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**The Cover-Up at Omaha Beach D-Day, the US Rangers, and the Untold Story of Maisy Battery** *Skyhorse* A New York Times bestseller! The untold story of what really happened on D-Day. The Rangers' mission was clear. They were to lead the assault on Omaha Beach and break out inland. Simultaneously, other Ranger units would scale the cliffs at Pointe du Hoc to destroy the ostensibly huge gun battery there and thus protect the invasion fleet from being targeted. But was the Pointe du Hoc mission actually necessary? Why did the Allies plan and execute an attack on a gun battery that they knew in advance contained no field guns? And more importantly, why did they ignore the position at Maisy that did? Using personal interviews with the surviving Rangers who fought on the beach and at Pointe du Hoc, **The Cover-Up at Omaha Beach** presents exceptionally detailed new research that takes the reader into the middle of the action with the Rangers. Gary Sterne has made a painstaking study of what the Allies actually knew in advance of D-Day, including what was known about Maisy Battery. Maps, orders, and assault plans have been found in American, British, and German archives, many of which have only recently been released after staying classified for more than sixty years. Radio communications of the Rangers as they advanced inland have been found, and Royal Air Force intelligence evaluations of bombing missions directed at the site have now been released. All of this combines to make **The Cover-Up at Omaha Beach** one of the most up-to-date references on the subject. 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. **They Were on Omaha Beach** *Univ of North Carolina Press* **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 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 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 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 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, 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 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.** **D-Day 1944 (1) Omaha Beach** *Bloomsbury Publishing* **The D-Day landings of 6 June 1944 were the largest amphibious military operation ever mounted. The greatest armada 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 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 Corps was firmly entrenched on French soil. Omaha Beach and Beyond The Long March of Sergeant Bob Slaughter** *Zenith Press* **Original publication and copyright date: 2007. Omaha Beach Normandy 1944** **Of the five beaches attacked on 6 June, Omaha saw the sternest fighting. Well-placed defenders on the high ground and extensive beach defenses did their job. On top of this, so much had gone wrong with the first wave: many of the amphibious DD Sherman tanks didn't reach the beach. They were released from their landing craft too far away where the greater swell swamped them and the troops landing on Omaha missed their firepower. Another problem was that many units landed in the wrong place. Strong tides and winds carried the landing craft off line and led to confusion. Finally, the German emplacements and defenses were well-placed on high ground and the only cover on the beach-- the seawall-- was over a killing ground. There were 32 fortified areas located between the Vire River and Port-en-Bessin: in all, 12 of these strongpoints were able to direct fire on Omaha Beach. The attacking forces-- units of the US 29th and 1st Inf Divs-- suffered over**

2,000 casualties, many of them drowned during the approach, but led by US Rangers, themselves misplaced (they were the follow-up troops to Rudder's Rangers who had scaled the Pointe du Hoc) the American troops pushed forward and by nightfall, they had gained hold of the beach and its immediate hinterland. Despite the casualties, 34,000 troops had been landed by the end of the day. Landing on the Edge of Eternity Twenty-Four Hours at Omaha Beach *Pegasus Books* A visceral and momentous narrative of the first twenty-four hours of D-Day on Omaha Beach: the most dramatic Allied landing of World War II. Omaha Beach, Easy Red Sector A Self-guided Journey Around Omaha Beach in Normandy, Following the Men who Fought There on D-Day *Independently Published* Experience the greatest amphibious assault in the history of warfare through the eyes of those who made history on D-Day, June 6th, 1944, in the exact same places where they fought! As you walk a mile-long stretch of "Omaha Beach" in Normandy, this book will take you through the D-day invasion of occupied France, explaining it through the terrain you'll be walking and the stories of the people who fought exactly in those places on D-Day. You will start at the American military cemetery at St. Laurent-sur-mer; you will follow the allied and German planners through their respective plans, down to the "Colleville Draw". You will meet Franz Gockel and his fellow German soldiers of WN62 - the German stronghold which lays all the way from the 1st Infantry Division monument to the beach itself, and understand how they tried in vain to stop the invasion, and how did they feel facing the greatest invasion ever. You will walk the beach, understanding allied mistakes and failures in planning and execution of the landing, failures which made "Bloody Omaha" the hardest beach of them all, nearly jeopardizing the whole plan. You will trace the route taken by the famous photographer Robert Capa and walk past the places where he took his famous photographs of D-Day. You will meet the small groups of brave American soldiers who survived the carnage and snatched victory from the jaws of defeat, even as their high command struggled to get a clear picture of the battle. You will climb back to the American cemetery following the footsteps of Lt. John Spalding and his small band of brothers from Easy Company, 2nd battalion, 16th infantry, on their lonely fight to reach the top of the cliffs overlooking one of the most famous beaches in history. By the end of the tour, returning to the American military cemetery, you will have a clear picture both of the battle and of the men who waged it. Dr. Yagil Henkin teaches military history at the Israeli Army's Command and Staff College. He regularly leads battlefield tours, both in Israel and Western Europe. He is the author of several books in Hebrew and English, among them "Exodus in Reverse: the 1956 Suez war and the new world order in the Middle East". Dr. Henkin is also an avid hiker, and co-authored (with Jaacob Saar) guides to the Israel National Trail and other long-distance trails in Israel (<http://www.amazon.com/Israel-National-Trail-Jerusalem-Hike/dp/9659124945>). This book was originally published under the title "Uneasy Red" (6/2014) Why

