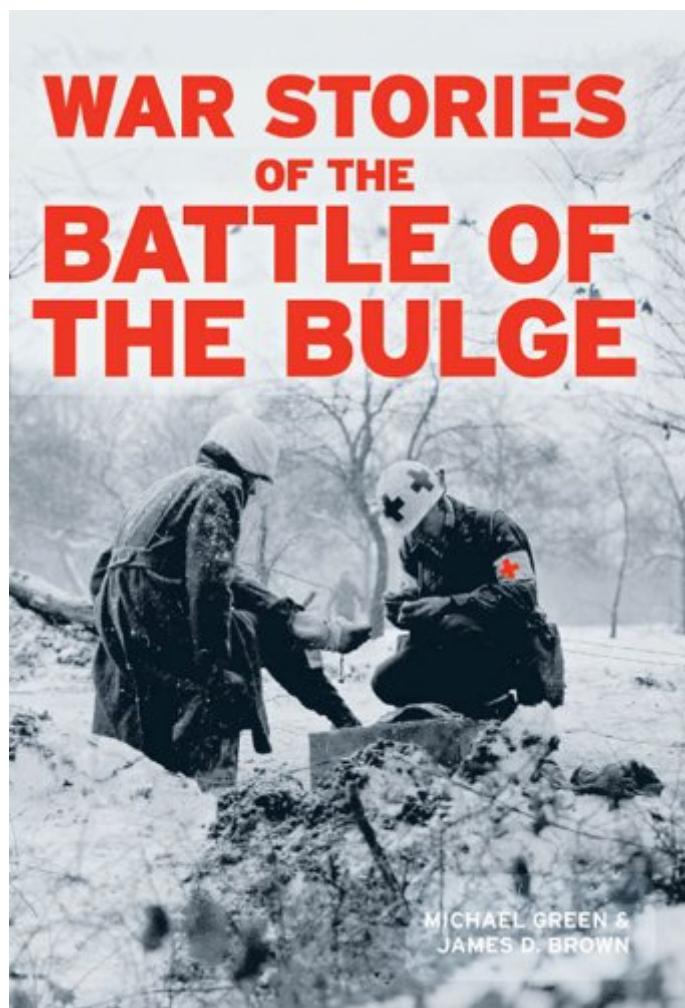


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# War Stories Of The Battle Of The Bulge



## **Synopsis**

The powerful German counteroffensive operation codenamed "Wacht am Rhein" (Watch on the Rhine) launched against the American First Army in the early morning hours of December 16, 1944, would result in the greatest single extended land battle of World War II. To most Americans, the fierce series of battles fought in the Ardennes Forest of Belgium and Luxembourg that winter is better known as the Battle of the Bulge. Here are the first-person stories of the American soldiers who repelled the powerful German onslaught that had threatened to turn the tide of battle in Western Europe during World War II.

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## **Customer Reviews**

I've been enamored with the Battle of the Bulge since my adolescent years when I bought an Avalon Hill board game on the battle. I've read and re-read several books on the subject (one from the German perspective) and have also had the honor of touring the Ardennes battlefields and participating in the 2003 Bastogne Walk while stationed in Germany. This book was a great addition to my continued study of the battle. I bought it to gain more of a first-person perspective and it didn't

disappoint--from that perspective. But I was disappointed with some sloppy editing that could confuse someone who hadn't studied the battle or walked the Ardennes. There was one mention of walking west into Germany from Belgium instead of east and there were incorrect unit designations. For example, Leon Setter's unit was listed as the 42nd Infantry Regiment, 106th Infantry Division (page 19) rather than the 422nd Infantry Regiment. Roswell Wert's unit was incorrectly identified on page 173 as the 104th Infantry Regiment, 28th Infantry Division. The three regiments of the 28th were the 109th, 110th and 112th. I'm pretty familiar with the regimental designations assigned to the divisions, but not so much with supporting units, e.g., field artillery, AA artillery, engineers. So those errors left me wondering how many other units were incorrectly designated in the book. I was also disappointed in the conclusion of the book. It seemed to end abruptly without a summary, conclusion statement or tribute to the troops. Again, the authors did a wonderful job bringing together so many relevant first-person accounts of the Battle of the Bulge. I would have rated it a 5 instead of a 4 if not for the inaccuracies and weak conclusion and I would still highly recommend the book. In fact, I already have.

This book is very personal to me, as one of the stories in the first section, the Germans Attack, is a recounting of how my uncle Warren fought very courageously and valiantly against overwhelming odds and severe conditions. Growing up, I had heard vaguely that he died after being wounded. His gravestone shows a date of Dec 20, 1944. The story here is recounted by one of his comrades, a fellow platoon runner in Co B, 112th Infantry, 28th Division who fought with and beside him. For the first time we learned that my uncle actually died in the early hours of Christmas morning in Belgium after losing a leg from a German hand grenade. No one in our family knew this story. It is now a source of great pride and even deeper gratitude for his sacrifice to understand what he endured. He is forever a heroic 20 years old.

It's amazing the stories and the differences that these men went through. Also, the poor communication by top command down. The Allies were lucky that Hitler was such a paranoid, control freak and didn't listen or trust his generals or things might have turned out different.

The book is fantastic. Then individual stories of experiences during the battle are breathtaking. The stories from members of the 28th Division are close to home. It is the National Guard division for PA. A good friend of mine was captured in the initial battle with the German army I have. a close attachment to the battle is that my father was KIA on December 19, 1944. In 1996 I was on the farm

where he was KIA and met the lady who was a child at the time and is close to my age. I learned a lot on that visit. my father was a member of CCB 10th armored division,.HQ-/HQ Company, 3rd Tank Battalion. commanded by Lt.Col. Henry Cherry.My father was 1st LT. John Anderson. Read the book and you will learn a lot about what transpired during the battle.

This is a collection of stories by survivors of the Battle of the Bulge. The author does a good job of putting the big picture of the battle into perspective so that the stories are not disorganized.

Excellent collection of stories from the ones that experinced thisterrible series of battles. The stories are told very vividly. They really do give you a good sense of what was happening and the total chaos war can be. If you like first account stories then you should really like this book.

Not one lengthy sorry, but short stories from the men who fought there.

Appears to be first person renditions of a horrible, bloody period in WWII. However, there are several verbatim repetitions of battle conditions, or background information from the story of one person to another. This made me feel that sometimes the editor/proof writer was adding information not in the original soldier's script. The effect of such a constructs on the reader is to make the soldier's rendition suspect, or outright fantasy generated by a ghost writer(s). Secondly, it was annoying to run across misspellings, especially where singular verbs were used in place of plural verbs and vice-versa. The editors should be ashamed of denigrating heartfelt stories of valor by their inattention to detail.This e-book was a gift to me from my wife.PLS

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