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the parachute infantry regiments were among the most highly decorated us army units of world war ii and between them they saw action right across the world the elite nature of these units led to them being committed to action not only in the way that had been intended their quality tempted commanders to keep them in the line longer than their light armament justified and they were tested to the limit this engaging study traces the story of each of the 17 regiments from their creation and training in the usa through their deployments overseas to their combat jumps and all their battles the book is illustrated with wartime photographs many previously unpublished and eight full colour plates detailing the specifics of their uniforms insignia and equipment practices which often differed from unit to unit

following on from the success of ian gardner s critically acclaimed trilogy on the exploits of the 3rd battalion 506th parachute infantry regiment 101st airborne division in world war ii sent by the iron sky tells their exhilarating story from the moment they entered the war in june 1944 the men of 3rd battalion were faced with brutal fighting against horrendous odds later in the year nearly five months in combat with no relief lead to heavy losses that reduced them to the size of a company their heroic defence of bastogne saw their division awarded a unit citation a first in the history of the us armed forces and they subsequently fought on across europe finishing the war occupying hitler s mountain retreat of berchtesgaden drawing on years of research and interviews with veterans of some of the toughest battles of world war ii together with maps and over 200 vintage images ian gardner brings to life some of the most bitter fighting of the war in europe laying bare the horrors of war the deprivations of day to day living and the chaos of the front line additional material includes a chapter on the fate of the men captured in normandy and a foreword by lee wolverton the grandson of the commander of 3rd battalion col robert wolverton

hailing from the big cities and small towns of america these young men came together to serve their country and the greater good they were the 505th parachute infantry regiment of the 82nd airborne division the all americans phil nordyke their official historian draws on interviews with surviving veterans and oral history recordings as well as official archives and unpublished written accounts from more than three hundred veterans of the 505th pir and their supporting units this is history as it was lived by the men of the 505th from their prewar coming of age in the regiment through the end of world war ii when they marched in the victory parade up fifth avenue in new york to the postwar legacy of having been part of an

elite parachute regiment with a record unsurpassed in the annals of combat

activated in may 1942 the 504th parachute infantry regiment earned high praise for its very first mission when it effected the first u s mass regimental combat jump of world war ii in the invasion of sicily according to german general kurt student if it had not been for the allied airborne forces blocking the tanks of the hermann göring division from reaching the beachhead that division would have driven the initial seaborne forces back into the sea led by col reuben tucker the 504th subsequently dropped into the endangered fifth u s army beachhead at salerno bitter fighting led to hard won success at altavilla and hill 424 and the regimental motto strike and hold birth of a regiment is the first book length account of the birth of u s airborne forces and the first to fully capture the details danger and crucial stakes of the initial 504th missions in the unforgettable voices of the newly minted paratroopers who fought the first allied battles in the eto up through the victorious entry into naples these initial missions were all the more important in that they would determine future allied strategy planning and tactics it is not to be forgotten that sicily was a testing ground for the allied coalition the first time an american army and a british army managed at the top by a unified allied staff would undertake a major campaign according to james m gavin the commanding general of the 82nd abd at the end of the war who had jumped into sicily himself what was learned in that first cooperative action affected the whole outcome of world war ii personally interviewed by the author over a period of 20 years nearly 200 veterans of the 504th recount their remembrance of combat permitting readers of birth of a regiment to relive epic battles of the eto through the words of the very men who made history participants include survivors and witnesses of the tragic decimation of 23 aircraft and the death of 164 paratroopers and crew when u s troops mistook them for the enemy and fired on their planes as they flew into sicily veterans recount the ferocious desperate battle at biazzi ridge and the later regimental action at the salerno beachhead where the 504th crucially took hill 424 after a night drop and seaborne landing having undisputedly proven their prowess tucker s troopers were chosen to spearhead the fifth army drive into naples these dramatic unforgettable memories of the war provide new information from the foxhole view on up giving historians and lay readers alike fresh perspective on the initial u s engagements in wwii and the difficult birth of allied airborne operations the volume is enriched by new maps and historic archival photos including many previously unpublished photos and provided by 504th veterans

the 508th parachute infantry regiment was an airborne infantry regiment of the united states army first formed in october