**Were the Landings on Omaha Beach Sector So Much More Difficult Than on Any Other Beach Sector in the Normandy Landings of June 6th 1944? Dawn on Omaha Beach We Were There D-Day 1944 (4) Gold & Juno Beaches** *Osprey Publishing* The fourth title in Osprey's survey of the D-Day landings of World War II (1939-1945). Operation Overlord, the Allied invasion of Normandy, was the greatest sea-borne military operation in history. At the heart of the invasion and key to its success were the landings of British 50th Division on Gold Beach and Canadian 3rd Division on Juno Beach. Not only did they provide the vital link between the landings of British 3rd Division on Sword Beach and the Americans to the west on Omaha, they would be crucial to the securing of the beachhead and the drive inland to Bayeux and Caen. In the fourth D-Day volume Ken Ford details the assault that began the liberation of Nazi-occupied Europe. Force Mulberry - The Planning and Installation of Artificial Harbor Off U.S. Normandy Beaches in World War II *Read Books Ltd* Many of the earliest books, particularly those dating back to the 1900s and before, are now extremely scarce and increasingly expensive. We are republishing these classic works in affordable, high quality, modern editions, using the original text and artwork. Operation Overlord *Xlibris Corporation* **Book Description:** Pat was a teenage boy who came of age during the tumultuous times of World War II. He entered the Army during 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 pup-tent partner. After the successful conclusion of the Normandy 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 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 border. The 15th Battalion took defensive positions in the Schnee Eifel forest. Here for the next month, the 15th Battalion's Artillery 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 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, 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

**Uneasy Red A Self-Guided Journey Around Omaha Beach, Following in the Footsteps of Those Who Fought There on D-Day**

*CreateSpace* Experience history's largest amphibious assault through the eyes of those who made history on that day, in the exact places where they fought! This self-guided trip guide to a mile-long stretch of "Omaha Beach" in Normandy, takes you from the somber American military cemetery at St. Laurent, to the "Colleville Draw," past the American 1st Infantry Division monument, the German fortifications at Wierstandsnest 62, then along the beach and back up to the cemetery. Along the way, American invasion plans are explained, as well as the failures in planning and execution; the German attempts to stop the invasion; the carnage on the beach, and then; the Allied breakout - using almost exclusively recorded descriptions of events by the men who made history at these places. They'll explain from their own perspective what happened and why. That includes Private Franz Gockel of the German Army who'll tell what it was like to face the greatest invasion force in history. The guide traces the route taken by the famous photographer Robert Capa and what happened in his vicinity; and finally we'll accompany Lt. John Spalding and his small band of brothers from Easy

Company on their lonely fight to reach the top of the cliffs overlooking one of the most famous beaches in history. And that's exactly where our tour ends. Many others will be mentioned, as the reader goes past the places where they fought and some died. And since the events that took place along this route were representative of the whole Omaha Beach landing, it is possible to tell the story while keeping it strongly connected to its surroundings - what happened here explains very well how and why the battle was fought and why it ended with a secure beachhead and a solid allied foothold in Normandy. Dr. Yagil Henkin teaches military history at the Israeli army's Command and General Staff College. He regularly leads battlefield tours, both in Israel and in western Europe. Dr Henkin is also an avid hiker, and co-authored (with Jaacob Saar) guides to the Israel National Trail and other long-distance trails in Israel

