases heavy
machine-gun
fire, with over
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then D-Day was
unlikely to
succeed. On June
6, 1944, U.S.
troops on Omaha
suffered the

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worst casualties
of any of the
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invasion
beaches—so many
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gained a
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Omaha was Gen.
Norman "Dutch"
Cota. A graduate
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Point class of
1917 (alongside
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Matthew Ridgway,
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Lightning Joe
Collins), Norm
Cota played
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Dwight

Eisenhower, who graduated two years earlier. From March 1941 to February 1943, Cota served with the famous 1st Infantry Division, the Big Red One, as division intelligence

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officer,
plans/training
officer, and
finally chief of
staff. He
performed so
well in the
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campaign that he
was sent to
England to help
plan D-Day.
After laying the
tactical

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groundwork for
the amphibious
landings, Cota
was made
assistant
division
commander of the
29th Infantry
Division. On the
eve of D-Day, he
told his men,
"You're going to
find confusion.
The landing

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craft aren't
going in on
schedule, and
people are going
to be landed in
the wrong place.
Some won't be
landed at all. .
. . We must
improvise, carry
on, not lose our
heads." On June
6, 1944, under
heavy fire, Cota

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landed with the
second wave of
the 29th
Infantry
Division on
Omaha Beach,
about an hour
after the start
of the invasion.
He personally
rallied the
survivors of the
landings and led
the opening of

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one of the first
exits off Omaha.
Cota seemed to
be everywhere
that day. Coming
upon a group of
Rangers, the
general told
them, "Rangers,
lead the way"
(hence the
Rangers' motto).
He is also known
for saying,

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“Gentlemen, we are being killed on the beaches. Let us go inland and be killed.”

And, to a captain uncertain how to proceed: “I’ll tell you what, captain. You and your men start shooting at them. I’ll take

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a squad of men,
and you and your
men watch
carefully. I'll
show you how to
take a house
with Germans in
it." Having
demonstrated the
task, Cota asked
the officer, "Do
you understand?
Do you know how
to do it now? .

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. . I won't be
around to do it
for you again. I
can't do it for
everybody."

Great
quips—which
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which show the
character, in
every sense, of

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Dutch Cota. Cota was a fighter—a fighting general, a D-Day general—and his contribution to D-Day will remain his rallying of demoralized troops and his blazing the trail toward the breakout and

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victory on
Omaha. Ted
Roosevelt Jr.,
who landed at
Utah Beach, has
always received
credit as the D-
Day general
(like Cota,
Roosevelt also
demanded that he
land on D-
Day—and then
died of a heart

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attack a month later), but Cota is the hero-general of the day, having landed early on D-Day on bloody Omaha. Portrayed by Robert Mitchum in the grand D-Day film *The Longest Day*, Cota has not yet received his

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due—and there's
a campaign now
afoot to award
him a belated
Medal of Honor.
His story cries
out to be told.
Now, with the
cooperation of
the Cota family,
Noel F. Mehlo
Jr. tells the
compelling story
Dutch Cota on

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The 100-foot promontory known as Pointe du Hoc -- where six big German guns were ensconced -- was the number one target of the heavy U.S. and British warships poised in the English

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Channel on D-
Day morning.
Facing arguably
the toughest
task to befall
U.S. forces
during the war,
the brave men
of the Army 2nd
Ranger
Battalion
boldly took
control of the

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fortified cliff
and set in
motion the
liberation of
Europe. Based
upon recently
released
documents, here
is the first in-
depth,
anecdotal
remembrance of
these fearless

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