1942 during world war ii at camp blanding florida by lieutenant colonel roy e lindquist who would remain its commander throughout the war the 508th parachute infantry regiment participated in operation overlord jumping into normandy at 2 15 a m on 6 june 1944 and was awarded the distinguished unit citation for its gallantry and combat action during the first three days of fighting the regiment also saw active service in operation market garden in the netherlands jumping on 17 september 1944 and continued fighting the germans in the longest running battle on german soil ever fought by the u s army before crossing the border into belgium they played a major part in the battle of the bulge in late december 1944 during which they screened the withdrawal of some 20 000 troops from st vith defended their positions against the german panzer divisions and participated in the assault led by the 2nd ranger battalion to capture successfully hill 400 u s d day paratrooper william g lord ii s history of the 508th parachute infantry regiment which was originally published in 1948 provides an extensive and fascinating chronicle for the period from october 20 1942 to january 1 1946 and will appeal to discerning world war ii historians and scholars alike richly illustrated throughout with photographs and maps this volume also includes in its appendix a list of combat awards unit citations and battle casualties

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this book examines the wide variety of airborne units that served in the pacific theater among the units covered are the 12 000 strong 11th airborne division the elite 1st special service force the 503rd parachute infantry regiment separate and the 1st marine parachute regiment the nature of the enemy and the terrain in the pto and long distances that had to be covered provided significant and diverse challenges to both army and marine corps parachute units internal organization weapons and equipment command and control training combat missions and combat operations including the 11th division s fighting in the philippines and the 503rd pir s legendary jump onto corregidor and recapture of the island are all covered

this follow up to tonight we die as men continues the story of the 506 parachute infantry regiment of the 101st airborne division as they dropped into holland as part of operation market garden the following 72 day campaign saw the 506pir constantly on the move defending various transport hubs around eindhoven desperately trying to keep open hell s highway from there the airborne troopers moved north to near arnhem where they took a new position around betuwe for two months the americans battled against german tanks constant artillery barrages and driving rain and they grimly held their ground until the germans finally abandoned the effort written with the help and input from numerous veterans this book

tells the complete story of many of america s best soldiers as they fought and died in holland

presents a comprehensive history of the 508th parachute infantry regiment an elite regiment attached to the 82nd airborne division during world war ii

given the focus on the brigade combat team as the army s primary combat unit the limited availability of u s air force airlift assets and the u s army history of employing predominantly medium sized airborne units future airborne operations in support of operational level objectives will likely center around the airborne brigade combat team abct the combat airborne operations of the 503d parachute infantry regiment will provide a case study to assess the elements of risk surprise and the operational context of how the airborne unit contributed to the achievement the operational and strategic outcomes the combat airborne operations discussed are the jump to re take the island of corregidor in the philippines in february 1945 operation junction city in february 1967 and the airborne insertion of the 173d airborne brigade onto the bashur airfield in northern iraq in march 2003 the intent of this monograph is to provide insights into the possible employment of the current abct and how to best use the resources and organization that we have not necessarily to advocate a radically new airborne organization propose new equipment or recommend a new mission for airborne forces

on these pages the human story comes to life sometimes tragic sometimes amusing but always poignant and compelling john c mcmanus author of fire and fortitude operation market garden has been recorded as a complete allied failure in world war ii an overreach that resulted in an entire airborne division being destroyed at its apex however within that operation were episodes of heroism that still remain unsung on september 17 1944 the 504th parachute infantry regiment 82nd airborne division floated down across the dutch countryside in the midst of german forces and proceeded to fight their way to vital bridges to enable the allied offensive to go forward the 101st airborne was behind them the british 1st airborne was far advanced in the 82nd s sector the crucial conduits needed to be seized the germans were as aware of the importance of the bridge over the waal river at nijmegen as james gavin and his 82nd troopers were thus began a desperate fight for the americans to seize it no matter what the cost the germans would not give up however and fought tenaciously in the town and fortified the bridge on september 20 gavin turned his paratroopers into sailors and conducted a deadly daylight amphibious assault in small plywood and canvas craft across the waal river to secure the north end of the highway bridge in nijmegen german machine guns and mortars boiled the water on the crossing but somehow a number of