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45), *Omaha Beach V corps' Battle for the Normandy Beachhead Pen and Sword* This book guides the reader through the battle for the V Corps beachhead, the fiercest and bloodiest of the Landings. A must for those inspired by *Saving Private Ryan* and many more. Summary of Joseph Balkoski's *Omaha Beach Everest Media LLC* Please note: This is a companion version & not the original book. Sample Book Insights: #1 The American army was ready for its big test in May 1944. The top soldier, Gen. George C. Marshall, had made sure of that. Every GI, from the greenest private to Marshall himself, was passionate about the clear-cut military principle that the fastest way home was to pummel the enemy into extinction. #2 The American economy was finally in full swing by 1944, and the army was ready. Marshall knew where the decisive campaign must take place: Japan. The possibilities were not overdrawn, because American soldiers were already fighting in the Pacific, Burma, China, and India. #3 The American military was unprepared and inexperienced in 1941 and 1942, which forced Marshall to conduct the war against Germany and Italy in a manner that was contrary to the war of annihilation he wanted to execute. #4 The American landing on the coastal strip between the Norman villages of Vierville-sur-Mer and Colleville-sur-Mer, a beach forever since known as Omaha, is a case in point. Although the Omaha Beach invasion was just one of many D-Day battles, it was in itself larger in scale than most World War II engagements that had preceded it. *Bloody Beaches Pen and Sword* This fourth volume of a comprehensive five part work on D-Day covers every aspect of aerial operations on and behind the beaches at 'Omaha' and 'Utah' beaches on 6 June 1944. It might be imagined that the passing years would blunt the outlines of the experience but the D-Day veterans do not forget. Their accounts convey the chaos, terror and hysteria as the first salvos of German fire clanged off the landing craft, in language that is all the more powerful for its terseness and simplicity. The landings at 'Omaha' which were vital to connect the US troops at 'Utah' Beach with the British and Canadian beaches to the east were an unmitigated disaster with an estimated 3,000 killed, wounded and missing. The highest number of

casualties of all the beaches, they were the greatest American losses in one battle since the Battle of Antietam Creek in the American Civil War in September 1862. The situation on the beach was chaotic as troops were pinned down by enemy fire and had to take cover behind mined beach defenses. As things progressed, it was an accumulation of individual acts of self-sacrifice and gallantry which opened up an exit and a seaborne bombardment by the task force saw tenuous footholds finally gained by early afternoon. In stark contrast to Omaha, an almost textbook landing was made at Utah; the air bombardment was effective and a strong current actually landed the 4th Infantry Division 2,000 yards south of their intended target where the beach was less heavily defended. This account analyses each aspect of the aerial operation, noting how events on the ground and in the sea impacted upon pilots endeavors in the skies. Evocative images supplement the text effectively to create a real sense of what it was like for the pilots of D-Day, the individuals who made such a contribution to the Allied war effort in the Second World War.

**Normandiefrent D-Day to Saint-Lo Through German Eyes** *The History Press* In the cold morning of June 6, 1944, thousands of German soldiers are in position from Port en Bessin eastwards past Colleville 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 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 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 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 many years. **The Fury of Battle A D-Day Landing As It Happened** New B-format paperback edition. A unique description of what the D-Day landings were like, combining the detail of Antony Beevor with the human insights of Stephen Ambrose, including the experiences of French and Germans in the fighting. **The Devil's Garden Rommel's Desperate Defense of Omaha Beach on D-Day** *Stackpole Books* • Fresh look at D-Day, one of World War II's pivotal battles, in time for its 70th anniversary in June 2014 • Explains why the U.S. Army suffered enormous casualties on Omaha Beach • Focuses on Erwin Rommel, the Desert Fox, who oversaw German defenses in Normandy • Covers little-known aspects such as the German patrols tasked with shooting down the pigeons the French Resistance used to send messages to the Allies • Relies on original research, including recently discovered German artillery maps • Zaloga's well-supported conclusions are sure to spark debate **D-Day General How Dutch Cota Saved Omaha Beach on June 6, 1944** *Rowman & Littlefield* Omaha was the make-or-break Allied beach on D-Day—in (perhaps) the make-or-break campaign of World War II. If American

soldiers couldn't gain a foothold there, then D-Day was unlikely to succeed. On June 6, 1944, U.S. troops on Omaha suffered the worst casualties of any of the five Allied invasion beaches—so many casualties, and so much tactical difficulty, that Omaha almost didn't succeed. One big reason why Americans gained a foothold on Omaha was Gen. Norman “Dutch” Cota. A graduate of the West Point class of 1917 (alongside famous classmates Matthew Ridgway, Mark Clark, and Lightning Joe Collins), Norm Cota played football with 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 officer, plans/training officer, and finally chief of staff. He performed so well in the North Africa campaign that he was sent to England to help plan D-Day. After laying the tactical 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 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 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 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, “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 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? . . . I won't be around to do it for you again. I can't do it for everybody.” Great quips—which American military history will always remember and which show the character, in every sense, of 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 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 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 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 Omaha Beach, revealing new information and never-before-seen photos. *Waves of War* Lulu Press, Inc On D-Day, June 6th, 1944, the Allies landed approximately 156-thousand troops on the beaches in

Normandy called "Operation Overload." Fighting alongside them were 73-thousand Americans on two beaches. On Omaha Beach there were 23,250. On Utah Beach 23,250. And 15,500 more made up the airborne troops. C.P. Martin was on the first wave at Omaha, cramped into a landing craft with his band of brothers. His memoir told to and written by his daughter, Susan M. Martin, is an account of his life before, during, and right after what historians have called "the longest day." Follow his journey in the short book "Waves of War - A Memoir of C.P. Martin, Sergeant, U.S. Army." **The Dead and Those About to Die D-Day: The Big Red One at Omaha Beach** *Penguin* 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 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 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 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 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 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 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. **Omaha Beachhead (6 June - 13 June 1944)**. *Government Printing Office* A companion to 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 Historical Service, attached to the First Army, and by the Historical Section, European Theater of Operations. Other products in the American Forces in Action Series are listed below: **Salerno: American Operations From the Beaches to the Volturno, 9 September - 6 October 1943** is available here:<https://bookstore.gpo.gov/products/sku/008-029-00196-9> **Papuan Campaign: The Buna-Sananada Operation (16 November 1942-23 January 1943)** is available here:

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beaches: Gold, Juno, Sword, Utah and Omaha they were met with resistance and in some cases heavy machine-gun fire, with over 12,000 casualties being sustained. The D-Day Story is packed with stunning photographs and maps, making it the perfect introduction to this historic event. **A Navy Soldier on Omaha Beach** *Lulu.com* U.S. Army troops weren't the only ones storming Omaha Beach on D-Day; many Navy sailors were called upon to be foot soldiers as well in this decisive and pivotal battle. **A Navy Soldier on Omaha Beach** is the personal account in words, pictures, and illustrations of the D-Day and World War II experiences of Gilbert H. Dube, USN, 7th Naval Beach Battalion (NBB), Company B-6, as told to and written by his son. It includes a detailed history of the formation, training, and use of NBBs in Normandy, as well as the combat experiences of several NBB members on June 6, 1944, on Omaha Beach and in the Normandy campaign that followed. The book also describes the veteran's poignant return to Omaha Beach for the first and only time some 55 years later. **Objective Saint-Lô 7 June 1944-18 July 1944** *Casemate Publishers* "A collection of eyewitness accounts of the heavy fighting that took place in this part of France after the Omaha landings . . . excellent and gripping."—FSAddon This book provides a day-by-day account of the forty-two days of fighting from Omaha Beach to Saint-Lô. Follow Lt. Allsup from the beaches at Hill 108 (the "bloody hill"), where he was injured, and Lt. Jones, who was among the first to enter Saint-Lô; a town destroyed by bombs, which was to become the graveyard of hundreds of Normans. On the opposing side, discover the fate of the fearsome "green devil" paratroopers of General Schimpf and follow in the footsteps of paratroopers Erwin Schmieger and Rudi Frühbeisser, as they defend their armed camp, ensuring that every hedge will only be taken at the highest price. **Objective Saint-Lô** takes the reader along the little or unknown routes from the horrors of Omaha Beach to Trvires, La Cambe, Isigny, through the Aure valley to Hill 108, ("Purple Heart Hill") and Hills 192 and 122. As well as authentic eyewitness testimony, the book also acts as a field guide, including maps and both contemporary and modern photographs. "Lavishly illustrated with sketch maps, then and now images and numerous personal accounts from US and German sources, this is an excellent campaign overview, ideal for tour planning."—Guild of Battlefield Guides "An exciting story with insights from those who were there and an amazing collection of photographs, drawing and maps—Highly Recommended."—Firetrench **D-Day Illustrated Edition** *Simon and Schuster* On the basis of 1,400 oral histories from the men who were there, bestselling author and World War II historian Stephen E. Ambrose reveals for the first time anywhere that the intricate plan for the invasion of France in June 1944 had to be abandoned before the first shot was fired. The true story of D-Day, as Ambrose relates it, is about the citizen soldiers - junior officers and enlisted men - taking the initiative to act on their own to break through Hitler's Atlantic Wall when they realised that nothing was as they had been told it would be. **D-DAY** is the brilliant, no holds barred, telling of