paratroopers made it to the far bank their ferocity rolled up the german defenses and by the end of the day the bridge had fallen this book by dutch historian frank van lunteren draws on a plethora of previously unpublished sources to shed new light on the exploits of the devils in baggy pants a native of arnhem the site of the bridge too far the author draws on nearly 130 interviews he personally conducted with veterans of the 504th plus dutch civilians and british and german soldiers who here tell their story for the first time

an excellent read for anyone interested in men at war as well as for students of the airborne operations the italian campaign and the war in europe the nymas review upon the completion of the sicily and salerno campaigns in 1943 the paratroopers of col reuben tucker s 504th parachute infantry regiment were among the first allied troops to enter naples a ghost town at first sight the residents soon expressed their joy at being liberated four weeks later the 504th upon the special request of gen mark clark spearheaded fifth army s drive through the notorious volturno valley the germans next stand january 1944 seemed to promise a period of rest but the landing at anzio meant deployment for the paratroopers again this time by ship a bombing raid during their beach landing was a forecast of eight weeks of bitter fighting holding the right flank of the beachhead along the mussolini canal the paratroopers earned their nickname devils in baggy pants for their frontline incursions into enemy lines as well as their stubborn defense of the allied salient in this work h company s attachment to the british 5th grenadier guards and the victoria cross action of maj william sidney are painted in comprehensive light for the first time the story of honorary member of the 504th pir italian veteran antonio taurelli is also included using war diaries personal journals letters and interviews with nearly eighty veterans an up close view of the 504th pir in the fifth army s italy campaign is here in unsurpassed detail from the author of two previous works on the 504th pir the battle of the bridges and blocking kampfguppe peiper this book shows that the italian theater was second to none in terms of grueling combat courage against formidable odds and an extremely expert enemy

stand in the door is the official wartime history of the 509th parachute infantry battalion a paratrooper is a unique soldier in the armies of the world tough proud independent cocky a superb fighter all of these mark the person who wears the parachute badge of all the paratroopers in the american military none hold the record for as many firsts as those men who wore the gingerbread man patch and the silver badge of the 3d zouaves on their jackets from america s first combat parachute missions in north africa through italy the suicide jump behind enemy lines at avellino through the mountains of

italy into southern france ending at the bulge with only one hundred men stand up hook up you are about to meet one of the greatest elite units in the history of american warfare jacket

the gripping story of the men of 3rd battalion 506th parachute infantry regiment the comrades of the band of brothers from their formation through the d day landings and beyond in their own words the exploits of the 3rd battalion 506th parachute infantry regiment have long been overshadowed by those of easy company 2nd battalion yet the actions of the 3rd battalion during the d day landings were every bit as incredible this is the astounding story of how after suffering many immediate casualties on landing the surviving paratroopers fought on towards their objective against horrendous odds using fascinating first hand accounts of the soldiers and the french civilians who witnessed the normandy campaign and illustrated with black and white photographs and maps throughout the authors offer a unique and comprehensive account of the experiences of the 3rd battalion from training through to d day and beyond

the final volume of gardner s critically acclaimed biography of the third battalion 506 parachute infantry regiment the sister company to the famed band of brothers this book traces the battalion s actions in the frantic final days of the war in europe exhausted and battered following the disastrous market garden campaign the 506th were due three months of r r but were rushed back in to halt the desperate german attack during the battle of the bulge when the offensive was finally halted after months of fighting the 506th pushed on into germany where ed shames was the first allied soldier to enter dachau before the unit were sent to occupy hitler s mountain retreat at berchtesgarden based on extensive interviews and first hand accounts this volume relives the struggles of the paratroopers of the renowned screaming eagles in some of the toughest fighting of world war ii bringing the story of their defiant unit to its conclusion

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