the battles of Omaha and Utah beaches. Ambrose relives the epic victory of democracy on the most important day of the twentieth century. **Destroyers At Normandy: Naval Gunfire Support At Omaha Beach [Illustrated Edition]** *Pickle Partners Publishing* Includes numerous maps and illustrations. This monograph provides first-hand accounts of Destroyer Squadron 18 during this critical battle upon which so much of the success of our campaign in Europe would depend. Their experience at Omaha Beach can be looked upon as typical of most U.S. warships engaged at Normandy. On the other hand, from the author's research it appears evident that this destroyer squadron, with their British counterparts, may have had a more pivotal influence on the breakout from the beachhead and the success of the subsequent campaign than was heretofore realized. Its contributions certainly provide a basis for discussion among veterans and research by historians, as well as a solid, professional account of naval action in support of the Normandy landings.

**D-Day 1944 Utah Beach & US Airborne Landings** *Greenwood* The D-Day landings of June 6, 1944, were the largest amphibious military operation ever mounted. During the late spring and early summer of 1944 the roads and ports of southern England were thronged with the troops, vehicles, and ships of the invasion force. The greatest armada the world had ever seen had been assembled to transport U.S. 1st Army and British 2nd Army across the narrow strip of the Channel and open the long-awaited second front against Hitler's Third Reich. This book reveals the events of this single day on Utah beach, one of the two U.S. landings. The western flank of the D-Day beachhead was to be secured by the combined methods of a landing on by U.S. 4th Inf. Div. on Omaha Beach at the neck of the Contentin peninsula and the seizure of key locations by the air assault of the 82nd Airborne Division The All Americans and the 101st Airborne Division The Screaming Eagles. In the confusion of the air assault many of the paratroopers overshot their landing zones or were simply dropped in the wrong place. Some landed miles from their targets and others landed amongst a hornet's nest of German troops. Gradually small groups of men assembled and with those weapons available made for their objectives. At St. Mere Eglise, Paratroopers of the 82nd Airborne fought house to house against the German 919th Infantry Regiment. At 6: 30 a.m., exactly on schedule men of the 4th U.S. Infantry division waded ashore at Omaha Beach. Only it was not Omaha Beach, confused by the smoke the coxswains of the landing craft had hit the beaches 2,000 yards south of Omaha Beach. Their commander, Brigadier-General Theodore Roosevelt Jr., made the instant decision to designate this spot as the landing area. The rest of the assault troops were landed supported by DD Swimming Tanks. By the afternoon of June 6 more than 21,000 men were ashore at Utah. Before nightfall they had linked up with the Airborne forces and the beachhead was five miles deep and controlled the main arterial road from Carentan to St Mere Eglise. The 4th Infantry Divisions casualties were 197 men. The Landings at Utah, starting from the wrong place, had been a success. Tanks of D-Day 1944 Armor on the

beaches of Normandy and southern France *Bloomsbury Publishing* Allied success in invading Fortress Europe (the area of Continental Europe occupied by Nazi Germany) depended on getting armor onto the beaches as fast as possible. This book explains how the Allies developed the specialist tanks it needed, their qualities, deployment and numbers, and how they performed on the two crucial days when France was invaded, firstly in Normandy and then in Provence. The focus of this volume will be on the specialized tanks developed for the Operation Neptune amphibious landings including the Duplex Drive amphibious Sherman tanks used on both the US and British/Canadian beaches. It also covers the specialized engineer tanks called "Armoured Funnies" of the British 79th Armoured Division and addresses the popular myth that US Army refusal to employ the Armoured Funnies was a principal cause for the high casualties at Omaha Beach. There is also coverage of Operation Overlord's "Forgotten D-Day", the amphibious landings of Operation Dragoon. This book addresses why there were so few Panzers opposing the landings from the German perspective as well as detailing the extent of German tank/assault gun activity on D-Day. *Pointe du Hoc, 1944 Casemate Publishers* The attack by Rudder's Rangers on Pointe du Hoc, as one of the opening acts of D Day, is without doubt an epic of military history. As a result of Montgomery's upscaling of the invasion General Bradley's First US Army had to deal with a dangerous coastal gun battery that would dominate the approaches to both Omaha and Utah Beaches. When the plan to climb the defended cliff and put the guns out of action was first discussed, an astounded staff officer said "Two old ladies with brooms could sweep them off those cliffs!" Lieutenant Colonel James Rudder, commander of the Provisional Ranger Group consisting of 2nd and 5th US Rangers, set about training his men and developing techniques to get up the hundred-foot-high cliff. Rocket fired grapples, ladders of various types and even free climbing of a similar loose cliff on England's south coast were practiced. On D-Day everything that could go wrong did go wrong. Lesser men would have given up, with the force having navigated towards the wrong headland, been continuously under fire as they motored back towards Pointe du Hoc, shipping water in the rough seas, craft sinking and few of the saturated grapples reaching the cliff top. None the less determined Rangers with German infantry hurling grenades down on them struggled up the cliff but the guns were not there. With the Rangers fanning out across the wrecked battery and into the fields beyond the guns were found in an orchard and destroyed with thermite grenades. Mission accomplished but at 1300 hours there was no sign of the relieving force from Omaha. Colonel Rudder with his radios barely working appealed for help but with a near disaster at Omaha, neither help or relief was forthcoming. Consequently, the 200 Rangers fought on against mounting pressure in an equally epic battle until finally relieved two days later. *ades. Mission accomplished but at 1300 hours there was no sign of the relieving force from Omaha. Colonel Rudder with his radios barely working appealed for help but with a near disaster at*

Omaha, neither help or relief was forthcoming. Consequently, the 200 Rangers fought on against mounting pressure in an equally epic battle until finally relieved two days later. **D-Day Invasion** *iMinds Pty Ltd* The story behind D-Day begins in 1939 when Nazi Germany, led by Adolf Hitler, attacked Poland and ignited World War Two. The following year, the Germans occupied France and Western Europe and launched a vicious air war against Britain. In 1941, they invaded the Soviet Union. Seemingly unstoppable, the Nazis now held virtually all of Europe. They imposed a ruthless system of control and unleashed the horror of the Holocaust. However, by 1943, the tide had begun to turn in favor of the Allies, the forces opposed to Germany. In the east, despite huge losses, the Soviets began to force the Germans back. **Eagles and Bulldogs in Normandy, 1944** The American 29th Infantry Division from Omaha Beach to St Lô and the British 3rd Infantry Division from Sword Beach to Caen *Casemate Pub & Book Dist Llc* This is the story of two Infantry Divisions during the first weeks of the Normandy campaign. With battle cries of '29 - Let's Go!' and '3rd Division - Drive On!' the American 29th and British 3rd fought their way on to OMAHA and SWORD beaches on D-Day and then inland towards their respective objectives - the major communication centres of St Lo and Caen. After describing the agonies suffered by the Americans on 'Bloody OMAHA' and the difficulties experienced by the British in overcoming the concrete strongpoints sited in depth behind SWORD beach, the author follows both Divisions as they tried to break through the German defenses. Their initial moves were quickly countered by a well trained and astute enemy - in the case of the Americans by infantry and paratroopers in the dense 'hedgerow country' covering the approaches to St Lo, and in the British by the Panzers and Panzer-Grenadiers defending Caen in the open country to its north. **Omaha Beach on D-Day June 6, 1944 with One of the World's Iconic Photographers** *First Second* The first volume of a new series dedicated to exploring iconic moments in World War II history, Omaha Beach on D-Day is a fresh and captivating new take on one of the most important moments in World War II: the Allied forces storming the beach at Normandy. The photograph at the heart of this book is Robert Capa's world-famous shot of the Allied landing in 1944, and the authors of this remarkable work have gathered interviews, testimonials, contact sheets, and over forty pages of photographic archives from the Magnum Photos agency to fill in the history behind a single moment, captured forever on film. **Omaha Beach** *Sutton Publishing* This key title in the acclaimed Battle Zone Normandy series explores the US attack on Omaha Beach at dawn on D-Day 1944 and its aftermath. **D-Day June 6, 1944: The Climactic Battle of World War II** *Simon and Schuster* Stephen E. Ambrose's D-Day is the definitive history of World War II's most pivotal battle, a day that changed the course of history. D-Day is the epic story of men at the most demanding moment of their lives, when the horrors, complexities, and triumphs of life are laid bare. Distinguished historian Stephen E. Ambrose portrays the faces of courage and heroism, fear and determination—what Eisenhower called “the fury of

an aroused democracy”—that shaped the victory of the citizen soldiers whom Hitler had disparaged. Drawing on more than 1,400 interviews with American, British, Canadian, French, and German veterans, Ambrose reveals how the original plans for the invasion had to be abandoned, and how enlisted men and junior officers acted on their own initiative when they realized that nothing was as they were told it would be. The action begins at midnight, June 5/6, when the first British and American airborne troops jumped into France. It ends at midnight June 6/7. Focusing on those pivotal twenty-four hours, it moves from the level of Supreme Commander to that of a French child, from General Omar Bradley to an American paratrooper, from Field Marshal Montgomery to a German sergeant. Ambrose's D-Day is the finest account of one of our history's most important days. *Landing Beaches OREP Editions The Normandy Landings* were the first operations of the Allied Powers' invasion of Normandy, also known as Operation Neptune and Operation Overlord, during World War II. D-Day for the operation, postponed 24 hours, became June 6, 1944, H-Hour was 6:30 am. The assault was conducted in two phases: an air assault landing of American and British airborne divisions shortly after midnight, and an amphibious landing of Allied infantry and armoured divisions on the coast of France commencing at 06:30 British Double Summer Time. It required the transport of soldiers and materiel from England and Wales by troop carrying aeroplanes and ships, the assault landings, air support, naval interdiction of the English Channel and naval fire-support. There were also subsidiary operations to distract the Kriegsmarine and prevent its interference in the landing areas. The operation was the largest single-day invasion of all time, with over 130,000 troops landed on June 6, 1944. 195,700 Allied naval and merchant navy personnel were involved. The landings took place along a stretch of the Normandy coast divided into five sections: Gold, Juno, Omaha, Sword and Utah. Sainte-Mere-Eglise, Pointe du Hoc, Ouistreham, Omaha Beach, Pegasus Bridge, Arromanches... so many names entered into history on the morning of the 6th of June 1944, to remain forever engraved in our memories. This fully illustrated guide, including period documents and colour photographs, offers an insight, sector by sector, place by place, not only of the legendary D-day landing sites, but also of the less widely known, but just as crucial areas. Enhanced by original maps, a series of "close-up views" offering detailed explanations, "at a glance" pages devoted to specific towns or sites and an introduction to the many museums available to history enthusiasts keen to see where it all happened. Colour photographs Cracking Hitler's Atlantic Wall The 1st Assault Brigade Royal Engineers on D-Day Refreshingly different perspective on the momentous events of D-Day Nuts-and-bolts narrative of how the landings were carried out along with details on the unique British armored vehicles used in the invasion The controversy over the U.S. refusal to use these vehicles, which may have contributed to bloody American losses on Omaha Beach Landing with the British and Canadians in Normandy on D-Day, June 6, 1944, was the 1st Assault

**Brigade Royal Engineers, a specialized armored unit tasked with removing obstacles and mines from Gold, Juno, and Sword Beaches. To support this mission, the engineers modified their tanks with ingenious innovations, such as replacing the main gun with a giant mortar or attaching a steamroller-like device to flatten a path in the sand. In the early hours of D-Day, the brigade landed under fire, and took serious casualties in some areas, but achieved many of its key objectives and cleared the way for the infantry.**